1st Sunday Of Advent:
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Lead Story Headline:
Stay Awake!

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“God will decide what is right for the people. When that day comes, countries will not fight against each other anymore... and there will never be war again.”

Isaiah 2:4
What Do You Think?

1. What do you think Jesus means when he tells us to stay awake and always be ready? How should you be ready for the Lord to come? What do you think you could do to prepare?

2. Do you think everyone will know when the Lord is here? Do you think you would know Jesus if you saw him? What do you think that would be like?

Food For Thought...
Have you ever thought about how you always have to be ready for the Lord to come? Think about the gospel and how people would always be ready in their house if they know when a thief is going to come. If you know that the Lord is going to come, just not when, how can you prepare yourself and your heart for when he does come?

Gospel: Matthew 24:42-44
Jesus said to his disciples: “Stay awake! Always be ready! You do not know on what day your Lord is coming. “You know for sure that if the owners of a house knew at what time of night a thief was coming, they would stay awake and wouldn't let the thief break in. And in the same way, you must always be ready because you do not know the time when the Lord is coming.

This is the Good News of the Lord.
Activity: Be Prepared

Jesus told us to “be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come” (Matthew 24:44). Draw hands on the clocks to show the time written below each one.

“Stay awake! Always be ready! You do not know on what day your Lord is coming.” Matthew 24:42

Now Act...

This is the first week of Advent. During this time, the days get very short and the nights get very long. During Advent, pay attention to the night sky. You can see how the moon changes and moves. Look for meteors (shooting stars), the constellations like the little dipper, and some of the bright stars. Sometimes you can even see some planets! Pay close attention to all the changes that happen in the sky during Advent!

Calling All Saints...

We celebrate Saint Nicholas on his feast day which is December 6. Saint Nicholas was a bishop who was very generous and liked to help people. He never wanted to be thanked for the good deeds that he did, so often he did them in secret, sometimes even at night. Some people see Saint Nicholas as a model for today's Santa Claus. He used to leave toys for kids and the bishop clothes that he wore looked a little like what Santa wears. Some kids around the world put shoes or socks out the night before his feast day and find them the next day full of candy and nuts! You can be a little like St. Nick too! Put out a jar of candy canes and whenever you do something nice for someone else in your family, leave them a secret candy cane! Have your whole family join in and model Saint Nicholas!


“O people of God, come! Let us walk in the light of God!” Isaiah 2:5