

Dear Sunday School Leaders and Students,

In our Church, we call this Sunday the Sunday of Advent, or the Sunday of the Second Coming. It is the time of year when we remember promises about the second coming of Jesus that is still to come one day in the future.

I want you to imagine that the Queen of England, or the Pope phoned you up one day and said they were coming over to your house for a visit some day soon! Wouldn't that be exciting? How would you prepare for them to come over? I would want to make sure all the dust was cleaned up so that everything looked nice. I would get everything nice and sparkling clean. If they were coming over I would certainly want to have the house clean and everything in order. That would be especially important if I didn't know the exact time they were coming. Imagining that the Queen, or the Pope is coming to our house helps us to think about this important season of Advent.

The season of Advent is when we remember that Jesus said that he would return one day to earth so that we could actually see Him. We don't know when that day will be, so it's important for us to have our lives clean and in order. We don't want our lives to be like a messy, cluttered house. We want to make sure our lives are cleaned up of all anger, selfishness and hate and that we are living lives that are pleasing to God. That way, we can be excited about the fact that Jesus is coming, and worry for nothing.

Thank you God for the promise that Jesus will someday return. Through your Holy Spirit, help us to be ready for that day by living lives that are pleasing to you and please forgive us when we do things that are wrong. That way we will be ready to welcome our Lord, Jesus. Amen!

Based on the 5th Lenten's Week theme, "The Sunday of Advent"