

Summer Sundays 2021 family worship

ATTENTION PARENTS: Our summer sermon series is FINALE. It's all about the book of Revelation...a tough book...it seems like a giant mystery. But the basic idea is great news "Jesus is coming back, and He will set things straight!" Revelation is a tough book for adults...so how do we teach kids about it? Here are few tips adapted from https://ministryspark.com/how-to-teach-kids-book-revelation/.

- Start by explaining the word revelation. It simply means that God is showing people something. In the book of Revelation God is revealing things about the end of time.
- 2. God is watching His church, and He has expectations for His people. Kids may be tempted to think God is too big or too busy to notice them. He's not!
- 3. Jesus is the lion and the lamb. Ask your kids what qualities they associate with lions: fierceness, power, might, royalty, worthy of respect and awe. Jesus is also seen as the lamb-not just any lamb-but a slain lamb. Talk about the qualities a lamb represents: gentleness, humility, purity, innocence, and defenseless. Jesus is the conquering lion who was also the perfect lamb, sacrificed for all of us to save us from our sins.
- 4. We all get to choose whose side we're on. There is a lot of symbolism in Revelation...a dragon, beasts and more. Keep it simple and stick to the bigger picture the symbols tell us: we have a choice who we're going to follow. We get to choose to follow Jesus, the lamb who was slain, whose power never ends, or the temporary powers of this world. It's like going into the Championship game and getting to choose which team you're on, except you already know who's going to win. When we follow Jesus, we are choosing the winning team.
- 5. *Jesus is returning, and we want to be ready.* There's a natural curiosity and fear in both kids and adults alike—to know if this world's going to end and how it's going to end. Revelation doesn't tell us when or how, but, it tells us how we can be ready. We can be ready by choosing to believe in and follow Jesus.

BIBLE VERSE:

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me" (Revelation 3:20)

BEELINE TO JESUS:

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PRAYER:

Dear Lord, Thank you for inviting us to be part of the winning team. We love you! Amen

FAITH TALKS:

Pepper your faith throughout the day or week.

- What part of today's worship was your favorite?
- Was there a part of worship that confused you? Why or why not?
- If you had to describe today's service to someone in three words, what would you say?

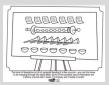
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