Growing FAITH at home

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Always be ready for Jesus' return

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CONVERSATIONS

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

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?



BIBLE READINGS

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

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	**Psalm 70**	Hasten, O God, to save me

VERSE OF 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



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.



ACTION RESPONSE

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.



MEALTIME PRAYER

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



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.