

Revelation 19

“What We’ve Been Waiting For!”

Scripture: Revelation 19

Memory Verse: Revelation 19:16: “*And He (Jesus) has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.*”

Lesson Focus: As we get back into Revelation we will study the glorious second coming of Jesus Christ. This is what Christians throughout the centuries have been waiting and longing for just like a bride-to-be longs for her wedding day. As we teach through this chapter we want the kids to look forward to this moment more than anything else!

Activities and Crafts: Jesus is King Coloring Picture, Word Search of different terms from lesson, Bring it Home Discussion for 3rd – 5th.
Activity for ALL grades: Crown Craft

Starter Activity: A Joyful Shout

We will keep all of the kids in the Summit Room immediately after worship for a quick activity that will launch us into our study. We will start by getting the kids thinking about things that are hard to wait for.

Q: What are some things that are really hard to wait for? *

A: Your birthday party, Christmas morning, a big vacation, etc.

Sometimes it even seems that the closer you get, the harder it is to wait! *

Q: Why is it so hard to wait? A: Because you have this joyful excitement and anticipation about this great thing!

Last week we kicked off the New Year talking about how we are currently “sandwiched” between Jesus’s first coming (Christmas) and His second coming. * Today we are going to get back into the book of Revelation and read about Jesus’s glorious second coming! This is what believers have been waiting and waiting and waiting for!

And just like you might shout for joy when your birthday finally comes, millions of heavenly voices are joyfully and excitedly shouting “**Hallelujah!**” when Jesus comes!

Hallelu means “*Let us praise!*” **Yah** is one of the Hebrew names for “*God or The Lord*” So together, **Hallelu-Yah** means, “*Let us praise the Lord!*” Let’s practice this together a few times. (**Teachers:** Consider assigning each syllable to different classes and have them practice saying this together like at a pep rally) *

Praise the Lord, indeed! This glorious moment is what Christians are waiting for! Let’s open our Bibles and see what this will actually look like!

Bible Study:

Revelation 19:1a: After what things? **Revelation 6-18** described the future Great Tribulation, where God brings judgment and punishment upon the earth because of man's sin and rebellion. Many weeks ago we studied some of this and described it as "dominoes falling". (**Teachers:** See [Revelation 6 lesson](#) and consider setting up some dominoes or Jenga pieces to illustrate this) * The last domino has now fallen, the Great Tribulation is over, and Jesus's second coming is next!

Revelation 19:1b: Here is this great multitude in heaven shouting for joy!

Q: What are they shouting? A: **Hallelujah!** * (**Teachers:** This word shows up multiple times in our text. Consider having some fun shouting it with the kids as you encounter it)

Revelation 19:2-3: God's justice has been established on the world that has hated good and loved evil. (**Teachers:** Please summarize these two verses or at least avoid using the words "harlot" and "fornication")

Q: What are they shouting? A: **Hallelujah!** The evil world system is vanquished! *

Revelation 19:4: We have learned about these twenty-four elders and the four creatures before and now they join in. Q: What are they shouting? A: **Hallelujah!**

Revelation 19:5-6: Here there is a general invitation from God's throne to join in with this great multitude. But notice that it is even louder: the sound of many waters and mighty thunderings!

Q: How many of you have heard a thunder crash right by you? It is CRAZY loud!

Q: And what are they shouting? A: **Hallelujah!** Let's practice this one more time and give it our loudest!

They also shout that the "*Lord God Omnipotent reigns*".

Q: Do you know what Omnipotent means? A: ALL-powerful! All throughout the Bible, God is described this way (and we see it on display in His mighty acts). And Jesus, the Son of God, is ready to return to earth and wield His power for good. *

Revelation 19:7: But first there is a beautiful marriage between Jesus and His bride.

Q: How many of you girls have thought about your future wedding day? This is something girls think about a lot and when girls become engaged, they CAN'T WAIT for their wedding! * But Jesus's bride is not a girl. His bride is the church, believers like you & me who love/follow Him. At this wedding, we will be fully united with Him forever. *

Revelation 19:8: Here is what the church wears to her wedding with her Savior.

Q: How many of you girls have thought about what your wedding dress would look like? Well, at this wedding, we are making our own garments, so to speak. How we live our lives today, the good we do for the Lord, will be "stitched into" our wedding garments. * So just like the bride-to-be is focused on presenting herself pleasing to the groom, we should live our lives today focused on pleasing Jesus when we come before Him! *

Revelation 19:9: These are the true words of God: That all who are called to this marriage feast are blessed. This is going to be the best wedding party ever!

Q: How many of you have been to a wedding before? What is your favorite part? My favorite part as a kid was always the feast afterwards! The food, cake, dancing, etc.

But if the church is the bride, then who are these other guests that are called? Many Bible experts think that the others are the people who died in faith before Jesus's first coming (i.e. Abraham, David, Moses, etc.). All of the Bible heroes will be there!

Q: If you could pick one Bible hero to sit with at this feast, which one would it be? *

Revelation 19:10: John is so overcome with awe at the sight of all of this he falls down and worships the angel speaking to him. But is that OK? NO! Praise and worship are reserved for God alone (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), for He alone is worthy of our worship. *

Revelation 19:11-13: Here it is!! What we've been waiting for!

Q: Who do you think this is? A: Jesus! This is His second coming to earth in glory.

At Jesus's first coming, He came humbly and quietly as a baby and later entered the holy city on a different animal (a donkey) with a different kind of crown (made of thorns). * That's because He came the first time to make payment for our sins at the cross, just as **John 3:16** says. (**Teachers:** Consider reciting this verse with your kids)

But that time is now up! The people still on earth had their chance to repent. And now at His second coming, He comes not humbly/quietly, but in glory as King and Judge.

Revelation 19:14: Wow! And it appears like we are going to be riding right behind Him!

Revelation 19:15: This is not an actual sword that comes out of Jesus's mouth but describes how Jesus will win just with His word. Just like He spoke the universe into existence (**Genesis 1**), or calmed the storm with His word (**Mark 4:39**), He will simply speak and the battle with evil mankind on earth will be over. *

Revelation 19:16: Indeed, He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The rest of the chapter describes how Satan's leaders and armies all get toasted. (**Teachers:** I would recommend wrapping up here as the rest of the chapter is too graphic for kids) *

Key Point: Let's go back to where we started: Things that we can't wait for! Christians throughout all of the ages have longed for this future promised day when Jesus returns, just like a bride longs for the day she will be united with her groom. You should too! *

But did you notice it doesn't end well for unbelievers? There is still time for you to turn to Jesus as LORD and KING, if you are not a believer. Turn to Him today! And your unbelieving friends: tell them! Invite them to church that they would hear the gospel and turn to Jesus before it is too late!

Bring It Home

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Teachers/Parents: We got our lesson started by having some discussion about things that are really hard to wait for. Can you think of a time or an event that you were so excited for that it seemed IMPOSSIBLE to wait for it? Have some discussion and also describe how you felt once the event finally came!

Discussion Questions:

- 1) **Revelation 19** is the only chapter in the New Testament with the word “**Hallelujah**”. And it is mentioned four times in the first six verses. In class we had some fun chanting this and talking about what it means. Ask your kids if they remember what it means! (It means: *Let us praise the Lord!*)
- 2) In **Revelation 19:7**, what is the big event that we are to rejoice and be excited about?
- 3) Who is the wife of the Lamb? (Hint: Read **Ephesians 5:25-27**)
- 4) In class, we talked about how the bride-to-be, before her wedding, is singularly focused on doing all she can to look beautiful and pleasing to the groom on the final day. Read **Revelation 19:8**. In a similar way, what are some ways that you, as a believer, can be more focused in 2022 to be pleasing to Jesus?
- 5) **Read Revelation 19:10**. What did John get in trouble for doing? Why do you think this is such a big deal? See **Exodus 20:3** and **Nehemiah 9:6** also for some ideas.
- 6) Read **Revelation 19:11-16**. What stands out to you about Jesus’s second coming?
- 7) The second coming of Jesus is what Christians have been waiting and longing for throughout the centuries. But if you finish the chapter, you see that it ain’t pretty for unbelievers. There is still time for unbelievers to repent though! Who can you share the gospel with this week?