

# TEACHER'S NOTES

6 year olds	<b>OUR HEAVENLY FATHER</b>
Chapter 21	<b>JESUS GOES BACK TO HEAVEN</b>
Lesson 4	<b>JESUS WILL COME AGAIN</b>

## AIMS

1. Children will learn that now Jesus is in Heaven, but He will come again.
2. They will learn that Christians wait in joyful hope for the coming of Jesus Christ.

## BEGIN

Explain to the children that the period before Christmas is called Advent. It is the time when we prepare for the coming of baby Jesus. We are rather like the people in the Old Testament who had to wait many many years for the coming of the Saviour. They had to struggle very hard to be faithful to God while they waited for Jesus. Catholics today are also waiting for Jesus to come again. We call this the Second Coming. We will learn more about this today.

## STEP 1

Read the Nativity account that is in the children's packs.

1. Ask them to describe the response of the shepherds and the wise men.
2. Ask them to describe how the shepherds and the wise men must have felt when they found baby Jesus and His holy mother.
3. Ask them how they felt last Christmas morning.

## STEP 2

Remind the Children that on the day of the Ascension the angels said that Jesus would return. Every Catholic should be waiting for His Second Coming and preparing for it, just as the people in the Old Testament waited for his first coming

## STEP 3

Read the special paragraph with the children from their packs.

## STEP 4

Discuss with the children how they would get ready if a special guest was coming: say the president, the Queen, a king or the Pope. Ask them what they would do: put on their best clothes, clean the house, prepare a supper meal, be on their best behaviour, etc.

## STEP 5

- Tell the children that no one knows when Jesus will come again, so we must always be ready. Ask the children what they should do to be ready for Jesus. Remember Jesus is God. Sample answers:
- Not sin
- Pray
- Go to Mass

- Receive Holy Communion and go to confession
- Love God
- Serve others

### **REINFORCE**

1. Assign the children the exercise, Someday Jesus will come again!, in their packs.
2. Tell the children to decide on one thing to do in the coming week to prepare for the Second Coming of Jesus. Make suggestions: pray before bed without being asked, help at home, read a Bible story, read about one of the saints, pay extra attention to the readings at Mass.

### **CONCLUDE**

1. Pray the Second Glorious Mystery of the Rosary.
2. Teach the children to sing an appropriate hymn such as “Hail the day that sees Him rise,” Adoremus Hymnal, #430
3. Say a prayer for the Church

### **PREVIEW**

In the next lesson, we will review and be quizzed on what we have learned in recent lessons.