

# Second Coming, Rapture, Tribulation

## A 5 Part Series

April 26, 2020

### Dear Parents,

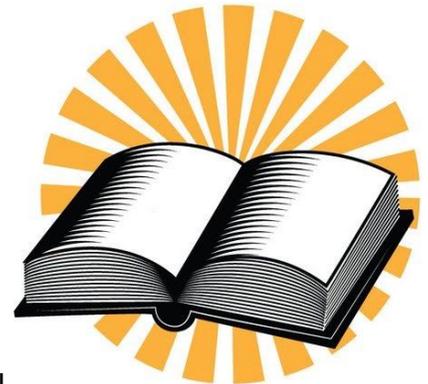
As I was preparing for this lesson on a complicated topic, I looked around online to see how others had handled this passage of Scripture. I quickly found a church who had already put together a great resource that helps families to reflect at home on Jesus' return as described in Matthew 24. Rather than re-create something that has already been done well, Aicha asked, and was granted permission by the publishing church for us to share it with you. The lessons all look at the ideas in this passage from a slightly different perspective. Based on your schedule and family, you could do all 5 lessons, or pick what you think would be most meaningful to your family. Below I have listed the Scripture passage that I recommend you read with your child, as well as this week's memory verse. I have also come up with a few activities you could do to go with each day's session, if you choose. This week is a springboard into the month of May when we will teach an overview of the book of Revelation, so this lesson is a helpful stepping stone as you and your family prepare to talk about Jesus' return and our future hope! Blessings to your family!

~Tama Zimmerman

### Begin by reading this week's Scripture:

**Matthew 24: 1-14; 23-31; 36-51**

You can read the chapter in its entirety, or just the sections outlined above. I tried to be sensitive in which portions I am recommending you read because not all children may be emotionally ready for every detail of the last days. At the same time, I want to be sure the main points of the passage are covered. Pre-read this before sharing with your children, as you know how much information is helpful for your family, and what may cause fear or anxiety in a more sensitive child.



### Memory Verse: Matthew 24:42

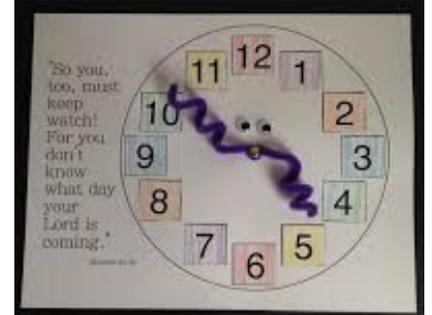
Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

The family devotion comes from Calvary Fellowship Susquehanna Valley, and the original can be found at the following link: [LESSON TITLE: The Second Coming THEME: Jesus is coming again. SCRIPTURE: Matthew 24:27-31](#) Thanks to them for creating a great resource!

# Suggested Activities

## Day 1: Ready or Not!

Play a few rounds of hide and seek. The devotional makes reference to someone who waits until the seeker has counted to 15 before finding a place to hide. Illustrate this by waiting to hide yourself and complain that you weren't ready or didn't have enough time. When your child explains that you are waiting too long, you can start into the day's devotion.



## Day 2: Two Thousand Years?

Create your own crazy clock on paper or with a paper plate. You can modify this activity based on what items you have available. There's no shame in just drawing crazy hands onto your paper! Copy this week's memory verse onto the paper as a reminder to be prepared!

## Day 3: He is the Light!

Use flashlights or candles to illustrate how Jesus is a light in the darkness. When we trust in Him, we become that light to others!

## Day 4: "Wolf!"

We can come to God any time in prayer. Do not wait to bring your requests to Him. Use the prompts from this worksheet to talk to God about the things you Adore about him, Confess your sins, Thank Him for blessing, and Pray for others.

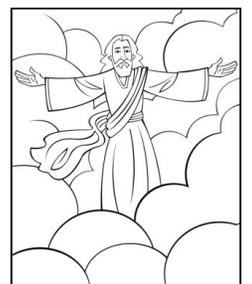
<https://donotdepart.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/ACTS-Prayer-Journal-Page.pdf>

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## Day 5: Living Like We're Leaving!

Write in the clouds the names of those you pray will be "called up into the clouds" with Jesus when He returns.

[Jesus Will Return Soon!](#)



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# ACTS *Prayer Journal*

*"The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."  
James 5:16b*

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