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First Sunday of Advent, Year B - RCLB Lectionary



Lectionary: 2

Read the Gospel: [Mark 13:33-37](#)

Gospel Summary

Jesus warns his disciples to be watchful and alert. He tells the story of a man who traveled abroad and placed his servants in charge. Each servant had his own work to do, and the gatekeeper's task was to be on watch for the man's return. In the same way we are to watch for the Lord's return, taking care to not fall asleep.

Reflection for Parents

There is an old saying, "When the cat's away, the mice begin to play!" When our boss isn't looking, it may be tempting for us to slow down the pace. When we aren't home, our children might be tempted to play rather than do their homework. But we are each in our own way called to be like the servants in today's Gospel story—staying faithful to whatever tasks we've been given whether the master (the boss, the parent) is away or at home. Today, pray to be faithful to the tasks you have been given as a parent, a spouse, a coworker, a friend, and a disciple of Jesus.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Today is the First Sunday of Advent. It is also the first day of the new liturgical year. Spend some time today preparing for this new year. Hang a new liturgical year calendar and create your family Advent wreath. Light the first candle, and talk about how you will celebrate the season of Advent. Talk about what you as a family can do to stay awake for the coming of the Lord at Christmas.

Discussion Starters

1. Some things I am in charge of at home/school/work are . . .
2. When I do not do what I am supposed to do at home/school/work . . .
3. One way I can stay more awake for the coming of the Lord is . . .