

SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: ADVENT 1C

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CHILDREN'S ADDRESSES

MAIN POINT

Jesus talks about coming back to earth someday.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. (Luke 21:27)

AIDS

Either the actual objects or photos of the following: binoculars, telescope, and magnifying glass.

ADDRESS

At Christmas time we celebrate how Jesus first came into our world. He lived and died and rose again so that we know that God loves us.

Forty days after Jesus rose again, he was with his disciples. Jesus was blessing them and while he was blessing them he was taken up into heaven. We are told that a cloud hid Jesus from their sight. That sounds unusual. I have never seen anyone do this before! But then two men dressed in white said to the disciples; 'Why do you stand here looking up at the sky? This same Jesus who has been taken up into heaven will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'

In today's gospel reading Jesus tells us that one day he will come again in glory. Do you imagine him coming back down out of the clouds?

What can we do to "watch" for him to return? Could we use these? (*refer to objects*)

Should we just stare up at the sky looking at the clouds? *No.*

We can do what Jesus' first disciples did: We can trust in Jesus' words that tell us that God loves us no matter what happens in our world. We can keep gathering together to worship God. We can share God's love with others with our words and actions!

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we are waiting and watching for you to come again. Help us to always trust your words. Amen.

You may wish to hand out *Growing Faith at Home, Worship Notes* or another resource before the children return to their seats.

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