

Revelation 11:1-13

“God’s Dynamic Duo”

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Memory Verse: Ezekiel 18:32: *“I don’t want you to die, says the Sovereign Lord. Turn back and live!” (NLT)*

Lesson Focus: This chapter reads like an epic battle scene in an action movie. While many of the kids may think the “action” in this chapter is cool and exciting, our focus will be on the God who wins the battle and on the God who battles for the hearts and souls of lost people. Our hope is God will win over the hearts of many of these kids just like He does some of the people in this chapter.

Activities and Crafts: Dynamic Duo Coloring Picture, Word Search of different terms from lesson, Bring it Home Discussion for 3rd – 5th.
Activity for 1st and 2nd Graders: Team Jesus Banner

Starter Activity: Epic Battles

Consider getting this lesson started by having some fun discussion or debate about some epic rivalries or “battles” that the kids should be familiar with. Here are a few ideas:

- 1) Cats vs. Dogs (consider bringing in a stuffy to represent each side)
- 2) Chocolate vs. Vanilla
- 3) DC vs. Marvel superheroes

Have some fun with the class hearing various opinions and consider inviting one kid from each side to come and explain why one is better than the other. Or take a vote from the class to see what the winner is.

Afterwards, choose some volunteers (or involve the whole class) in an epic tournament battle of “Rock, Paper, Scissors”. Select 4 or 8 boys and 4 or 8 girls and “bracket” them into pairs of boys and girls. Have each pair face each other and lead them in a simultaneous game of “Rock/Paper/Scissors”. See this [YouTube video](#) for a quick tutorial on how to lead this. The loser of each pair sits back down and the winner advances to the next round. Continue until there is only one boy and one girl left and consider calling this final round an “epic battle” between boys and girls! Make it fun!

Transition into the lesson now by reminding the kids that we have been studying the book of Revelation and that this is a “*Show and Tell*” book, mostly about the future. John has been taken into the future to be SHOWN what will happen in the world so that he can write it down in this book and TELL us. What we are going to see today is an “epic battle” between God and His enemies. Guess Who is going to win? * Let’s find out!

Bible Study:

Revelation 11:1-2: These couple of verses seem to set the stage for this “epic battle”. It talks about there being a “temple” in the “holy city”. This “holy city” refers to Jerusalem which is a famous city even today. (**Teachers:** Considering pointing out Jerusalem on the maps in the classroom and how even today, 2000 years later, this city is at the center of so much of the world’s attention)

These verses also talk about there being a temple in the city. But there has not been a temple in Jerusalem since the time of Jesus! Now what is really interesting is that there are Jewish people today that are organizing plans to build another temple in Jerusalem. In fact, there are even Jewish lego enthusiasts who have created Jewish temple lego sets that you can build yourself! (**Teachers:** Check out this website here: https://www.jbrick.com/store/p64/Holy_Temple.html. Point out how exciting it is that there is renewed interest in building God’s temple again! It seems like God is putting the pieces together for these Revelation events to start happening in our time!) *

Finally, we also see a description of the bad guys in this epic battle. These “Gentiles” are enemies of God who will “trample” upon Jerusalem. They come in desiring to destroy it.

Q: What is something that you might trample on? * (**Teachers:** Consider bringing in some packing bubbles that you could invite a few kids to “trample” on) For 42 months or 3 ½ years, these bad guys are going to be trampling upon Jerusalem. These are the bad guys in this epic battle.

Revelation 11:3: But now we read about the “good guys” in this epic battle. These two * dudes will be witnessing or prophesying in the city while the “bad guys” are trampling. *

Q: What does it mean to be a witness? A: It means you know the truth about something and tell others. Whenever you tell someone else about Jesus, you are “witnessing”! These two witnesses are going to be empowered to proclaim the truth about Jesus, warning the world to turn to Him before it is too late!

Revelation 11:4-5: Whoa! Did we read that right? Fire comes out of their mouths and devours the bad guys? * While we can’t be exactly certain what this looks like, it seems like God is supernaturally protecting these two “good guys” from the horde of “bad guys”. Something similar to this is described with Elijah the prophet in **2 Kings 1:9-12**. (**Teachers:** Consider acting out this passage in **2 Kings** by having a boy stand on a chair pretending to be Elijah while two groups of kids in your class pretend to be the armies that get toasted. Have the “army of kids” fall down on the ground as Elijah calls down fire from heaven. Grab some sheets from the resource room to have Elijah dress-up)

Revelation 11:6: Not only are “God’s good guys” witnessing and calling people to repent and turn back to God, they are given supernatural power by God to work miracles.

Q: If you could have a superpower, what would it be?

The “superpowers” of “God’s good guys” may give us some hints as to their identity. Not only did Elijah toast God’s enemies with fire as we just saw, but he also was given power to prevent rain from falling. (see **1 Kings 17:1**) So, a lot of Bible experts think Elijah is one of these two witnesses. * As for the second one, can you think of someone in the Bible whom God used to turn water to blood and bring plagues? A: Moses (see **Exodus 7:14-17**). We don’t know for sure that they were Moses and Elijah, but the similarities are interesting.

Revelation 11:7: Wait! What? These two dudes seemed invincible and for those 3 ½ years they were supernaturally protected by God. But their time was up and this new “beastly bad guy”, who is like the “big bad guy boss”, is unleashed and takes them out. This is quite the battle! *

Q: Can you think of any epic battle stories where it SEEMS the “good guys” are losing?
* A: Think about how the disciples felt the day after Jesus died on the cross!

Revelation 11:10: (**Teachers:** I recommend skipping v. 8-9 as they are a little too graphic for our little audience.) God’s enemies, the bad guys, are celebrating.

Q: What do we say to one another at Christmas? A: Merry Christmas! Well, in a similar way, it seems like people across the world have created their own holiday saying, “Happy Dead Prophets Day!” exchanging gifts to celebrate the defeat of God’s two good guys.

Revelation 11:11: But God crashes their party! After 3 ½ days, God resurrects His two witnesses and stuns the world with His power! “Dead Prophets Day” is cancelled!

Revelation 11:12: Wow! Here and all throughout this chapter it describes the whole world watching and experiencing this epic battle in Jerusalem. But if you think back to John’s day, it is hard to imagine how people all over the world could see and experience this battle going on in Jerusalem. For example, how would people in China know?

Q: But if stuff like this happened today, how might people see all of this? A: TVs, smartphones, social media, and technology that is around today make it possible for the whole world to be watching! Again, it seems like God is putting the pieces in place for these Revelation events to happen in our time!

Revelation 11:13: While there is an earthquake that is God’s finishing touch on this epic battle, notice what happens at the end: People were afraid, **but they give glory to God!** *

Key Point: God won this battle! Many enemies and haters of God repented and became friends and believers of God! * All throughout the Bible, He proclaims to sinners like you and me to turn to Him and repent. As **Ezekiel 18:32** says (our memory verse), God takes no pleasure in people dying, but He says to instead TURN to Him and live! Have you?

If yes, love Him, follow Him, and obey Him this week. *
If not, TURN to Him today. Become a friend and believer in the God who wins!

Bring It Home

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Teachers/Parents: All throughout our lesson we described this text as an epic battle scene. We introduced the lesson by having some discussion and debate over some age-old battles like “cats vs. dogs” or “chocolate vs. vanilla”. Which is better? Have some discussion and debate as a family.

Discussion Questions:

- 1) Read **Revelation 11:1-2**. It seems that during these future end-times events there will be a rebuilt temple in the city of Jerusalem. There has not been a temple in Jerusalem since AD 70! However, there are Jewish people today advocating for the rebuilding of it. Why is that exciting to us today?
- 2) These two witnesses in **Revelation 11:3** we described as a “dynamic duo” during class. God often gets things done with pairs of people. Jesus did the same thing with His disciples (see **Mark 6:7**). Why do you think this is?
- 3) Read **Revelation 11:5**. Imagine what this must have looked like! **Read 2 Kings 1:1-12** to get another account of God working mightily through one of His prophets in a similar way. Why was God upset with the people in this account?
- 4) All seems to be going well for “God’s good guys” until **Revelation 11:7**. Their time was up. In many ways, we should see our lives in this way. We are to love God and make Him known all of our days and God will keep us around until our time is up. **Read Romans 14:7-8**. Do you see your life this way? Why or why not?
- 5) Read **Revelation 11:10**. It seems the whole world is watching and experiencing this epic battle in Jerusalem. In class, we talked about how impossible that would be during John’s time. Why does this seem plausible today?
- 6) Read our memory verse, **Ezekiel 18:32**. Despite all of the death and chaos in this chapter, what does this verse reveal to us about God’s heart?