

Children's Lesson for teachers

Life of Christ

The Day and Time not known

Matthew 24:36-46

Younger Verse

This is love for God: to obey His commands. 1st John 5:3

Older Verse

This is love for God: to obey His commands. And His commands are not hard. 1st John 5:3

Welcome Time

Have you ever waited and waited for a special surprise or maybe for your birthday to come? It seems like it takes forever to arrive! Let's see what Jesus

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

As Jesus was talking to His friends, they showed Him all the beautiful buildings of the temple church. Jesus surprised them by telling them that one day soon the temple church would be destroyed. Jesus' helpers could not believe what they were hearing. (It was destroyed 40 years later.)

They asked Him about other things that might happen, including when they would go up to Heaven.

Jesus explained that only God knew the time when all of this would happen. Jesus wanted His friends to understand that it was more important to tell others about Him and follow God with all their hearts than to know exactly when Jesus was going to be the true King.

Jesus also told them a little of what it would be like when He did come back. Jesus will appear in the sky and clouds. Angels would blow trumpets that everyone in the whole world would hear. They will announce that Jesus is here and ready to take His people to Heaven. Then, everyone who believes in Jesus will go. Those who have not chosen Jesus will be left behind.

Jesus told his friends to be ready and tell others this news. Jesus wanted all people to believe in Him and make the choice to follow Him.

Jesus also gave His friends an example of what it would be like. He said, "Two people will be working in the fields and suddenly one will be gone. The

Lesson Goals

Help the kids see the importance of making a choice to follow Jesus
Give the kids hope that one day Jesus will come back as He promised

one who believes in Jesus will go up to Heaven. Two women will be working and suddenly one will be gone.”

Jesus told His friends to be ready. He tells a story that if someone knew ahead of time that a thief was trying to get into their house, he would stay up to protect it and make sure the thief did not come.

In the same way, we should help people know that Jesus is coming back so they can believe in Him and go to heaven one day and not be left behind.

Jesus shared that His friends should try hard always to be living for God and doing things God’s way.

What about you? What if Jesus came back right now? Would you go up with Him or be left behind? What about your friends? Don’t you want them to go to Heaven too? Jesus wants us to make a decision and not wait until later because we do not know when He will come back. Would you like to know more about how you can go to Heaven? Jesus died on a cross and came back to life three days later. He died to pay for all the wrongs that we have done. If we believe in Jesus and ask Him to forgive all our sins, Jesus will forgive us and wipe them away. If we ask Him to come into our heart, He will! And He promises to stay with us forever and take us to Heaven one day. If you want to pray and ask Jesus into your heart, talk to us about it now. Please don’t wait.

Learning Activities

This is a very pointed lesson. Be sensitive not to scare the kids, but also to help them see the necessity of following Jesus and not waiting.

Memory Verse Activities

Draw a trumpet and write the verse on it. Explain how we can show God that we love Him—by doing what He says; obeying His commands.

Prayer Time

Pray and ask God to help us tell others about Him. Thank Him for sending Jesus and always keeping His promises.

Snack Time/CleanUp

Share snacks together and talk about the lesson. This is a great time to listen to questions and see if they really understand. It may be a good time to reteach if something was misunderstood.

Planning for November 16th
The Story of 3 people
Matthew 25:14-30

Preschool Lesson
On
The Day and Time are Not Known

One day, Jesus talked to His friends about what it would be like one day when it was time to go to Heaven.

He shared that He would come down from Heaven and everyone would see Him in the clouds. Angels would blow trumpets so loud that everyone in the whole world would know that Jesus was here.

Then, everyone who believed in Jesus would go to heaven.

It will be a happy time for everyone who believes and trusts Jesus.

Jesus wanted His friends to know this news so that they could tell everyone they know how important it is to believe in Jesus and trust Him with all their heart. Jesus wants ALL people to go to Heaven one day. It is up to each person to choose to love Jesus and follow Him.

Jesus loves us, and one day, He promises to take us to Heaven if we believe in Him. Let's thank God for loving us and sending Jesus to help us get to Heaven.

Hands-On Activities
For
The Day and Time are Not Known

Try bringing a mystery snack this week. Put a variety of different snacks in a paper bag or bag that children cannot see through. Now let them reach in to get a surprise snack. Talk about how mysterious it was. Share how they did not know what they would get. Explain how the time of Jesus coming is a mystery to us also. Help them know how important it is to follow Jesus now.

Make Trumpets by rolling up paper or decorating paper tubes. If you have a real trumpet, bring it to let the kids hear how it sounds.

Play a game to help them see what it will be like one day. Bring slips of paper (enough for the class) for each one to have one little slip. Before class, write "Heaven" on some and leave the others blank. Now, pass the slips out to the kids. Explain that sometime soon, a trumpet will sound. If they have the slip that says "Heaven" they will fall down as if they went to Heaven. The kids who had the blank piece of paper will continue working. Talk about what it feels like to be left behind. Talk about how no one knew when the trumpet would sound. Share how some must have felt that their friends were not going to Heaven.

Try this mixed up relay race. Put the kids in two lines to race. Explain that you will tell them when to go. However, do not say "go" right away. Pretend that you are being interrupted or distracted. Then, suddenly say, "go." Talk about what it means to be ready for Jesus. Share how some were not ready for the game when it was time. Explain that Jesus wants us to choose Him and be ready when the trumpet really does sound.

Bring a timer and set it for a certain time during the class. When it goes off, share what it might have been like if Jesus came back right then.

Sing the song "Jesus is coming back some day."