



Growing FAITH at home

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR C

The coming of Jesus



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What is something you are really looking forward to at the moment?
2. Jesus tells us that one day he will come again in glory. How do you imagine his return? What can we do to "watch" for him to return?



BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

S	Luke 21:25-36	The coming of the Son of Man
M	Jeremiah 33:14-16	The promise of restoration
T	1 Thess 3:9-13	Timothy's encouraging report
W	Micah 4:1-7	The Lord's coming reign of peace
T	Luke 17:22-37	The day of the Son of Man
F	Romans 13:11-14	Our salvation is near
S	Psalms 25:1-10	In you I put my trust

VERSE OF THE WEEK

(Jesus said) "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

LUKE 21:33



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Have you set up and decorated your household Christmas tree? When this is done, take some time for a Christmas tree blessing. Gather around the tree and use the following ritual.

Leader: This tree is a blessing to our home. It reminds us of all that is beautiful, and of God's goodness. It stands in our home as a tree of light, a sign of Jesus' presence with us as the Light of the World. He was the shoot that grew from the stump of Jesse to become a branch that gives us shelter.

Reader: Jeremiah 33:15-16

All: God of all Creation, we thank you for this tree. Bless us as we gather around it. May its lights light up our hearts with your love, joy and peace. May the gifts placed under it remind us of the great gift of your Son Jesus. Amen.

Finish the ritual with a 'countdown' towards the lighting of your tree. Have each household member point out their favourite Christmas tree decoration.



ACTION RESPONSE

Make some Christmas decorations using various craft materials (cardboard, coloured paper, glue, glitter etc). Give these away to neighbours and friends as a sign of Christmas cheer.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord Jesus, bless our home with hope this Advent. As we enjoy your gifts, make us ready for your coming again. Amen.



PRAYER

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



BLESSING

May the Lord help you to stand strong in your faith and be ready for his coming again.