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UNIT 36 | SESSION 2

## JESUS WILL RETURN ONE DAY

REVELATION 19–20

### KEY PASSAGE:

Revelation 21:4

### BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What is the hope of the church? The church looks forward to Jesus' return when He will make all things new.

### CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus promised to come back to earth soon. When Jesus returns, He will defeat evil once and for all. Those who trust in Jesus will be with Him and enjoy Him forever.



## PREPARE

### PRIOR TO TEACHING THE SESSION



#### PREPARE

PREPARE YOUR HEART  
TO TEACH; PLAN  
THE SESSION



#### WELCOME

GREET KIDS  
and OPEN  
THE SESSION



#### LEARN

TEACH KIDS  
THE STORY  
OF THE GOSPEL



#### LOVE

LEAD KIDS TO  
LOVE THE GOD  
OF THE GOSPEL



#### LIVE

LEAD KIDS TO  
LIVE OUT THE MISSION  
OF THE GOSPEL

## LEADER Bible Study

In Revelation 19–20, the apostle John recounts a vision he received from the Lord. The vision showcased the reality of the risen Savior who always keeps His promises. Jesus will return for His people with all righteousness, power, and might—just as the Scriptures said He would. Demonstrating His glory, strength, authority, and sovereignty, Jesus will faithfully redeem and restore the brokenness of the world and bring His followers into this realm of everlasting joy and peace with Him forever.

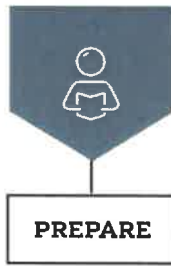
How is the depiction of Jesus in Revelation 19–20 different from our previous session's lamb that was slain? What does Christ's fulfillment mean for the ways we are to live as His followers on the earth today?

The Jesus we see in today's passage is the conquering King over all—no longer the meek, gentle lamb who was led to the slaughter. Instead, He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the warrior whose enemies have been now and forever rendered powerless. He reigns and rules over Satan and the forces of evil and darkness, defeating the powers of sin and death once and for all. The imagery now describing the risen Lord is fierce, mighty, and righteous. He has returned for His people, keeping every promise He has spoken to the ones whose faith has been placed in Him.

We, as followers of Jesus, are to look ahead to the coming days of Christ's return with expectation, joy, and celebration. Consider how you can reflect the anticipation, excitement, and comfort of this reality to the boys and girls you teach. They may feel uncertain about the Bible and if they can truly grasp what it is all about. In today's session, you have an opportunity to relay the big idea of the Scriptures: the hope of the promised Savior and King who has invited them into this great story of redemption. All of creation will join together to sing of His infinite glory and splendor, and believers today have the opportunity to share His goodness with others. You get to proclaim His promises to the kids you will teach today!

#### TERMS TO KNOW

**Second Coming of Christ:** the biblical teaching on the return of Jesus to earth at the end of earthly history. Jesus promised to return one day and told His followers to be prepared.



PRIOR TO TEACHING THE SESSION

## GATHER Supplies

Keep a regular supply of the following items available at all times: Bibles, pens or pencils, markers, crayons, colored pencils, scissors, glue or tape, paper.



### WELCOME

#### Activity Page

- ☐ "Crown Him" activity page

#### Session Starter (Option 1)

- ☐ inflated beach ball

#### Session Starter (Option 2)

- ☐ long ropes, 2
- ☐ laundry baskets, 2
- ☐ painter's tape
- ☐ books or other weighted objects



### LEARN

#### Introduce the Session

- ☐ countdown video

#### Big Picture Question

- ☐ Big Picture Question Poster

#### Review the Timeline

- ☐ Giant Timeline

#### Tell the Bible Story

- ☐ "Jesus Will Return One Day" video
- ☐ Bible Story Picture Poster
- ☐ paper crown and toy sword (optional)
- ☐ party decorations (optional)

#### Questions from Kids

- ☐ "Unit 36, Session 2" questions from kids video

#### Missions Moment

- ☐ "Betty Law Photos" printable
- ☐ world map

#### Key Passage Activity

- ☐ Key Passage Poster
- ☐ "Be No More (Revelation 21:4)" song
- ☐ worship song of your choice (optional)
- ☐ dry erase board and marker



### LOVE

#### Review & Bible Skills

- ☐ Small Group Timeline and Map Set (optional)



### LIVE

#### Activity Choice (Option 1)

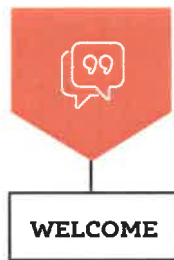
- ☐ 3 inch cardboard circles, 1 per kid
- ☐ pennies, 6 per kid
- ☐ hot glue gun

#### Activity Choice (Option 2)

- ☐ paper cups
- ☐ timer

#### Reflection and Prayer

- ☐ Bible Story Coloring Page (optional)



## WELCOME Kids

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to collect the offering, fill out attendance sheets, build relationships, and help new kids connect to your group.

**SAY** 🗨️ If you were in charge of planning a big celebration, how would you want to decorate? What activities would you like to do? 🗨️

### 1 ACTIVITY PAGE (5 minutes)

Invite kids to complete “Crown Him” on the activity page.

**SAY** 🗨️ Jesus is given many names throughout the Bible. These names help us know more about who He is. Today, we will see that Jesus is named the King of kings and Lord of lords. 🗨️

### 2 SESSION STARTER (10 minutes)

#### ☐ OPTION 1: BE READY!



Form kids into a large circle and direct them to spread out. Stand in the center of the circle, holding a beach ball. When you are ready, throw the beach ball in the air and shout out the name of one of the kids in your group. Challenge that kid to run to the center and try to catch the ball before it touches the ground. If he catches it, he now stands in the center and will throw the ball, calling out someone's name. If he does not catch it, encourage the entire group to try to get the ball, allowing whoever gets it to stand in the center of the circle. Continue until every kid's name has been called out.

**SAY** 🗨️ In order to catch the ball, you had to be ready to run each time. Today, we will learn that Jesus is coming back soon, but we don't know exactly when. We must be ready, looking forward to the day He will return. Let's get ready to learn more about why Jesus coming back is good news. 🗨️

#### ☐ OPTION 2: STRONGER!

Before the session, gather two laundry baskets and tie a long rope through each basket. Secure the ropes tightly. Fill each laundry basket with books or other weighted objects. Form kids into two teams. Lead teams to sit in a single file line, making sure each kid on the team is holding a section of the rope for their basket. Choose where to place a line of tape on the floor to signify where teams should pull their laundry basket to. On your start, challenge kids to remain seated while they work together to pull their basket to the line. The first team to reach the line wins. Play again, switching up teams.

**SAY** 🗨️ In this competition, teams battled each other to see who was stronger. Today, we will learn about a battle where there is no competition because the winner is so much stronger and more powerful than His enemy. Let's learn how Jesus is stronger than evil. 🗨️

Transition from **WELCOME** to **LEARN**







## THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

### INTRODUCE the Bible Story

#### 1 INTRODUCE THE SESSION (3 minutes)

Show the countdown video as you transition to introduce the Bible story. Set it to end as the session begins.

**SAY** Hi, kids! I'm glad you're here today! My name is [your name], and I am excited to share a story from God's Word with you. Today, we are going to learn about a big celebration that will take place in heaven. Have you ever been to a wedding or a birthday party? [Allow responses.] These events celebrate happy and exciting times in people's lives. The celebration in our story today is even better than a wedding or a birthday.

Let's take our Bibles and turn to the book of Revelation. [Distribute Bibles to kids who need one.] Revelation is the last book of the Bible in the New Testament. It was written by the apostle John and gives us hope for our future with Jesus. Because of what Jesus has done, we have a future filled with much celebration! "

Worship → \* The Name of Jesus \* offering  
\* We Believe.

#### 2 BIG PICTURE QUESTION (1 minute)

**SAY** Last week, we learned our big picture question. Do you remember our big picture question? [Allow responses.] What is the hope of the church? Does anyone remember the answer? [Allow responses.] The church looks forward to Jesus' return when He will make all things new.

Jesus made the way for our sin to be forgiven when He died on the cross. Now, anyone who trusts in Jesus has a wonderful promise to look forward to: Jesus is coming again to make all things new. We are made right with God when we place our faith in Jesus, but we still live in a broken world. When Jesus comes again, everything that is broken will be made new. Today, we will learn how John saw a vision about a big celebration that will happen when Jesus comes back. "

#### 3 REVIEW THE TIMELINE (1 minute)

Show the giant timeline. Point to individual Bible stories as you review.

**SAY** Last week, we began learning about a book in the Bible called Revelation. God showed John visions of heaven to help us look forward to Jesus' return. We saw that Jesus alone is worthy to open the scroll. He gave His life to save us from our sin. He is the One who deserves all praise, honor, and glory. Today, we will learn about another vision John saw: Jesus will come back to conquer evil once and for all. "



## THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

### LEARN the Bible Story



#### 1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to Revelation 19–20. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “Jesus Will Return One Day.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

#### JESUS WILL RETURN ONE DAY

“John had a vision from God about what will happen when Jesus comes back. In his vision, John saw a big celebration in heaven. Angels were singing, and people were praising God. They were so happy because something wonderful was about to happen.

“Hallelujah!” they said together. “Victory, glory, and power belong to our God. Praise Him!”

Then John heard a sound as loud as fast-moving water or rumbling thunder. Voices said, “Hallelujah! Our Lord God, the Almighty, reigns! Let us be glad, rejoice, and give Him glory!”

Suddenly, John saw heaven open. A mighty warrior was riding on a white horse. The warrior was Jesus, and He was coming back to earth. Jesus was strong and powerful, ready to defeat evil.

Jesus had a sharp sword and a crown on his head. His name was written on His robe and His 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. He threw them into a lake of fire, so they could never hurt anyone again.

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

Christ Connection: Jesus promised to come back to earth soon. When Jesus returns, He will defeat evil once and for all. Those who trust in Jesus will be with Him and enjoy Him forever.”

#### STORYTELLING TIPS

**Decorate:** Decorate your room for a celebration as you teach kids about the celebration that will happen when Jesus returns.

**Use props:** Display a crown and a sword as you tell about them in the story. Use them to act out a victorious warrior and King.



LEARN

## THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

### 2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

**SAY** 🗣️ In our story, we learned about a big celebration taking place in heaven. Why were people and angels celebrating? **[Allow responses.]** Everyone in heaven was celebrating that Jesus was returning to earth to defeat evil forever. God always keeps His promises. He promised that Jesus would return one day, and He will. Even though we do not know when Jesus will return, we can look forward to that day, knowing that God will do what He said He would do.

Why did John say Jesus was coming again as a warrior? **[Allow responses.]** When Jesus returns, He will fight evil and Satan. Jesus will win because He is stronger than anyone or anything. Those who trust Jesus for salvation can rejoice knowing we'll never again live in a world where evil exists.

Why can we be excited for the day Jesus comes back? **[Allow responses.]** When Jesus comes again, everything will be made right. We will have no more sadness or pain. We won't sin anymore. Instead, we will be happy forever because we will be with Jesus. We'll have what our hearts have always wanted: life with Jesus forever. 🙏

### 3 CHRIST CONNECTION

**SAY** 🗣️ Jesus promised to come back to earth soon. When Jesus returns, He will defeat evil once and for all. Those who trust in Jesus will be with Him and enjoy Him forever. 🙏

(Tip: Use Scripture and the Gospel Plan Poster to explain how to become a Christian. Make sure kids know when and where they can ask questions.)

### 4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the "Unit 36, Session 2" questions from kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. If God is all powerful, why hasn't He destroyed Satan?
2. Jesus will come again just as He promised. How does this truth make you feel?

### 5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

Display the "Betty Law Photos" and a world map as you tell about the Laws' mission service.

**SAY** 🗣️ Betty and Tom Law served as missionaries in Cuba for eight years. **[Point to Cuba on a world map.]** After they served in Cuba, the mission board assigned them to serve in Spain. **[Point to Cuba on a world map.]** The Laws attended language school in Costa Rica for two years before they moved to Spain. In 1964, Betty, Tom, and their four young sons moved to Spain. They told people about Jesus, started churches, and taught at a Bible college. For 18 years, the Laws served the people of Spain. Then in 1980, Tom became sick and the Laws needed to return to the United States. Soon Tom passed away, leaving Betty a widow at age 51. Betty did not stop following God's call to mission service. She served in many positions related to mission service. 🙏

Pray, thanking God for the ministry of Betty and Tom Law as they told the people of Cuba and Spain about Jesus. Praise God that many heard how Jesus came to save us from our sins and is coming back again one day to make all things new.



## THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

### 6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Show the key passage poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Revelation 21:4 together.

**SAY** 🗣️ One day, Jesus will return and make everything right. All the bad things from this earth will pass away because Jesus will conquer evil once and for all. 🗣️

Write the key passage on a dry erase board but replace some of the words with incorrect words. Challenge kids to “make it right” by identifying the incorrect words and replacing them with the correct words.



Lead kids to sing “Be No More (Revelation 21:4).” You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

### 7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to Love.

**SAY** 🗣️ Thank You, Lord, for sending Jesus to save us. Thank You that one day He will return to conquer evil forever. Help us share the good news with others as we wait for Jesus’ return. In Jesus’ name, amen. 🗣️

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**







## THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

### **LOVE** God by Applying the Story

#### **1 REVIEW & BIBLE SKILLS (5 minutes)**

Distribute Bibles and display the New Testament Mediterranean Map. Guide kids to open their Bibles to Revelation 20. Explain that the book of Revelation was written by one of Jesus' disciples named John. Tell kids that John was on an island called Patmos when he wrote Revelation. Share how John was sent to Patmos as a punishment for sharing the gospel.

Consider pointing out the location of Patmos (D6) on the New Testament Mediterranean Map. Choose a volunteer to read aloud Revelation 20:10 or ask the kids to follow along as you read the verse aloud.

**SAY** ☞ Satan and evil forces are God's enemies. They hate God and try to turn people away from God. But they are not stronger than God. When Jesus returns, He will come as a warrior ready for battle. He will defeat Satan and evil once and for all. They will be destroyed and will no longer be able to deceive anyone. ☞

#### **2 GROUP DISCUSSION (10 minutes)**

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss.

**SAY** ☞ Do we need to fear evil or Satan? Why not? ☞

Discuss how when we trust in Jesus, we are now safe in Him. Help kids understand that Satan can never separate us from Jesus or the love of God. Remind kids that one day Jesus will defeat all evil once and for all.

**SAY** ☞ John saw that Jesus' thigh had the words KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS written on it. What does it mean that Jesus is the KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS? ☞

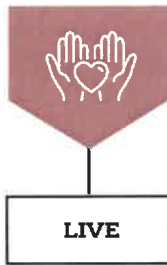
Tell kids that Jesus is greater than anyone else. Share how He is more powerful than any other king on earth or any spiritual evil. Remind kids that when He returns to earth, Jesus will use His power to defeat evil once and for all.

**SAY** ☞ What should we do while we wait for Jesus to come back? ☞

Remind kids that Jesus' return is good news for those who have trusted Him for salvation. Discuss how we can eagerly await His return and be ready for Him to come back. Tell kids that while we wait, we must go and share the good news about Jesus with others. Share how many people do not know how to be saved from their sin through Jesus. Tell kids that only faith in Jesus can save them from the eternal punishment sin deserves.

Transition from **LOVE** to **LIVE**





## THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

### **LIVE** the Mission

#### **1 ACTIVITY CHOICE** (10 minutes)

##### ☐ **OPTION 1: CASTANETS**



Before the session, cut out circles 3 inches in diameter from cardboard. Make one for each kid. Tell kids they will be making a castanet which is a musical instrument commonly used in Spain, where the Laws served as missionaries for 18 years.

Provide each kid with a circular piece of cardboard, markers, and six pennies. Direct kids to decorate their cardboard circles using the markers. Then lead kids to fold their cardboard circles in half. Open up the circles, and assist kids in hot gluing three pennies to the top and bottom edges of the circle. Once the glue is dry, guide kids to fold their circle in half again to clap the pennies together. Quickly opening and closing the castanets creates a musical clacking sound.

**SAY** “ Music is commonly used at times of celebration. You can use your castanets to celebrate the good news about Jesus. He came to save us from sin, and He is coming again to make all things new. ”

##### ☐ **OPTION 2: CRUSH IT**



Form kids into two teams. Scatter paper cups on the floor, assuring there are at least three cups per kid. Tell kids that each team will take turns crushing all the paper cups with their foot. Explain that the team who crushes all the paper cups in the shortest time is the winner. After the first team crushes the cups, scatter new cups on the floor for the second team.

Read Genesis 3:15 and Revelation 19:15. Discuss how God has promised Jesus would crush and trample His enemies.

**SAY** “ After sin came into the world, God made a promise: Jesus would come and crush the head of the snake. When Jesus died on the cross, this promise came true. Anyone who trusts in Him is no longer guilty of their sin. God has also promised that Jesus will come again, and that when He does, He will trample over His enemies. Satan and evil will be crushed once and for all. ”

#### **2 REFLECTION AND PRAYER** (5 minutes)

Distribute a sheet of paper and pencil to each kid. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Who can I tell about this story?

Be sure to send the sheets home with the kids along with the activity pages so parents can continue to discuss the Bible story with their kids.

If time remains, take prayer requests or allow kids to complete the Bible story coloring page. Pray for your group.