

## Lesson 32

### Getting Ready for Jesus' Return

#### Jesus is Coming Back!

One day, Jesus will come back to the earth. He will come with lots of power and glory! The Bible tells us that before He comes, there will be signs to show us it's getting close. These signs help us get ready and prepare ourselves.

#### Signs to Watch For

- **Troubles Everywhere:** The Bible says there will be lots of troubles, like wars, earthquakes, and bad things happening. People might even stop loving each other and do bad things (Matthew 24:6–7).
- **The Gospel Goes Everywhere:** Jesus said His good news would be shared all over the world. People from every place will hear about Him (Matthew 24:14).
- **Elijah's Return:** Elijah, a special prophet, will come back to help families be together forever. He'll teach us about our ancestors and why they're important (Malachi 4:5–6).
- **New Jerusalem:** There will be a special city called the New Jerusalem. It's a place where Jesus will live and rule. It will be a very happy place.

#### What Can We Do?

Knowing these signs helps us get ready. Even when things seem scary, we can be calm because we know Jesus is coming to make everything right. We can:

- **Be Good:** We should be kind to others and follow Jesus' teachings.
- **Stay Close to Jesus:** Pray to Heavenly Father like Jesus does, and read the Bible to learn more about Him.
- **Help Others:** We can share Jesus' love with everyone and tell them about Him.

#### Getting Excited!

Even though some of the signs are scary, we can be excited because it means Jesus is coming back soon! He's bringing happiness and peace with Him. So, let's get ready and be happy for His return!

#### Questions to Think About:

- What signs have you seen that show Jesus is coming back?

- How can we help others get ready for Jesus' return?
- What can we do to be more like Jesus every day?

### **Additional Scriptures:**

- Matthew 24
- 1 Thessalonians 5:1–6

Title: "The Dawn of His Arrival"

In a cozy village nestled amidst rolling hills, there lived a boy named Peter. Peter cherished moments spent gazing at the sky, his imagination soaring with dreams of the day when Jesus would return, just as the Bible foretold.

One evening, as Peter sat beneath the shimmering stars, his grandfather joined him, his face aglow with wisdom. "Peter," he said, his voice steeped in reverence, "do you know that Jesus is coming back one day?"

Peter's eyes widened with wonder as his grandfather recounted tales from the Bible, stories of wars and upheavals, of trials and tribulations—each a sign heralding Jesus' imminent return.

"But, Grandpa," Peter inquired, his heart brimming with anticipation, "how can we prepare for Jesus' return?"

His grandfather smiled, his hand resting tenderly on Peter's shoulder. "We can emulate Jesus' teachings," he replied. "By showing kindness to others, following His example, and communing with Heavenly Father through prayer."

Inspired by his grandfather's words, Peter resolved to become a beacon of Jesus' love in the world. He pledged to assist those in need, share the gospel with all he encountered, and endeavor to embody Jesus' teachings each day.

As time passed, and the signs of Jesus' return unfolded before his eyes, Peter remained steadfast in his faith. Despite the ominous warnings, he clung to the promise of Jesus' imminent arrival—a day that would herald the cessation of suffering and the dawn of a new era of peace and love.

With each passing day, Peter and his family eagerly awaited the return of their Savior—a moment that would transform darkness into light and sorrow into joy.

As Peter looked up at the star-studded sky, he offered a prayer of gratitude, thankful for the promise of Jesus' return and the privilege of being counted among His faithful followers. And as he closed his eyes, a sense of serenity enveloped him, for he knew that Jesus was with him always, guiding him on the path of righteousness.