

Children's Resources – Sunday 26th April 2020

Matthew 24: 15- 31

¹⁵“So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, ¹⁸and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. ¹⁹And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! ²⁰Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. ²¹For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. ²²And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. ²³Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. ²⁴For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵See, I have told you beforehand. ²⁶So, if they say to you, ‘Look, he is in the wilderness,’ do not go out. If they say, ‘Look, he is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it. ²⁷For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ²⁸Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

²⁹“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Introduction

Let's start with a little quiz, I am going to describe a building and you have to guess what it is, ready?

1. Where can you go to watch Larne football club play?

2. Where do you go to if you feel sick?

3. Where can you go to look at and borrow books?

4. Where do you go on a Sunday morning (when not in lockdown!) to worship God?

Well in today's story we are going to be thinking about the temple – a building that was there when Jesus was alive. It was a bit like their church, the place where they worshipped God.

Let's learn more . . .

Story

If you read today's story you might feel confused, it's difficult to understand, even for adults!

Jesus was talking about the temple, a place where people went to worship God when Jesus was alive.

But Jesus was warning the people that one day the temple would be destroyed.

Why would it be destroyed?

Because those in the temple rejected Jesus. They refused to believe that He is the Saviour and to trust and follow Him.

Jesus had taught everyone about himself, that He was the Saviour and to have a relationship with God they needed to trust, follow and obey Him. But the leaders of the temple did not listen.

I wonder do you always listen?

Do you always listen when your mum or dad asks you to do something ?

Do you always listen when your teacher is talking ?

Do you always listen in church ?

To truly listen is to not only hear the words but do what is asked as well.

If your mummy asks you to tidy your toys, if you don't hear what she says and do it then you haven't really listened.

Jesus tells us in the Bible that we are to listen to Him, to love, obey and follow Him. Even those of us who have been Christians for years and years still need to remember to listen and obey Jesus.

Prayer

Father God,

We praise your name for you are amazing.

We are sorry for the times we don't listen and obey you.

We thank-you for Jesus and that we can have a relationship with Him.

Please help us to be better listeners and to always listen and obey you.

Amen

Activities

1. Wordsearch
2. Colouring sheet

Wordsearch on the Temple

H	P	R	I	S	O	N	S	X	S	D	T	A	S	Q
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G	P	A	U	Y	F	A	M	I	N	E	S	E	N	Q
T	O	E	R	I	N	N	S	O	H	I	T	R	E	T
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L	J	H	P	L	A	G	U	E	S	E	C	U	R	E
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temple
offerings
insurrections
earthquakes
signs
prisons
defense
destroyed

stones
Teacher
nation
famines
persecute
governors
wisdom
perseverance

votive
deceived
kingdom
plagues
synagogues
testimony
adversaries
secure

