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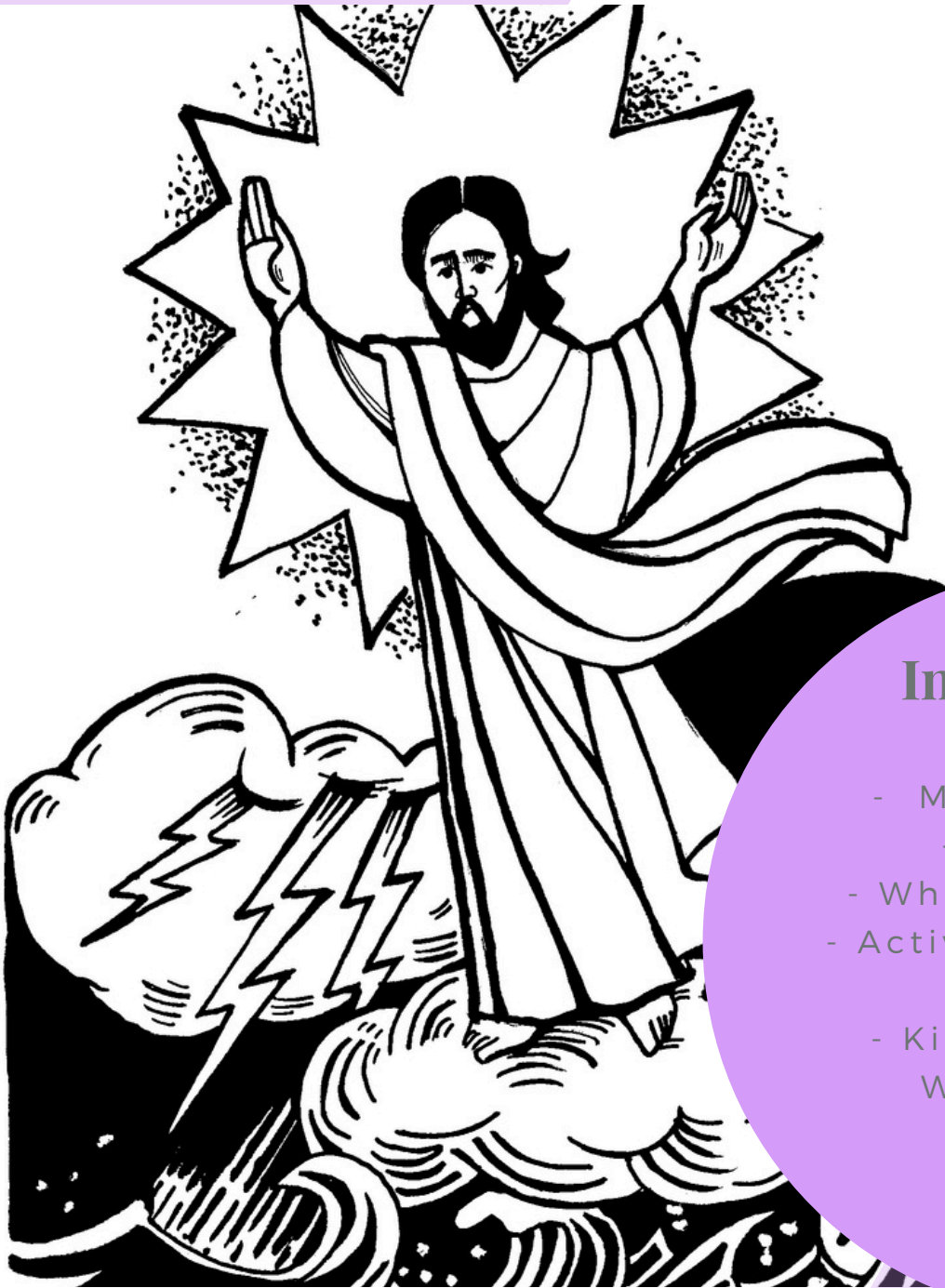
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Advent: 1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 1, 2024

Lead Story Headline:

Stay Awake!



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Gospel: Matthew 24:42-44

"Jesus said to his disciples, 'Stay awake! Always be ready! You do not know on what day your Lord is coming. You know for sure that if the owners of a house knew at what time of night a thief was coming, they would stay awake and wouldn't let the thief break in. And in the same way, you must always be ready because you do not know the time when the Lord is coming.'"

This is the Good News of the Lord.

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Matthew 24:42

Brainstorm:

What do you know about Adam and Eve? Find a children's Bible and read the creation story. What mistake did they make in the garden? How did this affect the rest of the world? If you could speak to Adam and Eve, what would you say? What would you ask them? Would you have any advice for them? How would you explain how sin affected history and how it is affecting the world today?

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What Do You Think?

1. Why do you think that Jesus wants the disciples to stay awake?

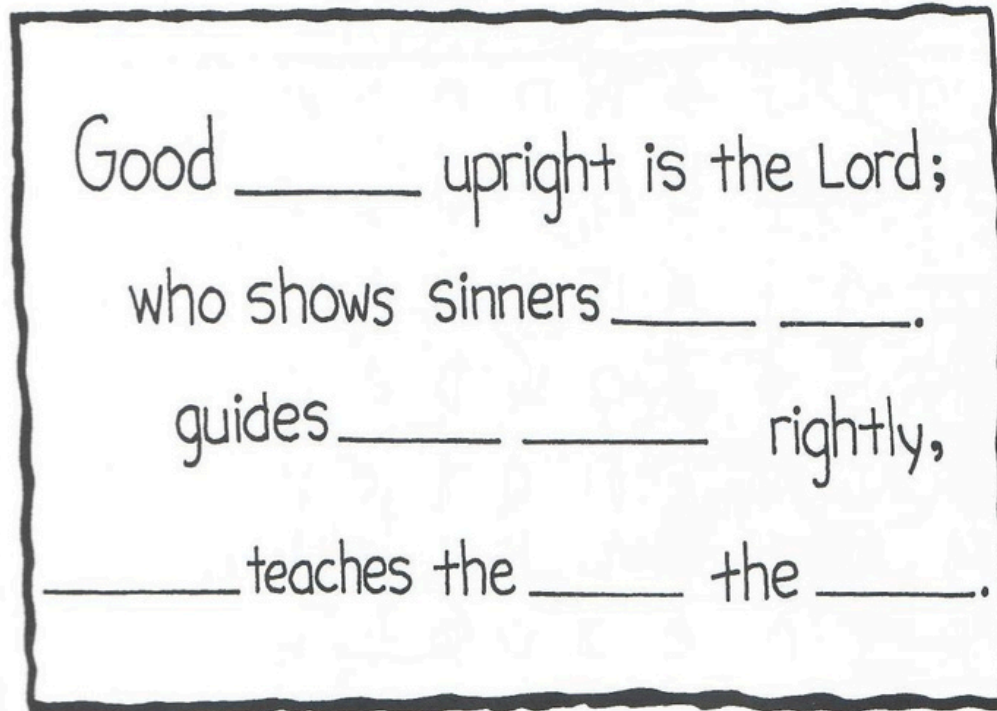
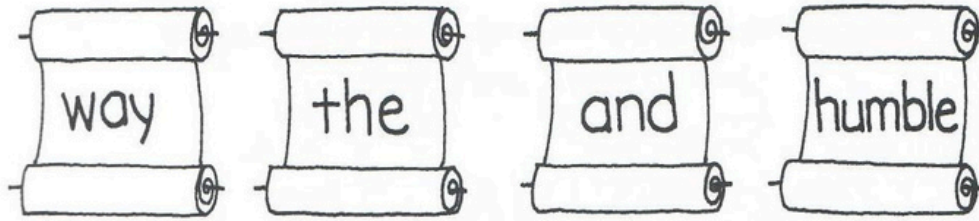
2. How can you stay awake and be ready for the Lord to come?

Cronin, G. (2003). Celebrating the Gospels. Missouri, United States of America: Ligouri Publications.

Activity: Filling Scrolls

The passage below is from Psalm 25:8-9. Fill in the blanks by using each of the words on the scrolls twice.

Lucey, M. (2007). Catholic Corner Puzzles and Activities, Year C (Ages 7-10). Illinois, United States of America: World Library Publications.



Now Act:

What needs to be done in your neighbourhood to make it a more beautiful part of creation? What would make it a place of peace, justice, and love, reflecting God's kingdom? What do you think you can do to make it a more beautiful place? Go outside and look around and come up with a list of things that you can do to make your neighbourhood more beautiful than it already is.

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"The time is coming when I will keep the promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah."

Jeremiah 33:14

Kingdom Builders: Works of Mercy

There are two different types of works of mercy - corporal works of mercy and spiritual works of mercy. When you help people with their physical needs like food and clothing, you are performing corporal works of mercy. When you are helping others take care of their souls, you are performing the spiritual works of mercy. Some examples of corporal works of mercy include, feeding the hungry, giving water to the thirsty, clothing the poor, sheltering the homeless and visiting the sick and those in prison. Some examples of the spiritual works of mercy include, burying the dead, teaching God's love, comforting the suffering, forgiving the wrongs of others, being patient with others and praying for the living and the dead. Pope Francis tells us that "a little mercy makes the world less cold and more just." The works of mercy are some ways that we can care for those around us when they are in need. We can tell Jesus that we love him through our prayers, but the best ways to show that we love him are through our actions when we love others. Make a list of some of the corporal works of mercy and spiritual works of mercy that you can do! See if your siblings or friends are up to take on the challenge with you and complete some works of mercy each week.

Living Faith Kids - Works of Mercy.

"God of justice and
peace, let your
face shine on us.
Shine on us, and
we shall be saved."

Psalm 80

