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Jesus Will Return



Key Passages

- John 14:1–3, 1 Thessalonians 4:16

Lesson Focus

- Jesus will come back one day!

Lesson Overview



Come On In

Students will color a picture of a soldier in the armor of God as a review of Lesson 10 and/or play with play dough.



Circle Time

Prayer—Using the Flip Chart Prayer Page, discuss prayer and give each child the opportunity to pray after determining what type of prayer you will offer today.

God's Word—Jesus will come back one day. And when Jesus comes back, there will be a shout from an angel of God. And the trumpet of God will sound.

Song Time—Students will sing songs to help them remember the lesson of the day. Lyrics to the songs are found on the Flip Chart Song Page and the Song Sheet at the back of this Teacher Guide.



Activity 1: Blow the Trumpet

Students will assemble and decorate trumpets to help them remember that the trumpet will sound when Jesus returns.



Activity 2: Who Will Return? Tunnel Run

Students will run through the tunnel and answer the question, “Who will return one day?”



Memory Verse Review and Activity

Students will review the memory verse as they play a game and recite/sing the verse. Give them an opportunity to repeat the verse with you or after you individually.



Applying God's Word/Snack

Students will review the lesson while enjoying the snack for the day.

Lesson Preparation

WHAT YOU WILL DO

WHAT YOU WILL NEED



FOR THE TEACHER

- Study the Prepare to Share section.
- Go Before the Throne.



COME ON IN

- Print one Armor of God Coloring Sheet from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student.
- Provide play dough if appropriate.

- Armor of God Coloring Sheet for each student
- Crayons
- Play dough
- Cookie cutters



CIRCLE TIME

- Practice the songs on the Song Sheet at the back of this Teacher Guide.

- Stuffed animal for prayer time
- Bible
- Lesson Flip Chart Page



BLOW THE TRUMPET

- Gather the items listed to the right.

- Crayons
- Construction paper, one per student
- Double sided tape
- Plastic Jewels (optional)
- Glue



WHO WILL RETURN? TUNNEL RUN

- Bring in sheets and blankets to make a tunnel.

- Queen size sheet and/or blanket
- Optional: extra sheets or blankets
- Optional: chairs and tables



MEMORY VERSE REVIEW AND ACTIVITY

- Print and cut out one set of the 9 Memory Verse Flashcards from the Resource DVD-ROM—preferably on cardstock. You will use these flashcards for Lessons 7–12.

- Flip Chart Memory Verse Page
- Nine Memory Verse Flashcards
- Tape or poster putty



APPLYING GOD'S WORD/SNACK

- Prepare and bring snacks.

- Student Take Home Sheets
- Lesson Flip Chart for Review
- Snacks



Prepare to Share

SCRIPTURAL BACKGROUND

Prepare to teach by preparing your heart. Read the key passages listed above with this background.

The Bible is the history book of the universe—from beginning to end. It started in Genesis with the Creation, when God created all things, and they were all very good (Genesis 1:31). Man fell into Corruption—sin—by disobeying God’s command (Romans 5:12). The world had fallen into wickedness and disobedience, so God sent a Catastrophe—the worldwide Flood as punishment (Genesis 7:23). Only Noah and his family survived that Flood. But as the population of man grew, they again disobeyed God. As a result of man’s sin at the Tower of Babel, God sent Confusion on them. Their languages were confused, and they were scattered all over the earth (Genesis 11:9). Man could never obey God perfectly. That is why God sent His perfect Son, Jesus Christ, to earth (John 3:16). Jesus died on the Cross so that sinners—all who believe in Him—could have eternal life! But that was not all God did! Jesus was buried, and He rose from the grave, and then ascended into heaven! Jesus is alive. He put an end to death and made a way for sinners to be forgiven and welcomed into His family (1 Corinthians 15:3–4).

But there is still more to come! God has told us about the major events that will finally end history and fulfill His plan for the universe—known as the Consummation! This consummation includes the anticipated return of Jesus Christ in glory as the conquering King!

Jesus often spoke to His followers about His return. He told them to be ready for His coming (Matthew 24:44). Jesus said that He was going to prepare a place for His followers and would come again to take them to be with Him (John 14:1–3).

The Bible tells us that as Jesus’s disciples watched Him ascend back to His Father, He was taken up into a cloud. They looked toward heaven as Jesus went up. Two angels appeared to the disciples and assured them that Jesus Christ, whom they had just watched ascend, would one day appear again in the same manner (Acts 1:9–11). The Apostle John confirmed this in the book of Revelation when he wrote that Jesus is coming back in the clouds. And when He returns, every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him (Revelation 1:7). And the Apostle Paul wrote that the Lord will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God! The saints of God will meet the Lord in the air and will then be with Him always (1 Thessalonians 4:16–17).

What joyous news this is to those of us, who by

God’s mercy, have been born again to a living hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:3). The realization that our Savior, Jesus Christ, will return for us one day should motivate us to live in eager expectation of His return! And while we are eagerly waiting, we should examine ourselves to be sure we are in the faith (2 Corinthians 13:5). Do our lives reflect faithful obedience and ministry to what Jesus Christ has called us to? Or are we so caught up in the pleasures and enjoyments of this world that we forget that this is NOT our home (Hebrews 13:14)? Are we truly seeking the better, heavenly country that God has prepared for His people (Hebrews 11:16)?

The world and all its pleasures are passing away (1 John 2:17). And because of the joy we have in Christ, we are to put off and deny ungodliness and worldly lusts. We are to live righteous lives today as we look for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ (Titus 2:11–13)!

The book of Revelation ends with Jesus’s promise, “Surely I am coming quickly.” And as we mature in Christ, our response will align with the Apostle John’s, who replied, “Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!” (Revelation 22:20).

HISTORICAL/APOLOGETICS BACKGROUND

The church has been waiting for Jesus to return for her for over 2,000 years. Faithful believers have been comforted through the centuries by the words of Paul in 1 Thessalonians 4, especially those who have undergone persecution for their faith:

I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words (1 Thessalonians 4:13–18).

What a wonderful day that will be! It is a day that we are to look forward to.

Unfortunately, some, in eager anticipation of that day, have tried to predict the date of Christ's return. Whether by applying complicated mathematical formulas to numbers in the book of Daniel, searching the secret "Bible codes," or by supposed direct revelation, hundreds of people and organizations over the years have predicted the date of Christ's return. Here are just a few of them within the recent past:

- William Miller, a Baptist preacher from New York, stated in 1842, "My principles in brief, are, that Jesus Christ will come again to this earth, cleanse, purify, and take possession of the same, with all the saints, sometime between March 21, 1843, and March 21, 1844." When this did not happen, he then recalculated and determined the correct date to be October 22, 1844. This date became known as "The Great Disappointment" by the Millerites (his followers) after Jesus failed to return. Thousands of them had sold their possessions and were awaiting the coming of Christ.
- The Watchtower Society (Jehovah's Witnesses) have predicted that Christ would come in 1914, 1918, 1920, 1925, 1941, 1975, and 1994. When He failed to return each time, they reinterpreted these dates to refer to "spiritual" events in heaven.
- Hal Lindsey, author of the book *The Late, Great Planet Earth*, predicted no less than four times a date for the return of Christ: 1981, 1988, 2007, and 2040.
- Edgar Whisenant wrote a book entitled, *88 Reasons Why the Rapture Is in 1988*. When that prediction failed, he "recalculated" and came out with revised predictions of 1989 and then 1993.
- In addition to Hal Lindsey, other authors wrote of the year 1988 being the rapture of the church based on it being 40 years, or one "generation," after the founding of the modern nation of Israel in 1948.
- Harold Camping, an American Christian radio broadcaster, famously predicted that Jesus would return on May 21, 2011. Followers of Camping donated millions of dollars to purchase radio ads and billboards to warn people of the coming apocalypse. When the day passed without the predicted return, Mr. Camping "recalculated" the date to be October 21, 2011, again a failed prediction.
- In an interview in 2012, World Bible Society President F. Kenton Beshore stated that Christ's return will occur sometime between 2018 and 2028.

As you can see, there have been many attempts to set a timetable for Jesus's coming, and they've all been wrong. To some people, the failed predictions are proof that they don't need to take Jesus's return seriously at all—kind of like the boy who cried wolf. However, failed predictions don't prove Jesus wrong. Actually, they prove Him right. Jesus was very clear when speaking about His return: "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only" (Matthew 24:36). Later, He said, "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. . . . Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect" (Matthew 24:42, 24:44).

Right before His ascension to heaven, Jesus's disciples asked Him a question: "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6). How did Jesus reply? "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority" (Acts 1:7). We can be sure that Jesus will return, but He has not revealed to us the time when this will happen. So, when you hear people set dates for Jesus's return, don't believe them. The only way anyone could be right about the exact date of the second coming is if Jesus Himself turned out to be wrong.

Rather than leading to date-setting, the return of Jesus is to lead us to sober, righteous, godly living (Titus 2:11–13; 2 Peter 3:11–12; 1 John 3:2–3). We are to be full of hope as we look forward to the revelation of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:13). We are not to love the world or the things of the world (1 John 2:15), but rather realize that "our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself" (Philippians 3:20–21).



BEFORE THE THRONE

Glorious Lord and Savior, how I long for your return! Your Word gives us glimpses of it, but what we know is just a shadow of that glorious day. When I look for your coming, I am inspired to live a life that is pleasing to you. I want to be ready! I want to seek first the kingdom of God and hold loosely the things of this world. Use this lesson to challenge my students to worship you alone, live in obedience to your commands, and follow your will for their lives so they will be found ready when you return!



COME ON IN

As children arrive . . .

- They will color a soldier in the armor of God as a review of Lesson 10.
- If there is time, they can play with play dough.

During this time you should be at the door welcoming the children as they come in and directing them to sit down at the tables and begin the activity. Have an aid/helper ready to engage the children with the activity.



REVIEW

Using the Flip Chart, quickly review the previous lessons with your students. Take 5 to 10 minutes to reinforce the important truths the students have heard so far in your class.

Ask the children questions about the previous lessons as you display the Lesson Flip Chart Pages. Remind the children of each lesson's focus. This will refresh the truths in your students' minds and maintain continuity as you teach through the lessons.



Circle Time

In an orderly manner, have the children assemble in a circle away from the tables—either on the floor or in their chairs. Bring your Lesson Flip Chart, Bible, stuffed animal for prayer time, and any other props you brought or prepared for this lesson.

PRAYER

This prayer time is designed to get children to begin to understand some simple concepts about prayer and to get them to understand that they can pray. Use a special stuffed animal—prayer bear—or an appropriate object to pass around the circle as each child gets his/her turn to pray. Only the child with the stuffed animal is allowed to pray or speak during this time. Using the same stuffed animal or other object all year will add continuity and structure to this time.

We start our Bible study with prayer. Let's pray. Turn to the Flip Chart Prayer Page. Briefly review the different types of prayer presented there. Then determine which type you want the children to pray today.

- I love you prayers—Adoration
- I'm sorry prayers—Confession
- Thank you prayers—Thanksgiving
- Please prayers—Supplication

Today Confession is suggested. You might proceed this way:

Today we will say prayers of confession—sin separates us from God, but He will forgive us if we tell Him we are sorry for our sins.

The prayers you begin with should be specific to your needs. This will model to the children that you believe God does care about all the details of your life, and you pray to Him about these things. Your example will increase their confidence in praying to God.

I'll start. Dear God, you are Holy and perfect so when I sin, it comes between you and me. I want my heart to be right with you, so I will confess my sin and ask you to forgive me. I am so sorry for . . .(insert personal prayer).

➤ Prior to making your transition to Circle Time, we suggest you take time for restroom breaks and hand washing.

➤ Preschoolers need to move. This is a good opportunity to get them to move. Make an orderly transition to the Circle Time. You can have carpet squares if you want to sit on the floor, or help them to move their chairs into the circle.

► As you teach, refer often to the Lesson Flip Chart Page to keep the children engaged. When reading the lesson Scriptures, stand up, be enthusiastic, look at the children, and emphasize the answers to the questions you will be asking.

Bible Pass Around

► Before Bible Pass Around, place a sticky note in your Bible to mark the first passage to be read.

► When the Bible Pass Around Activity is completed, continue with the lesson.

► Have students point out the different pieces of armor on the Lesson 10 Flip Chart Page as you review them.

Pass the stuffed animal around the circle giving all the children an opportunity to ask God's forgiveness for their sins. **Very good! Now let's put our stuffed animal away, and we'll get into God's Word.**

GOD'S WORD

These first five questions will be repeated each week this quarter. The repetition of these questions will help to solidify these simple but foundational truths in the children's minds at a young age.

- ? **What is sin?** *Sin is any disobedience against God.*
- ? **Who is a sinner?** *Every person is born in sin.*
- ? **Did Jesus ever sin?** *No. He lived a sinless life.*
- ? **Does everyone go to heaven?** *No. Only those whose hearts are changed and believe in Jesus.*
- ? **What does it mean to believe in Jesus?** *To trust that Jesus alone can save me.*

The following activity should be repeated at the beginning of each lesson to encourage anticipation and enthusiasm for looking into the Word of God. Use a sticky note to mark today's passage before you begin.

We are going to start out today by looking into God's Word, the Bible. *Hold up Bible.* **God's Word is true, and we can trust what it says. But where should we look? One of you will help me with that. We're going to play Bible Pass Around. Whoever ends up with the Bible must hold it very carefully until it is time to look in it. When it is time to read, you can bring it to me, and we'll open it to see what we are going to talk about! Here's what we're going to do. I want everyone to count with me up to the number** *choose a number. You may also choose to practice the alphabet, recite the books of the Bible, sing one of the lesson songs, or recite the memory verse as you do this activity.* **We'll start right here.** *Hand the Bible to the first student.* **As we say each number (or word) you must carefully pass the Bible to the person beside you—remember, we don't want to drop it or tear it. Then when we get to the last number (or word), whoever has the Bible will hold on to it until we are ready to start our lesson. Are you ready? Let's begin.** *You may want to have the student with the Bible stand next to you until it is time to open it. Continue with the lesson when finished with Bible Pass Around.*

Refer to Lesson 8 Flip Chart Page. **God is so good to us! He loved the world so much that He sent Jesus to come and live and die for sinners. And Jesus gives forgiveness and eternal life in heaven for people who believe and trust in Him. Believers become children of God! He is our heavenly Father.**

Refer to Lesson 10 Flip Chart Page. **But living the Christian life is not always easy because sometimes we still want to sin—even when we love God and believe in Jesus! We can't be perfect! And we need help!**

- ? **What did God give His children to help them to obey Him?** *The armor of God!*
- ? **That's right! Let's go over ALL the pieces of armor and what they are! Who can tell me one?** *The belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, shoes of the gospel, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit which is the Word of God.*

This is armor for a soldier! And we are soldiers for Jesus. Like good soldiers, we should wear ALL the armor God gives us. This armor will help us obey God better and be more like Jesus! Being a soldier for Jesus and putting on the armor of God everyday can be hard! But it is worth it!

And that is because of another amazing promise God has given to all of His children. This very special promise is for people who believe and trust in Jesus Christ alone to forgive their sins! Let's talk about that!

? Refer to Quarter 3, Lesson 3 Flip Chart if available. Jesus came and lived His life on the earth. He was perfect and without sin. But what happened to Jesus? How did He die? *On the Cross.*

Yes. Jesus came to earth and died on the Cross. This was very sad for His friends. And they were going to miss Him very much.

Make this a special time as the student brings the Bible, and he/she opens it to where the sticky note is. Show the students where the book of John is. Let them look at it. Carry it around your circle.

But before He died, Jesus told His friends something. It made His friends feel better. I am going to read about that right now. This is from the book of John. Here it is in my Bible! *Show the book of John to the children. Read John 14:1 enthusiastically!*

John 14:1

Did you hear that? Jesus looked right at His friends and told them they didn't need to be troubled or sad even though He would be leaving them very soon.

Listen to this verse. It is John 14:2. Jesus told His friends why they shouldn't be sad! *Read John 14:2 enthusiastically emphasizing the answers.*

John 14:2

? Whose house was Jesus going to? *His Father's house.*

? Who is Jesus's Father? *God!*

Jesus was going to His Father's house. Jesus said this to His disciples, "I go to prepare a place for you."

? Well, where is God's house? Do you think you know? *Allow discussion. In heaven.*

Jesus was going to heaven to be with God, His Father. That is what He was talking about! And He was going to prepare a place in heaven for His disciples!

? Who are Jesus's disciples? *Allow discussion.*

ALL Christians are Jesus's disciples! Everyone who receives Him and believes in Him is His disciple! And that means that Jesus said He is preparing a place in heaven with God for ALL His disciples!

But that isn't all Jesus told His friends. Listen to this very carefully! Jesus was going to prepare a place in heaven. But He also said something else! *Read John 14:3 emphasizing "I will come again."*

John 14:3

? What did Jesus say He would do after He prepared a place for His followers? *He would come again!*

➤ Re-read the verses as you ask the questions so the students can hear the answers in the text.

1 Thessalonians 4:16

He would come again! Jesus knew His friends would be sad when He left them. But He wanted them to know that it was not a bad thing that He was going away! In fact, Jesus promised that He was going to prepare a place in heaven for all of His followers! And Jesus promised that He will come back one day!

This will be a wonderful day for everyone who believes in Jesus Christ! He will come back. And everyone who loves Him, believes in Him, and trusts in Him will go with Him to His Father's house!

I am going to read something the Bible says about that glorious day when Jesus WILL come back! There are three things in this verse. Let's try to find them! *Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16 emphasizing the answers.*

? *Refer to Lesson Flip Chart Page.* Who will come down from heaven on this wonderful day? *Jesus.*

That will be a wonderful day. Jesus Himself will come down from heaven.

? What will people hear when He comes? *Re-read the verse if necessary. There will be a shout!*

That's right! There will be a shout! And the Bible says it will be the voice of an angel!

? And something else will be heard with that voice. What is it? *Re-read the verse if necessary. The trumpet of God!*

The Bible is God's Word. It is true! And this is what the Bible says! Jesus will come back one day! And when He comes back, there will be a shout. It will be the voice of one of God's angels. And the trumpet of God will play. And the Bible tells us that ALL believers—everyone who has turned to Jesus in faith and received His free gift of grace and forgiveness—will be taken to heaven to be with Jesus forever!

SONG TIME

Turn to the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page. Our memory verse says to rejoice always, to pray without ceasing, and to give thanks to God in ALL things! We have lots to rejoice about! Jesus is coming back one day! Let's sing our Memory Verse Song now! *Sing the Memory Verse Song while marching around the circle.*

Turn to the Flip Chart Song Page. God's house is in heaven; Jesus has gone there to prepare a place for those who love and trust Him! I have a new song to teach you. It's called "My Father's House." Let's sing it a few times together. *Sing together while using hand motions.*

Repeat songs as time allows. You may want to add hand motions, stomping, marching, or instruments.

➤ Turn to the Flip Chart Song Page and Flip Chart Memory Verse Page during this part of the lesson.

➤ Lyrics can be found on the Flip Chart Song Page and the Song Sheet at the end of this Teacher Guide.



Blow the Trumpet

MATERIALS

- Construction paper, one sheet per student
- Crayons
- Double-sided tape
- Plastic Jewels
- Glue

INSTRUCTIONS

Pass out construction paper to each student. Help them to roll the paper and tape it to make a trumpet. They can decorate their trumpets after rolling them.

Today we're going to make trumpets like the one that will be blown when Jesus comes back for His disciples. After you decorate your trumpets, we will use them in our next activity.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

After Jesus was raised from the dead, He told His disciples that He will prepare a place for them in heaven. And after He prepares a place, He will come back to get them. The Bible says that the trumpet of God will sound when Jesus comes back!



Who Will Return? Tunnel Game

MATERIALS

- Queen size sheet and/or blanket
- Optional: extra sheets or blankets
- Optional: chairs and tables

INSTRUCTIONS

You and an assistant hold up the edges of the sheet to form a tunnel. The students will line up and start running under the sheet. Bring the sheet down loosely over them to "catch" them. Then say, "Who promised to come back one day?" They should shout, "Jesus is coming back!" Lift the sheet so they can run through and continue around in a circle to get in line and run through again. Continue randomly "catching" students as time allows.

You may also want to set up two rows of chairs or tables covered by another large sheet, blanket, or cloth to lengthen the tunnel and give them more running/crawling area.

Jesus promised His friends that He was coming back one day! I want you to remember His promise. You will repeat it while you run through this tunnel. As you run, we will catch you in the sheet! When we catch you, we'll ask you, "Who is coming back one day?" And you will answer, "Jesus is coming back!" And we will let you go! OK! Get in line and let's play!

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

The Bible promises that Jesus will come back one day. He will come back for all His children. He will come back for everyone who receives Him, trusts in Him, and believes in Him like the Bible says!

Who is coming back one day? *Jesus is coming back!*



Memory Verse Review and Activity

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

MATERIALS

- Flip Chart Memory Verse Page
- Memory Verse Flashcards printed on cardstock (they will be used in Lesson 7–12)
- Tape or poster putty

INSTRUCTIONS

Review the memory verse from the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page. Print, preferably onto cardstock, and cut out one set of the Memory Verse Flashcards. Pass the flashcards to nine students. Ask, “Who has the first flashcard?” Instruct the student to put the flashcard on the wall or board. Do the same for the remaining flashcards until all of them are on the wall in the proper order. Then call on students to remove the cards one at a time—reciting the verse after each card is removed.

We’re going to practice our memory verse. Let’s say it first. *Refer to the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page.*

Pass out the nine Memory Verse Flashcards. Good job! Now here are nine flashcards with the memory verse on them. I want you to bring these flashcards up and put them on the board while we practice the verse. Who has Flashcard #1? Continue placing the flashcards in order on the board. Refer to the pictures and say the verse as the students bring the flashcards up.

Good job! Now I’m going to ask one of you to come up and take one of our flashcards down. Then we’ll say the verse without that flashcard! Do you think we can do it? Of course we can! Ok let’s do it! *Call on a student to take down one flashcard then recite the verse together. Help the students to recite the verse after each flashcard is removed. Continue until the flashcards are gone.*

You may want to sing the Memory Verse Song instead of saying the verse. When finished, see if anyone can say the verse using the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

Rejoice always! Pray without ceasing! Give thanks to God for everything! This is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you!



Applying God's Word/Snack

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

After thanking God for your snack, review today's lesson using the Flip Chart.

Jesus will come back one day. And when Jesus comes back, there will be a shout from an angel of God. And the trumpet of God will play. The Bible tells us that ALL believers—everyone who has turned to Jesus in faith and received His free gift of grace and forgiveness—will be taken to heaven to be with Jesus forever!

GOD'S WORD IN THE REAL WORLD

Jesus promised His disciples that He would prepare a place for them in heaven. He also promised that He would return to get them and bring them to heaven. Everyone who believes in Jesus—who has turned from sin and received God's free grace—is a disciple. God's Word is true. Jesus is truth. We can trust what Jesus has promised. He will come back again!

➤ Pass out the Student Take Home Sheets and remind the children to practice the memory verse this week.



Group Prayer Time

- Thank God for Jesus who will come back for His disciples.
- Praise God that He is preparing a place for His children in heaven.
- Pray that more people will believe the message of the Cross and become children of God.

Do you still have more time? Review the past quarters using the Flip Charts, add another coloring sheet, recite and review the current and past memory verses, sing more songs, bring out play dough. Keep the children occupied with intentional, God-centered activities until their parents come to pick them up.

Song Sheet

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16–18

(To the tune of "Are You Sleeping?")

Re-joice always,
(Are you sleeping?)

Pray with-out ceasing,
(Are you sleeping?)

In everything
(Brother John?)

Gi-ive thanks;
(Brother John?)

For this is the will of God
(Morning bells are ringing,)

In Christ Jesus for you.
(Morning bells are ringing,)

1 Thessalonians
(Ding, ding, dong,)

5:16–18
(Ding, ding, dong,)

MY FATHER'S HOUSE

(To the tune of "Do you Know the Muffin Man?")

Jesus said:

I'm going to my Father's House,
(Do you know the muffin man,)
Angle your hands over your head like a roof.

My Father's House,
(The muffin man,)

My Father's House.
(The muffin man?)

I'm going to my Father's House,
(Do you know the muffin man,)

To prepare a place for you.
(Who lives on Drury Lane?)

I will come back to take you there,
Nod your head

To take you there,
To take you there.

I will come back to take you there,
Just as I said I would.

You will hear the angel shout,
Shout the word "shout."

The angel shout,
The angel shout.

You will hear the angel shout
Just as I said he would.

You will hear the trumpet sound,
*Form your hands into the shape of a trumpet in front of
your mouth.*

The trumpet sound,
The trumpet sound.

You will hear the trumpet sound,
Just as I said it would.

Think of fun ways to sing. Get children in a circle holding hands. They can go in one direction and at each verse quickly reverse direction. Put one or more than one child in the middle of the circle. Go around them then move in and back out! Get them into a straight line. Have them follow you around the room.