

# BE READY - LIVE READY

## Vignettes

Directions: Begin with the narrator, and then each vignette follows one after the other as illustration of being ready to share faith in everyday life. Use all or several.

**Narrator:** 1 Peter 3:15 reminds us: But honor the Messiah in your hearts. Always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for the reason for the hope that in you.”

(Two sports moms, watching kids on the sidelines)

Mom 1 Way to go, buddy!

Mom 2 Watch the ball.

Mom 1 I really enjoy watching the kids play.

Mom 2 Me, too. I like being part of their lives.

Mom 1 I wish I had more time but I am so stretched. There are just not enough hours. I wish I had help.

Mom 2 What kind of help?

Mom 1 Besides someone to cook and clean, it's more than that. I need wisdom to be a good parent.

Mom 2 That's really important.

Mom 1 You are such a good parent. Why are you always so hopeful?

Mom 2 Can I tell you about my source of hope and help?

Mom 1 Sure.

Mom 2 My help comes from God who teaches me about parenting in the Bible and speaks to me when I pray for my children.

Mom 1 Now that is help I can use.

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(Two children talking)

Child 1 Uh oh, looks like a storm is coming. I hate storms.

Child 2 They can be scary.

Child 1 I am afraid of storms and being in the dark and being alone.

Child 2 Did you know that you are never alone?

Child 1 All I know is that when a storm comes at night in the dark and I am alone in my room, I am really scared.

Child 2 The Bible promises that God is always with us, and we can always pray. I like the verse that says “when I am afraid, I will trust in You,” meaning I will trust in God.

Child 1 How do you know that God is really there?

Child 2 He lives in my heart. When I pray, I feel His presence.

Child 1 Does God hear everyone who prays?

Child 2 Yes He does. Let's pray right now.

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(Two men working)

Man 1 I just can't get this part loose.

Man 2 Rust is tough on metal parts. That's when I start praying.

Man 1 Come on. Does God really care whether I can loosen a rusted bolt?

Man 2 Yes, He does. God cares about us and everything about our lives. So I pray before I start the day and during the day as I work.

Man 1 I always knew you were different.

Man 2 If different means I trust in God, then I wear that name gladly.

Man 1 I didn't mean offense. In fact, I know I can trust you and that you always do what you say you will.

Man 2 I would be glad to pray for you right now to get that rusty bolt loose. And why don't you come with me to Bible study and learn more about a God who cares about everything, including rusty bolts.

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(Two teens texting, saying what they are texting out loud)

Teen 1 I can't believe she just said that.

Teen 2 It was totally unnecessary but I forgive her.

Teen 1 You are too nice. Why should you always take what she dishes out?

Teen 2 The Bible says it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is God's will, than for doing evil. I hope to tell her about Jesus someday. If I act like she does, I will never get that chance.

Teen 1 You heard what she called you – and in front of everyone.

Teen 2 I know. I didn't like it, but one day, I will be glad I was kind and did the right thing.

Teen 1 How do you do it? Respond like that?

Teen 2 Jesus changed my life and He gives me hope. He can change your life, too.

**Narrator** Always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. Be ready – Live ready.

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- 1 Peter 3:15*