

With Sleeves Rolled Up & the Light On

Luke 12:35–59

1. **An** _____ (with three instructions)
Luke 12:35–36
2. **A** _____ (with a twist)
Luke 12:37, 38, 43
3. **A** _____ (and a warning)
Luke 12:39–40
4. **An** _____ (both good and bad)
Luke 12:42–48
5. **A Required** _____ (not to be taken lightly)
Luke 12:49–59

Application:

For the Family:

Read together Luke 12:35–38

Explain the story: There is a group of servants who are waiting for their employer to return from a wedding feast. They keep their work clothes on, and make sure their lamps stay lit. They stay awake, even when it gets late at night.

When their employer does return, he has a great surprise for them. He has brought food from the feast! He tells them to sit down at the table and he serves them. It's a good thing they stayed awake; they would have missed out on this great food!

This is a story Jesus told to remind us to stay ready for the day when he will return. We need to stay prepared for that day by watching for it, serving others, and being faithful as we wait.

Soon your children will be waiting for Christmas day. This is an opportunity to talk with them about how to wait for Jesus, by talking about how we should wait for Christmas:

Watch for it—Count down the days. Get an advent calendar or daily devotional. Create a daily habit of thinking about Jesus.

Prepare for it—Help with decorations. Buy and wrap presents. Get Christmas cards ready to send.

Serve others—Give to the needy. Find a service project you can do together as a family. Be kind to one another.

Be faithful—Help around the house. Keep your room clean. Do your chores (without whining). Do what you can to help your family celebrate Jesus' coming.

Stay ready—Soon you will be opening presents and enjoying a **special family meal. In the meantime, stay ready!**

Pray together that you will always be ready for Jesus. Pray that you will be watchful and faithful, and that you will spend your time serving God and others, as you wait for Jesus.