

Children's Resources – Sunday 3rd May 2020

Matthew 24: 29-31

The Coming of the Son of Man

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. **30** Then 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. **31** And 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.

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

32 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. **33** So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. **34** Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. **35** Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Introduction

If you have a garden, I am sure you have enjoyed getting out and playing in it during the past few weeks.

Have you noticed the plants and trees around you?

Maybe you have a tree that has new leaves appearing?

Vegetables that are starting to grow?

Flowers that are blossoming?

In the autumn and winter what happens to these plants?

They pass away don't they? The leaves turn brown and fall off, the flowers wither and the vegetables are gone.

In today's story Jesus talks about how other things will pass away like this but his words will not.

Let's think about this more . . .

Story

In today's story Jesus begins by talking about things that will happen just before He comes back again. We will be thinking about this more again next week.

When Jesus comes back He will take all of those who love Him back to heaven with Him.

Then Jesus says in verse 35 'Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

Jesus is saying that He will build a new heaven and new earth, that these ones will pass away like the flowers and leaves we were thinking about earlier.

But His words will not pass away.

This means we can trust Jesus. He will not change, He will not pass away and He always keeps his promises.

Perhaps your life has changed a lot recently. Some things have passed away. You aren't at school, aren't at GB or BB, aren't seeing your friends or families.

This can be sad and make us worry.

But we can rely on and trust in Jesus. Even when the whole world changes Jesus and His promises are the same. He promises to be with us and never leave us.

Prayer

Lord God,

Thank you that you and your words never pass away.

Thank you that we can trust and rely on you at all times.

Please help us to remember this and to ask you for help if we are sad or worried.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

Activities

1. Wordsearch
2. Colouring sheet
3. Maybe you could go out into your garden and collect some leaves and flowers to do a collage. Then write on our verse – Matthew 24: 35
‘Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.’ This would look lovely on your wall and remind that Jesus is always there.

The Coming of the Son of Man Wordsearch

Matthew 24: 30

'Then 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.

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‘Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.’ Matthew 24:35

