



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts – Revelation
Unit 6, Lesson 30

Letters to the Seven Churches

Lesson Aim: To know Jesus cares about our ongoing relationship with Him. (Salvation Message)

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: If you could write a letter to anyone, who would it be?

GAME: Speedy Delivery

THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO SHOWS US

Read Worship Scripture: Revelation 3:20

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Lead children in the ABC Prayer.

Perform the Mail Call script or read storybook.

THE WORD LETTERS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God gives us the armor of God so we can be strong in Him.

Today, we will read letters from the last book in the Bible.

Revelation tells us what will happen in heaven. Jesus told John what to write to seven churches in Smyrna, Sardis, Philadelphia, Ephesus, Pergamum, Thyatira, and Laodicea. Jesus gave them encouragements, warnings, and the promise of rewards in heaven.

We will read from the letter to Laodicea. Point to Laodicea. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Revelation 3:14-16, 19-22. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Revelation 3:20. Pray. Read.

THE WAY JESUS STANDS AT THE DOOR AND KNOCKS

What was Jesus' warning to the church in Laodicea? (He warned them to turn from being "lukewarm" in their deeds.) **What do you think He meant?** (We are not excited or interested in serving the Lord.) **Jesus wants us to be strong in our actions and work hard for His kingdom instead of being lukewarm – believing, but not really caring.**

Jesus loves us so much that instead of being angry, He warns us to change our ways. He promises a reward in heaven to those who overcome temptation and stay faithful to Him. Rewards included the crown of life, the white stone with a new secret name, and the

morning star. He mentions the right to rule over nations, to eat from the tree of life, to walk with God in white robes, or to sit with God on His throne. Which one would you enjoy most?

Read scroll. **What did Jesus promise to do if we open the door when He knocks?** (Come in.) **What do you think Jesus means?** (Jesus is giving us the choice to believe in Him and ask Him to be the Lord over our life or to not believe and to live our life without Him.) **Knowing Jesus has the power to make us do what He wants, why do you think He allows each of us to make our own choice? If you have never invited Jesus to come into your heart, you can make that choice now by telling Him that in a prayer. If you are not ready to make that choice, know He is always standing and knocking at the door.** Pray the ABC prayer with any child who asks.

Anyone who prays a prayer like that has the Holy Spirit in his or her heart forever. But, sometimes believers forget to put Jesus first. When that happens, remember He is still standing and knocking at the door of your heart. It is important to keep inviting Him to lead us in every choice we make, forgive us, and bring us closer to Him. Let's take 60 seconds of silence to do that now. If you don't want to pray, spend this time thinking about God's love for you. Pray silently.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

One thousand years before, David knew the Lord would stand at the door to our hearts. Reveal Psalm 24:9-10. Find It First. Highlight. Read. **Jesus is always with us, ready to enter our hearts and lives and bring us closer to Him. Even after we choose to follow Him, He continues to knock at the door of our hearts to be closer every day.**

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- **TREASURE TREAT:** New Testament Postcard about the seven letters, stamp or sticker of church
- **W³ BETWEEN THE LINES** Journal Entry #30
- **OFFERING OF ART:** Your favorite thing about today and something special about the letters from the New Testament you just learned
- **PRAYER REQUESTS**
- **BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG**

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Loud Crunchers

GAME: Letters to the Seven Churches

CRAFT: Care Package—Letters to Churches

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: New Testament Line, Next Book, Light My Path, Pass the Word!

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