January 26 9:00am & 11:00am

Three and Four Year Olds

JESUS IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP

(REVELATION 19-20)

CHRIST CONNECTION: When Jesus returns, He will stop all bad things. Everyone who trusts in Jesus will be with Him and enjoy Him forever.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: What is the hope of the church? The church looks forward to Jesus' return.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: Jesus will wipe away our tears. Revelation 21:4

LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Encourage boys and girls to clap and cheer as if they were at a celebration. Lead them to say, "Hallelujah!" and "Praise God!" as they cheer together.

SAY You did a great job cheering and celebrating. We celebrate when we are excited about something. John had a vision about what will happen when Jesus comes back. He saw a big celebration in heaven. The angels were singing, and people were praising God.

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time. How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

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3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Ask the following review questions:

- 1. What did you like about the Bible story? (Preschoolers' answers will vary.)
- 2. What did John see in the vision we heard about in today's story? (Angels singing, Jesus riding a white horse, and so forth.)
- 3. Who was the mighty warrior riding on a white horse? (Jesus)
- 4. How can today's story help us when we are sad? (While it is OK to be sad, those who trust in Jesus know that He will make everything right in the end, and that He will wipe away all our tears.)
- 5. What is the hope of the church? The church looks forward to Jesus' return when He will make all things new.

SAY John saw a vision of Jesus returning on a white horse to stop evil and to make everything right. The angels were celebrating, and we should celebrate, too! We know that King Jesus is good and powerful, and He will win against evil! He will wipe away every tear from every eye.

6. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY What is the hope of the church? Does that question sound familiar? We learned it last week as our big picture question. The answer is, **The church looks forward to Jesus' return when He will make all things new.** Sometimes, our lives following Jesus can be harder than we expect. But we can always look forward in hope to Jesus. He is King of kings and Lord of lords, and He will wipe away every tear from every eye!

5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Jesus will wipe away our tears. Revelation 21:4

Place the key passage marker at Revelation 21:4. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Read the passage aloud. Write the key passage on a dry erase board and point to each word as you say it out loud. Invite preschoolers to say the key passage along with you, again pointing to each word as you say it. Then, erase one of the words, and say the key passage with the preschoolers again. When you reach the word that has been erased, pause to allow preschoolers to "fill in the blank." Rewrite the word in the space, erase a different word, and repeat. Continue rewriting and erasing words as long as preschoolers are interested.

SAY Great job learning this key passage! The words went away, but then they returned! Jesus went away up to heaven, but one day He will return! When He returns, He will wipe away every tear from every eye.

6. PRAY

SAY Dear Jesus, thank You for living, dying, and rising again so that we could be forgiven for all the wrong things we do—for all of our sin. We are glad that You are good and that You are God, the King of all kings. Amen.

ACTIVITIES

(CHOOSE ONE OR ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES BELOW)

PLAY A COLOR GAME

Invite preschoolers to play a color game with you. Choose a color to look for in the classroom. Encourage boys and girls to find everything in the room that is that color. Invite preschoolers to take turns choosing a color to look for in the room. End the game looking for the color white.

SAY You did a great job looking for items in all different colors. We found items that were red, blue, green, and even white. John saw a white horse in his vision of what will happen when Jesus comes back. He saw a mighty warrior riding on a white horse. The warrior was Jesus! He was coming back to earth. Jesus was strong and powerful, ready to stop all bad things. When we trust in Jesus we will be with Him and enjoy Him forever.

GO AWAY AND RETURN

Stand in the center of the room and gather all the preschoolers around you. Instruct preschoolers to go as far away from you as they can when you say the words, "go away," and to come back close to you when you say the word, "return." This game may be played outside if you have the space and weather allows. Follow your church's procedures for going outside.

SAY Jesus lived on earth until He was an adult, and then He died and rose again, taking our place for our sins. After teaching His disciples for a little longer, He went away up to heaven with God. But He won't stay away! One day, He will return, or come back, to us! When He returns, He will put an end to evil and make everything right.

CALL AND RESPOND

Form two groups of preschoolers. Invite the groups to stand in two lines, facing one another. Guide one group to say, "Hallelujah!" Encourage the other group to respond by saying, "Praise God!" Repeat several times varying the speed and volume of the call and response. Older preschoolers may enjoy playing a second round with the groups saying, "Our God reigns!" and "Let us be glad!"

SAY John heard angels and people praising God in his vision of what will happen when Jesus comes back. They were saying, 'Hallelujah!' and 'Praise God!' Other voices were saying 'Hallelujah! Our God reigns! Let us be glad!' John saw that one day, God will make everything right. Everyone who trusts in Jesus will be with Him and enjoy Him forever.

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE (please send this home with parents)

As children color, talk about the Christ Connection.

SAY When Jesus returns, He will stop all bad things. Everyone who trusts in Jesus will be with Him and enjoy Him forever.

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Storytelling Props are not included in the blue bin, but you may choose to bring them from home.

Open your Bible to Revelation. Show the video or tell the Bible story using the provided storytelling tips. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

JESUS WILL RETURN ONE DAY

John had a vision from God about what will happen when Jesus comes back. A vision is like a dream, but John was awake. John saw a big celebration in heaven. Angels were singing, and people were praising God.

"Hallelujah!" they said together. "Victory and power belong to God. Praise Him!"

Then John heard loud voices saying, "Hallelujah! Our God reigns! Let us be glad, be filled with joy, and give Him glory!"

Suddenly, John saw a mighty warrior riding on a white horse. The warrior was Jesus! He was coming back to earth. Jesus was strong and powerful, ready to stop all evil.

Jesus had a sword and a crown on his head. His name was written on His robe and thigh: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. Jesus was coming to fight a beast and an evil dragon. The beast and dragon had been causing trouble on earth. But Jesus was stronger than them. He fought against them and won. They could never hurt anyone again.

John's vision showed that God will make everything right in the end. Jesus will win against evil and bring happiness to His people.

Christ Connection: Jesus promised to come back to earth one day. When Jesus returns, He will stop evil. Everyone who trusts in Jesus will be with Him and enjoy Him forever.

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

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Two Year Olds

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(REVELATION 19-20)

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus will come back and make all things right.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Why should we praise Jesus? We should praise Jesus for all He has done for us.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: Jesus will wipe away our tears. Revelation 21:4

LEARN

(CIRCLE TIME ON THE RUG)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Invite the children to join you in group time.

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3. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: SING TO A FAMILIAR TUNE

Place the key passage phrase marker at Revelation 21:4. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Encourage preschoolers to repeat the key passage phrase several times with you alternating between a sad and happy voice.

SAY John saw a vision about what will happen when Jesus comes back. When Jesus returns, He will stop all bad things. Everyone who trusts in Jesus will be with Him and enjoy Him forever. He will wipe away our tears. We will be happy, not sad.

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mighty warrior riding on a white horse. The warrior was Jesus! He was coming back to earth. Jesus was strong and powerful, ready to stop all bad things. When we trust in Jesus we will be with Him and enjoy Him forever.

MAKE ROADS

Use blocks to make a system of roads on the ground. Invite preschoolers to use the toy cars to drive on the roads. Ask preschoolers to think of other ways to get from one place to another.

SAY Today we learned that Jesus is coming back to defeat evil and to make everything right for all His people. When He comes back from heaven, will He be driving a car? No! In today's story, we heard that John saw a vision of Jesus returning on a white horse. However He returns, all His people will be glad to see Him, because He will wipe away every tear from our eyes!

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE (please send this home with parents)

Lead preschoolers to complete the activity page. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the GOSPEL GEMS below:

- · Jesus will come back to earth.
- Jesus will stop all bad things.
- God will make all things right.

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

Open the Bible to Revelation 19-20 and tell the following Bible story:

John had a vision about what will happen when Jesus comes back. John saw a big celebration in heaven. Angels were singing, and people were praising God. "Hallelujah!" they said together. "Praise God!" Suddenly, John saw a strong man riding on a white horse. The man was Jesus! He was coming back to earth. Jesus was powerful, and ready to stop all bad things. Jesus had a sword and a crown on his head. He was coming to fight His enemies. Jesus was stronger than them. He fought them and won. John saw that one day, God will make everything right.

Check diapers and release toddlers to parents according to security procedures. Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.