

THE CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY
CHILDREN'S MEETING LESSON (Pre-K&K)

Lesson #99

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SUBJECT: The Revelation – the Last Book in the Bible

SCRIPTURE: Revelation chapters 1-3; 19-22

AIM: To show the children that this age will be completed and the Lord will come back.

MEMORY VERSES: Revelation 22:12a, 13a “Behold I come quickly...I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end...”

REVIEW: Do you remember some of the Lord's helpers (disciples) and how they told others about the Lord? What were some of their names?

Peter – Remember how he healed a lame man by the temple and how he was in prison and the angel let him out?

John – he was also in jail and got out; we'll hear more about him today.

Philip – how he chased the chariot and told the Ethiopian man about the Lord.

Paul – how he told lots of people about the Lord after the Lord met him on the road to Damascus? Last week we heard about part of the journey to Rome and the shipwreck and about how everyone on the ship was kept safe.

CONTENT: After the Lord Jesus died and rose again, He went up to heaven to His Father. But before He went, He promised He would come back again one day. In the meantime He would still be with us all the time but in another way. He would be with us and could be inside of us all the time, but one day He would come back again with a body and we could see Him with our eyes.

While He was on earth with His disciples the Lord told them many things and after He went to heaven He was inside His disciples and reminded them of all things that He said and did. Many of the disciples wrote down the things that the Lord did and said. The things that are written down about the Lord Jesus are called **The New Testament**. Before the Lord Jesus was born many who loved God wrote down the things God told them to. Sometimes they even wrote down that the Lord Jesus would come and be born and even that He would die for our sins (badness). The things that were written before the Lord was born are called **The Old Testament**. The things that were written after the Lord was born are called **The New Testament**. Together, the Old and New Testament are called **The Bible**. Another name for the Bible (God's Book) is **The Word of God**. Only what God told people to write was written down. It was like God breathed on them and they knew what to write. That's why it's the word of God. (Elaborate if needed)

It took a long, long time to write the Bible – many, many years and different people wrote the different parts. But, it is still God's Word. There are 66 books in the Bible. The Old Testament has 39 books and the New Testament has 27 books. (More details if needed)

One of the books in the New Testament is called Revelation. It is the last book in the New Testament and the last book of the Bible. One of the Lord's disciples – John was on an island called Patmos. God sent an angel who told him to write down everything he saw and heard.

First John saw the Lord Jesus in the most special way anybody ever saw Him. He was bright and shining like the sun. John was scared and fell down but the Lord told him not to be afraid. He told him to write down what he saw and what would happen someday.

John saw the Lord walking in the middle of seven golden lampstands. Those are churches – groups of people who have the Lord Jesus as their light and shine for Him.

Then the Lord told John to write a letter to each of the seven churches and in the letter the Lord told them what they did that made Him happy and what made Him unhappy. Then the Lord told each church how they could overcome the bad things so that He would be pleased with them.

Next John saw lots and lots of things that were going to happen one day. The most important thing was that the Lord was coming back one day, and everybody in the whole wide world would have to stand before the Lord – like before a judge. Those that loved the Lord Jesus would be with Him forever and those that did not love the Lord Jesus would go with Satan.

John also saw how Satan was put in a big lake of fire to be there forever. Then everything on earth was done! This world is finished – it came to an end and John saw a New Heaven and a New Earth and a beautiful city called **The New Jerusalem** coming down from God to the earth. All the people who love the Lord Jesus and have His life would be part of the New Jerusalem.

In the New Jerusalem we will not need the sun anymore because God will be the light of the city. (God is Light) Also there will be no more sickness, no more crying and no more death! (Will not die anymore) all this will be forever and ever! We will be there with the Lord – praising Him and serving Him.

Doesn't that just make you want the Lord to come back soon! The New Jerusalem will be like a bride for the Lord Jesus. One day all of God's people will marry the Lord Jesus. You know how a bride is dressed clean and white. Well, the New Jerusalem – the bride of the Lord Jesus will be dressed clean and white and pure – no spots or wrinkles etc.

APPLICATION: When we take the Lord Jesus into our heart He makes us all new and clean and pure and we have to stay that way every day by always listening to the Lord, obeying Him, and telling Him we're sorry when we do something wrong. We can do this every day by telling the Lord (praying) and listening to His word (reading the Bible and memorizing verses). Then when He comes back we will be ready to see Him!

Craft Idea: Can have silhouette of a city with shining all around. City can be made of golden paper.

Songs: #18 When Jesus Comes; #8 I want to live for Jesus; #65 We must not forget God's word

Note: We can split this lesson to cover the section on the Bible on one day and the portion on Revelation another day; probably should do the Bible part first.