



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts – Revelation
Unit 6, Lesson 31

Letters about Jesus' Return

Lesson Aim: To know what will happen
when Jesus returns.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the most beautiful place you have ever seen?

GAME: Horse Race

THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO SHOWS US

Read Worship Scripture: Revelation 4:1-8

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

Perform the Mail Call script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS WILL RETURN TO EARTH

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

Review: Jesus told John what to write to the seven churches.

Today, we will learn about John's vision of Jesus coming back to take us to heaven. To reveal means to show something or to make something known. God revealed to John what it will be like when Jesus comes back to earth and what heaven looks like. That is why the last book of the Bible is called the book of Revelation. In John's vision, he described what everyone will see when Jesus comes back to earth. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Revelation 19:11-16; 21:1-4; 22:20. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Revelation 22:20. Pray. Read.

THE WAY WE WILL SEE JESUS

Jesus gives John a vision of what will happen in the future. Who is the rider on the white horse that is called Faithful and True? (Jesus.) Imagine what it will be like to see Jesus coming with the clouds, riding on the white horse with all of heaven's armies behind Him! What is your favorite part about the description of the rider on the white horse listed in Revelation 19:12-16?

What did Jesus say that He is coming to do? Jesus is coming to judge the earth, to make war against evil, and to take believers to heaven. Right now, many things happen that are not fair and many evildoers go unpunished for hurting others. When Jesus comes, He

will fairly judge everyone with perfect justice, including the evildoers. He will rule the world and be the best King of all kings. What are you most looking forward to about Jesus' return?

The hard times we have here on earth will not be in heaven. What does John say that we will not see in heaven? (There will be no death, no mourning or crying or pain.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Over 600 years before John's vision of Jesus, God gave the prophet Daniel the same kind of vision. Both called Jesus "the Son of Man." Daniel called God the Father "the Ancient of Days." Listen to what Jesus will do when He comes back to earth. Reveal Daniel 7:13-14. Find It First. Highlight. Read. When Jesus returns, He will gather all believers and take us to heaven. It will be a perfect place where everything is right and fair and good. What do you think your favorite thing about heaven will be?

We just finished learning about the last book in the Bible! What did Jesus promised on the last page of the Bible? (Jesus said, "I am coming soon.") Distribute bookmarks. Whenever you look at the clouds on this bookmark and read the final words from Jesus, remember His last promise to you. No one knows the exact time Jesus will come because God's timing is not ours. We do know the day will mark the beginning of a whole new story—one where believers live forever in heaven with Jesus. Until then, we are to point others to Jesus, so they might believe in Him and one day go to heaven.

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: New Testament Postcard about Jesus' return, stamp or sticker of cloud
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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: Heaven's Snack

GAME: No More Tissues!

CRAFT: Care Package—Heavenly Cookies

ACTIVITY: The River of Life

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

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW