



## Digging deeper into this week's story



5 simple ways you can help your child to take a closer look at this week's lesson: Are you ready? (and The 10 Bridesmaids)



**On a walk / out and about:** Think about what you had to do to get ready to come out. What do we do to be ready for Jesus to come back? See how many different ways you can spot that people are getting ready to celebrate Christmas? How are you getting ready for Jesus to come back as King?



**At lunch / dinner time:** Here are some discussion starters -

- What does it mean to be ready for Jesus?
- What will it be like when Jesus comes back?
- Jesus is coming back as the glorious King. Why?



**Hanging out:** For younger children, play a game like 'What's the time, Mr Wolf' - you never know when it's dinner time so you need to be ready to run at any moment! You could challenge your children to complete a 5 minute cooking challenge. See if it makes a difference to their success or not if they are ready for the challenge to start vs still needing to collect ingredients and find instructions. A simple 5-minute chocolate mug cake recipe is here: <https://chocolatecoveredkatie.com/one-minute-chocolate-cake/>



**Sing:** Listen to songs about being ready for Jesus to come back: The Countdown Song <https://gospelchoruses.wordpress.com/2014/12/01/somewhere-in-outer-space/> and Be Ready <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CuJqMDa05I&feature=youtu.be>



**At bedtime:** Read the story of the 10 Bridesmaids in Matthew 25 v 1-13. This is a story Jesus told about people waiting for him - just like ten bridesmaids who were waiting for the groom's wedding party to arrive. Questions to talk about: Why did they have to wait? What did the wise / foolish bridesmaids do? What happened when the bridegroom came at last? What should we do to be ready for Jesus to come back?



**Remember:** Jesus is coming back as the glorious King. He is the King who forgives and saves us. He wants us to expect his return and live every day ready for him to come back.