

Children's Sermon for November 29 (based on Mark 13:24-37)

Items needed: volunteer; 2 raw eggs, tray

Ask volunteer to stand near you. Place tray on floor in front of them. Then show the eggs--what are these? Now, what if I wanted to hand an egg to (volunteer's name,) would I hand her/him an egg if she/he were looking away? Let's see--ask volunteer to cross arms and look in the other direction. Now, I will try to hand her/him an egg while they are looking away? Pretend to try to hand off egg, letting it drop and break on the tray on the floor. So, if I try to give her/him an egg when they are not looking, all we get is a mess. But, what if I try to hand them an egg while they ARE looking? Ask them to turn their face towards you and hold hands out, ready. Then, put egg in their hands. See, if they are watching, they can get the egg I want to give them, rather than letting it fall and break. In today's Bible reading, Jesus tells us to watch and be ready, kind of like (volunteer's name) watching me and being ready with his/her hands to take the egg I wanted to give. Someday, Jesus will come back, and Jesus wants us to watch and be ready. And, even today, God wants to give us something new--maybe some new kindness, or new patience, or new courage, and we need to watch and be ready to catch God's new blessing by acting kind, patient, and brave.

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