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## 009. Ready, Set, Wait

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# TABLE TALK

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## Ready, Set, Wait

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### Prepare:

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*As one person lights a candle, the family reads together: (based on Matthew 24,)*

C: Concerning the day or hour of his return no one knows

R: Not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son

C: But the Father only.

R: Amen.

### Read: Read Matthew 25:1-12 (ESV)

25 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

### Reflect:

No one knows when Christ will return. As we wait, it can be tempting to let down our guard and think he is not coming back. In this parable Jesus reminds us to be vigilant as we wait for him, because we can be certain that he will return for us.

*Take a moment to talk about what this passage (Matthew 25:1-12) means for you as a family.*

*Now share with one another one thing you can do differently as a member of your family.*

### Pray:

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*The head of the household prays:*

Heavenly Father, as we eagerly await Jesus's return, let not our hearts be troubled, but comfort us with the knowledge that Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us. In Jesus's name, Amen.