

# Revelation 12:7-11

## “Living Loud for Jesus”

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**Memory Verse:** Revelation 12:11: “*And they (believers) overcame him (the devil) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.*”

**Teachers:** We are going to mix things up a little bit with this lesson. We will keep all of the kids (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) in the Summit Room after worship for the bulk of the lesson. While we will have a shortened teaching time through the Scripture, we will invite many of you leaders to come up and share your 3 minute testimony with the kids. We think having the kids hear about how God transformed you will be a powerful alternative learning experience for the kids. Sharing testimonies gives hope to others! We pray that the Lord will use this time to fortify the faith of our RMC kids or even cause some of them to seek Him for the first time!

### **Testimony Guidelines:**

- 1) They must be G-rated
- 2) Prepare beforehand and practice.
- 3) Keep it SHORT (< 3 minutes). Remember attention spans of kids are SHORT!
- 4) Keep it to the point (about Jesus Christ and what HE has done in your life)
- 5) If possible or appropriate, make it interactive with the kids.
- 6) Check out this [video](#) for pointers.

### **Introduction:** Tug ‘O’ War Showdown

With all of the kids in the Summit Room, we will play a few rounds of Tug O’ War. With so many kids, we won’t be able to get everyone to play, but we will play enough rounds to get some kids from every grade involved. We may also get some leaders vs. kids games into the mix so be ready! We will then use this game to transition into our quick study of the text (see next page).

**Classroom Time Afterwards:** Below are some ideas to go deeper with your kids after the lesson:

- 1) There is a “Living Loud for Jesus” megaphone craft for 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes.
- 2) Ask your kids what was the most interesting thing they heard from one of the speakers and why it was so interesting.
- 3) Ask kids if they have any testimony stories that they can share.
- 4) Have some discussion about what it means to “live loud for Jesus” so that those around you know you are a Christian.

## Bible Study:

Last week, in Revelation 11, we saw \* this future epic battle that will take place on earth in the city of Jerusalem.

Q: Does anyone remember who the good guys and bad guys were in this epic battle?

Good guys: God's two witnesses (maybe Moses and Elijah) who worked miracles and warned the world to repent and believe in the gospel before it was too late.

Bad guys: At first, people who hate God, but they were no match for God's dynamic duo. But then the anti-Christ, Satan's earthly boss, showed up and took them out.

Q: What happened after that? A: God resurrected His two witnesses, beamed them up to heaven for all the world to see, and many people finally repented and believed in God! \*

**Revelation 12:7-8:** In our text today, there also appears to be a future battle going on, but in heaven! Who are the good guys and bad guys in this heavenly battle?

Good guys: Michael, a chief angel, and the good angels who fight on God's side.

Bad guys: This dragon and his bad angels (demons) who are against God.

Q: Who won this battle? A: The good guys! \*

**Revelation 12:9:** Here we see who this dragon is. This is the devil or Satan who was once one of God's chief angels. But at some point he decided he wanted "to be God" rather than "to serve God". (**Read Isaiah 14:13-14**) And thus he became the leader of all who are against God. \*

Q: Why is he called "that serpent of old"? A: At the beginning of the Bible, we see Satan, disguised as a serpent, lying to Adam and Eve and tricking them to do the same thing. Instead of "serving God" (and obeying Him), they decided "to be God" and disobeyed, taking the fruit from the forbidden tree and plunging the whole earth into sin and ruin.

**Revelation 12:10:** Suddenly John hears a victory cry from heaven announcing the approaching arrival of Jesus and His perfect kingdom. Notice that Satan is described as the "accuser".

Q: What does it mean to accuse someone? A: It's kinda like tattle-taling. \* Satan hates people too and has been "tattling" on people from the beginning. \*

**Revelation 12:11:** God's people have overcome his evil, his lies, and his tattling! How?

- 1) Most important: By the blood of the Lamb. Faith in the finished work of JC! \*
- 2) The word of their testimony! They were "living loud for Jesus"!

A testimony is your story of how God rescued and transformed you. This is something that all believers have and should be excited to share with others!

Let's hear from some of your own leaders their own testimonies! \*

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**Teachers/Parents:** Our lesson today honed in on the power of giving testimonies. Sometimes people hear of God doing amazing things in the lives of others and He then uses that testimony to do amazing things in the lives of the hearer! We invited several guests, including your kids Sunday school teachers, to come up in front of everyone and share their quick testimonies. Ask your kids what stood out to them. Also, perhaps you have never shared your testimony with your kids. Consider doing that now!

## Discussion Questions:

- 1) Read **Revelation 12:9**. There we see this dragon identified as the devil or satan. It describes him as the “*serpent of old...who deceives the whole world*”. Read **Genesis 3:1-5** and notice the connection. How did the devil deceive Eve here?
- 2) Read **Isaiah 14:13-14** which many Bible experts think describes the fall of satan. What sin did he commit? In what ways can we follow in his bad example?
- 3) Read **Revelation 12:10**. This verse describes satan as the one who accuses people before God. In class we described satan as the great “tattle-taler”. We can follow him in his bad ways here too! Why do we sometimes “tattle-tale” on others? And when you are “tattle-taling”, whose interests do you have in mind? Read **Ephesians 4:32**. Instead of “tattle-taling” what would God have us do and why?
- 4) In **Revelation 12:11**, it says that believers overcome the lies, evil, and accusations of the devil by the blood of the Lamb. Read **Romans 8:33-34**. How does this help us understand why satan’s accusations are of no use to those who believe in Jesus Christ?
- 5) **Revelation 12:11** also describes how believers overcome by the word of their testimony. In class, we talked about how it is important to “live loud” for Jesus. Read **Matthew 10:32-33**. Who is someone whom you think you could share your testimony with this week?