



Story Connections

Week 5 – Be Alert

October 23

Scripture: Spark Story Bible pp. 346-347 (attached); Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

Key Idea

One thing Jesus repeated many times throughout his life here on earth was this idea of keeping alert. The purpose was so that people who followed him didn't get distracted by the things of this world – false prophets, earthly power and status, and self-righteousness. We don't know when Jesus is coming back or the answers to so many questions, but if we keep our heads up and focus on the things of God, we can see the beauty of the kingdom we have in this life.

Wonder Together

1. What did you find today that you didn't expect? What did you see that you wouldn't have if you weren't paying attention?
2. Have you ever been not paying attention and almost (or actually) run into something? What did that feel like? How did you react?
3. What are some of those "God things" we can keep watch for?
4. What are the things that distract us from God and God's creation?

What A Day!

Recap the day, connecting all that we did together with the story we learned from the bible. Do this by asking each student one thing they learned today that they're going to go home and tell their parent, grandparent, or caring adult about.

God Moment

Dear God, you have created such a beautiful kingdom for us here on earth. Help us to keep our heads up and eyes open to see you in the creation all around us. Remind us daily to keep our focus on you and not distract ourselves with things that don't matter. Amen.