

# LESSON PLAN

Lesson Number: 174  
Grade Level: 4-6

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: **I Want to Be Ready/Watchful Servants**  
 Text/Story: **Luke 12:35-48**  
 Main idea: **We must be ready for the Lord's return or suffer the consequences; we make ready by living up to the light that we have.**  
 Key Verse: **Matthew 24:44**

| Time   | Activity | Description  |
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| Pre-Lesson<br><br>Quickie Quiz                               |          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply each student with a piece of blank paper and a pencil</li> <li>• Ask them to number their papers 1-15 and write down answers to questions you will read to them; the questions are simple and are given to show how alert they are (use questions on the sheet or make up some of your own)</li> <li>• Read questions out orally and allow 3-5 seconds for each; for those questions they don't know, they should write a question mark (?)</li> <li>• When complete, check the answers one by one</li> <li>• Discuss the last question: When is Jesus coming back?; use it to lead into the lesson</li> </ul> |
| Lesson<br><br>Luke 12:35-48<br>Worksheet: "It Pays to Watch" |          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For younger children, use flannelgraph and pictures to illustrate the parables; fill in the Cause/Effect chart as a class or have students fill in their own copies</li> <li>• If teaching older children, read the verses together and fill in the Cause/Effect chart together, each student fills in own copy</li> <li>• Be sure to stress that when Jesus returns to take those who are ready to Heaven with Him, he is looking for those who are saved and living in the light that they have; doing the right things in themselves will not make them ready</li> </ul>   |
| Post-Lesson<br><br>Worksheet: Are You Ready?                 |          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide each student with worksheet "Are You Read?" and a pencil</li> <li>• Ask students to read each statement and fill in the blanks</li> <li>• Discuss each statement when complete; ask students to provide reasons why we should not be doing those things marked with Xs</li> </ul>   |



## QUICKIE QUIZ

Read each question out loud to students. Add or make up some other questions on common facts that your kids should know.

1. What's the date today?
2. What number do you dial in an emergency?
3. What state/province do we live in?
4. How many seconds in a minute?
5. What city are we in?
6. How many wheels on a tricycle?
7. What colour is the stop sign?
8. Where do you get a Big Mac?
9. How many letters in the alphabet?
10. How many days are there in February?
11. What colours are on the flag?
12. What sport uses a bat?
13. How many pennies in a dollar?
14. When is Christmas?
15. When is Jesus coming back?





## IT PAYS TO WATCH!

*Read Luke 12:35-48 to find out what Jesus said about the following people in his parables. Write down what they did or did not do, and what happened as a result of their actions.*

| CAUSE (ACTION)  | EFFECT (RESULT)          |
|---|--------------------------|
| The servants waiting for their lord to return from the wedding: | When his lord came back: |
| The owner of the house:   | When the thief came:     |
| The unfaithful servant:   | When his lord returned:  |
| We who are Christians:  | When Jesus comes back:   |



Read God's Word.



Pray to Him.



Tell others about Jesus.

## ARE YOU READY?

*Read each sentence below. Put a ✓ in the space provided if it is something you should do to get ready for Jesus' coming. If it is not, write an X.*

- 1. Read the Bible every morning.
- 2. Sleep in instead of going to Sunday school.
- 3. Talk back to parents instead of obeying.
- 4. Tell others about Jesus
- 5. Do what you can to help out around the church.
- 6. Watch movies that show violence and coarse language.
- 7. Donate money to the poor.
- 8. Refuse to listen to rumours and gossip.
- 9. Get back at someone instead of forgiving him.
- 10. Spend all your money and not tithe.
- 11. Tell the truth.
- 12. Spend more time talking to God.
- 13. Run around with friends who aren't Christians.
- 14. Memorize scripture.
- 15. Read books that make you think wrong thoughts.

# Be Watchful

When Jesus left this earth and returned to Heaven, He told His disciples that He would return someday. But He didn't tell them when because "... of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (Matthew 24:36). That is why we must always be ready for the Lord's return. Those who are not ready when Jesus returns will suffer the consequences. For that reason, the key verse for this lesson is an important one to remember: "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." — Matthew 24:44.

Rewrite the unfinished key verse below using an alternate word found next to each original. If you prefer the original word, use it.

"\_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_  
also \_\_\_\_\_:  
\_\_\_\_\_ in such an  
\_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ not the  
\_\_\_\_\_."

## Original & Alternate Words

Therefore: For that reason, So, Consequently

Ye: You, We

Ready: Prepared, Set

For: Because, Since

Hour: Time, Day

Think: Believe, Assume, Guess

Son of man: Jesus, Savior

Cometh: Will come, Will arrive, Will appear

Why is it important to have our eyes, ears, and hearts watching for Jesus' return?

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Read 2 Timothy 3:1-8. Explain how these verses describe people today.

1. Lovers of their own selves \_\_\_\_\_
2. Covetous \_\_\_\_\_
3. Boasters \_\_\_\_\_
4. Proud \_\_\_\_\_
5. Blasphemers \_\_\_\_\_
6. Disobedient to parents \_\_\_\_\_
7. Unthankful \_\_\_\_\_
8. Unholy \_\_\_\_\_
9. Without natural affection \_\_\_\_\_
10. Trucebreakers \_\_\_\_\_
11. False accusers \_\_\_\_\_
12. Incontinent \_\_\_\_\_
13. Fierce \_\_\_\_\_
14. Despisers of those that are good \_\_\_\_\_
15. Traitors \_\_\_\_\_
16. Heady \_\_\_\_\_
17. High minded \_\_\_\_\_
18. Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
19. Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
20. Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth \_\_\_\_\_  
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## ***“IN A MOMENT, IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE...”***

*How do we know we are living in the last days?*

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*If Jesus is coming back, how concerned should we be about an education or career?*

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*Why didn't Jesus tell us when he was coming back?*

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*Read Matthew 24:27. How much time is there going to be to prepare when Jesus comes?*

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*Read 2 Peter 3:9. The Lord promised he would come again. Why the waiting period?*

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*How can we be “found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless” (2 Peter 3:14).*

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*In what ways should we be watching and waiting for the Lord's return?*

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What happens if these people are not watchful?

Driver of a car \_\_\_\_\_

Lifeguard \_\_\_\_\_

Air Traffic Controller \_\_\_\_\_

Hunter \_\_\_\_\_

Fireman \_\_\_\_\_

Soldier on guard duty \_\_\_\_\_

Musician \_\_\_\_\_

What does the Bible tell us we should be watchful for? (Luke 12:40)

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Read Luke 12:39. How do people prepare for the possibility of their house being robbed?

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In what way is the Jesus' Second Coming like a thief in the night?

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How can a person know they are ready for Jesus to come back?  
(Luke 1:15)

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