



Growing
FAITH
at home

8 November 2020

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Always be ready for
Jesus' return.*

Caring Conversations

Share your
highs and lows
of the day,
or respond to
the following
questions:

1

How does it feel
to be running
late for an
appointment
or an event?
Share about
an experience
you have had of
being late.

2

Jesus says that
we don't know
when he will
return, so we
need to be ready
for him. What do
you think it means
to be ready?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 25:1-13	Parable of wise and foolish girls
M	Matthew 24:36-44	Keep watch
T	Joshua 24:1-25	The covenant renewed
W	Micah 7:1-7	Watching in hope for the Lord
T	Luke 21:29-36	Be always on the watch
F	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Believers who have died
S	Psalms 70	Hasten, O God, to save me
S	Matthew 25:14-30	Parable of the talents

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

**Lord Jesus, we
are waiting for
you to come
again. Take us
to be with you
forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

**May God watch
over you. May he
keep your faith
strong until Jesus
comes again.**

Sundays after Pentecost

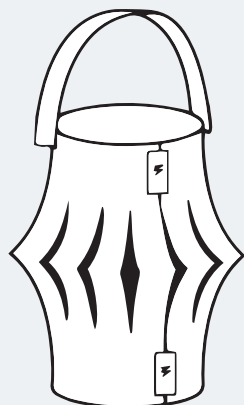
GREEN is a sign of life and nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

Creative Response

Draw or print off a picture of an oil lamp. Read the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Girls and talk about what is involved in keeping our 'spiritual lamps' burning until Jesus returns.

Write your ideas onto the picture and display it in your home (if you have an actual oil lamp, set this up too).

As a related craft project, make paper lanterns – visit the website www.instructables.com/id/How-to-make-a-paper-lantern-in-6-easy-steps/ for simple instructions.



mealtime prayer

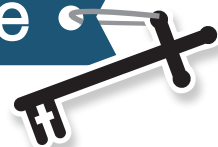
For this meal and all God's gifts, let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.

verse for the week

so always be ready, because you don't know the day or the hour the son of Man will come.

MATTHEW 25:13

Service



Plan and prepare a family service activity. Think about the way each person in your family can contribute together.

Some examples might be:

- Serve morning tea after church
- Plant flowers, pull weeds and mow the lawn as a surprise for a family who is in crisis.
- Attend a community working bee.
- Do another family members' daily chore.