

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7 August 2022 - Year C

"Be prepared."

Something to Think About

If Jesus was to come into your house today, what would you say?
How would you be ready to welcome him?

The Story

There is a sense of urgency portrayed in today's gospel passage. Jesus tells the disciples to 'Be ready' and 'Keep your lamps burning'. The story tells of servants waiting for and being ready for their master's return from a wedding banquet, but then the master serves the servants which is a complete reversal of roles. This is an image of the 'hospitality of God'. The message is that we should be welcoming to others as we get ready for Jesus.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

12:35-40

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Be ready and keep your lamps burning
just like those servants who wait up
for their master to return from a wedding feast.
As soon as he comes and knocks,
they open the door for him.

"Servants are fortunate
if their master finds them awake and ready when he comes!
I promise you that he will get ready
and have his servants sit down so he can serve them.
Those servants are really fortunate if their master finds them ready,
even though he comes late at night or early in the morning.

"You would surely not let a thief break into your home,
if you knew when the thief was coming.
So always be ready!
You don't know when the Son of Man will come."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Video

Watch the video and sing along to the song
[Be Ready](#)



Group Discussion

Jesus tells us to watch out and be ready. We need to constantly think about our relationships with others and be sure to treat other people with friendliness and welcome. Building up God's kingdom in this way means we will be ready for Jesus. How can we be welcoming, friendly or helpful to people this week?

Praying For Others

Leader: Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world, for those in our community and for our own needs.

Reader 1: We pray that our leaders will be people of faith and courage. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray that we will be helpful and friendly. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray that God will keep us safe. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray for generous hearts to love all people. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray that we will stay close to Jesus. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



Dear Jesus,
Thank you for looking after us and
welcoming us with love.
Help us to share generously and be
friendly with others.
Amen.

Group Activity

Make a Clock

Can you remember a time when your mum or dad asked you to get ready? Maybe you had to be on time for school, or church, or to visit your grandparents?

You will need: a template for each child printed on paper, an A4 piece of cardboard for each child, glue stick, scissors, coloured markers.

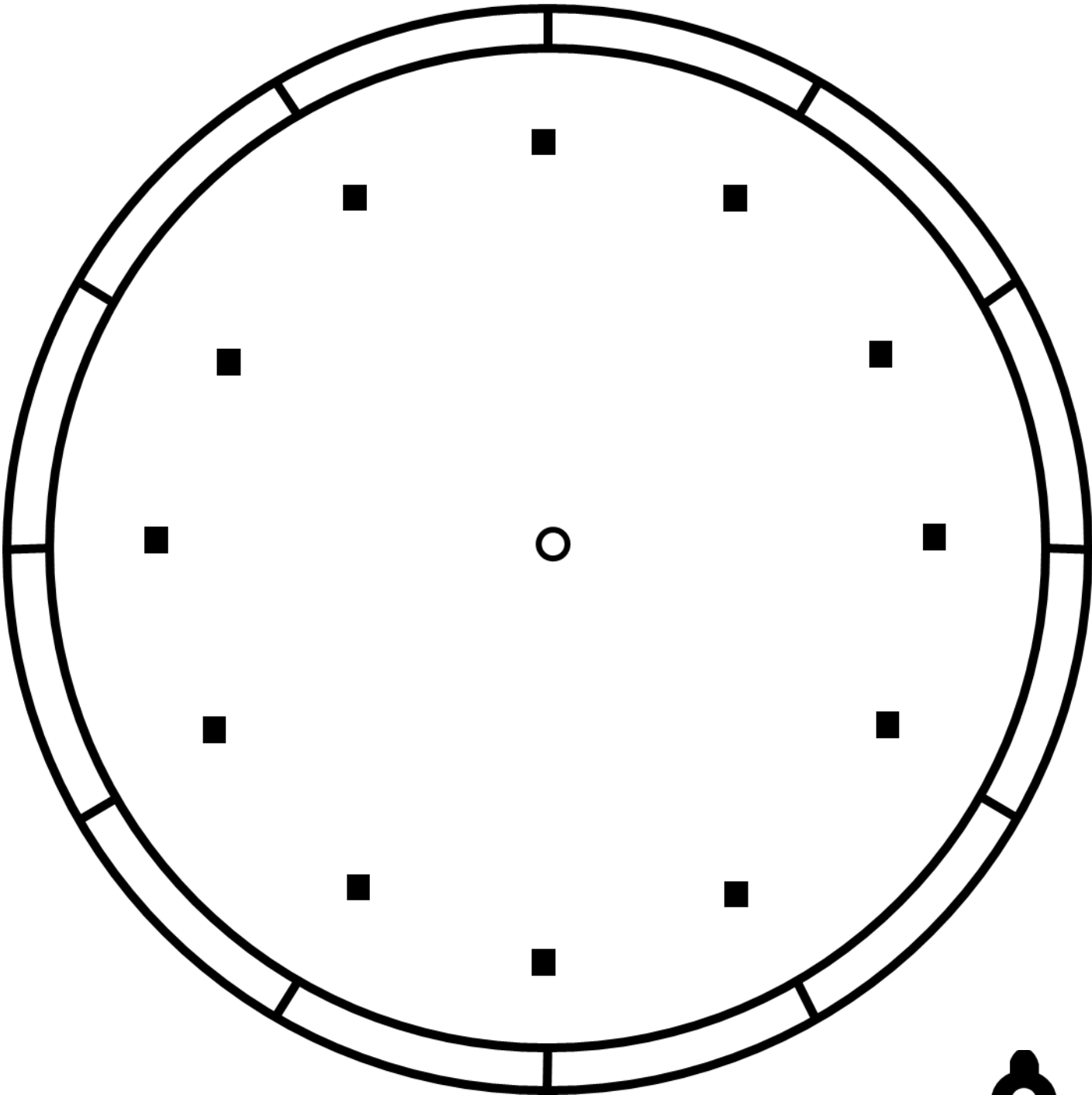
1. Print templates for each child. Glue onto cardboard to make it sturdier.
2. Give a few minutes for children to decorate/colour.
3. Assist children to cut out numbers and hands of the clock.
4. Help children to glue the numbers and hands on the clock.



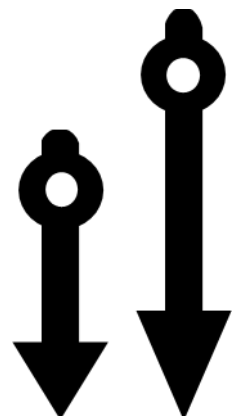
Name:

Date:

Make a clock



1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12



READY FOR WHAT?



READY TO EXPLORE



READY TO LEARN



READY TO PLAY

**ARE YOU READY
TO HELP AND TO
DO GOOD?**

HOW WILL YOU DO IT?

