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Worship

We praise God for His salvation.

POWER TEXT

"And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!" (2 Timothy 4:18).

KEY REFERENCES

- 1 Corinthians 15:51, 52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17; Revelation 14:1-5
- *The Great Controversy*, chap. 40, pp. 635-652
- *The Bible Story* (1994), vol. 10, pp. 196-200
- Student lesson on page 112 of this guide

OUR BELIEFS

- No. 25, The Second Coming of Christ
- No. 27, The Millennium and the End of Sin
- No. 10, The Experience of Salvation

OBJECTIVES**The students will:**

- **Know** that the millennium is the first 1,000 years in heaven after Jesus' second coming.
- **Feel** thankful that God will have His people reign with Him.
- **Respond** by praising God for His fairness and justice.

Just the Beginning of Praise



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The Bible Lesson at a Glance

After Jesus returns to earth to take His people home, Satan and his angels will be bound to the desolate earth for 1,000 years. They will have nothing to do except think about what pain they have caused. Meanwhile, God's people arrive in heaven and enter through the New Jerusalem's pearly gates. Jesus will place a crown of glory on their heads and a golden harp in their hands.

This is a lesson about worship.

The saints will be awed by the majesty of heaven and the love of Jesus. The millennium will be just the beginning of everlasting praise and thankfulness to God. It will be a time of new discoveries and joy.

Teacher Enrichment

"Upon the heads of the overcomers, Jesus with His own right hand places the crown of glory. For each there is a crown, bearing his own 'new name' (Revelation 2:17), and the inscription, 'Holiness to the Lord' . . .

"Before the ransomed throng is the Holy City. Jesus opens wide the pearly gates, and the nations that have kept the truth enter in. There they behold the Paradise of God, the home of Adam in his innocence. Then that voice, richer than any music that ever fell on mortal ear, is heard, saying: 'Your conflict is ended.' 'Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world'" (*The Great Controversy*, pp. 645, 646).

"They sang as it were a new song before the throne. . . . No one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth" (Revelation 14:3). "They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: 'Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!'" (Revelation 15:3).

What do you think after reading this? Can you imagine it? Have you ever been in a worship service that made you feel like it will be in heaven? How will you express your gratitude and love to our Savior?

Welcome

Welcome students at the door and direct them to their seats. Ask them how their week has been. Encourage learners to study their Sabbath School lesson regularly, and use several minutes to debrief students on the previous week’s lesson.

Ask: **What was the most interesting part of the Bible story? What activity did you find the most helpful? Which activity was the most fun?** Invite students to share their experiences and/or the handiworks they created for Sabbath School during

the week. (The leader should be familiar with the previous lesson to be able to direct the discussion.) This is also a good time to have students recite the power text.
Have students begin the Readiness Activity of your choice. »

Program notes

LESSON SECTION	MINUTES	ACTIVITIES	MATERIALS NEEDED
Welcome	Ongoing	Greet students at the door. Ask about their week.	
1	10-15	A. <i>Getting Ready</i>	chalkboard/whiteboard, chalk/marker
		B. <i>New Names</i>	slips of paper, pencils/pens, basket
* Prayer & Praise	15-20	See page 107. Prayer & Praise may be used at any time during the program.	songbooks, world map, pushpins, offering plate/basket
2	15-20	Introducing the Bible Story	family reunion photo
		Experiencing the Story	Bibles, paper, pencils
		Exploring the Bible	Bibles, handouts (optional), chalkboard/whiteboard, chalk/marker
3	10-15	<i>Every Creature Praises Jesus</i>	pictures from magazines or the Internet
4	10-15	<i>Rescue</i>	a life preserver or a picture of one with a rope attached, copies of the life preserver on page 147, scissors, colored pencils or crayons
		A. Prayer and Closing Comments B. Reminder to Parents C. Coming Up Next Week	

LESSON 10

1

READINESS ACTIVITIES

Select the activity or activities that are most appropriate for your situation.

A

YOU NEED:

- ☐ chalkboard/whiteboard
- ☐ chalk/marker

Getting Ready

Before the class begins, draw two separate columns on the board. As students arrive, ask them about what they would normally do to prepare for a major move. Then have them name items they would want to take with them to the new residence. Write their answers on the board in one of the columns. Next, have them imagine what it would be like if they were refugees from a war-torn country. Ask them what they would take with them if they had to flee for their lives. Write their answers on the board in the second column. Draw their attention to the limited amount of belongings refugees are able to carry as compared to those people who deliberately plan to move and have time to pack all of their valuables.

Debriefing

Say: **Our Bible story today is about the greatest moving trip in the history of our planet.** Ask: **Do you know what it is? What will happen at Jesus' second coming?** (Jesus will resurrect the faithful who died believing in God, and together with the living who accepted Him as their Savior He will take them to His heavenly home.) Say: **For us the coming of Jesus will bring freedom from Satan's temptations and from the consequences of sin. We will feel like refugees who are going to a better land than the one we are leaving behind.** Ask: **What do you think we will be able to take to heaven with us? Will we need any of our personal belongings in heaven?** (No. We can take nothing with us except our character formed after Christ's righteousness and those family members and people whom we lead to Jesus.) Say: **Our power text has a wonderful promise for us. Let's say it together, 2 Timothy 4:18:**

"And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!" (2 Timothy 4:18).

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B

YOU NEED:

- ☐ slips of paper
- ☐ pencils/pens
- ☐ basket

New Names

Ask: **Do you like your name? Why did your parents name you what they did? Are you named after someone in your family? Does your name have a special meaning? Have you ever wished you had a different name? If you could name yourself, what name would you choose? Take a minute to think about it, and then write it down on your slip of paper and fold it in half to put in this basket. Then I'm going to open each one, and we're going to guess who chose what name.**

Debriefing

Say: **That was fun discovering new names for each of you. Do you know that Jesus is going to give you a new name when you get to heaven? Let's read Revelation 2:17 together. Ellen White also says on page 645 of *The Great Controversy*: "Upon the heads of the overcomers, Jesus with His own right hand places the crown of glory. For each there is a crown, bearing his own 'new name' (Revelation 2:17), and the inscription, 'Holiness to the Lord.'" Isn't that an awesome thought? Jesus is going to give you a new name that only you will know. The important thing is to prepare for His return and to choose daily to be more like Jesus. Let's say together our power text, 2 Timothy 4:18:**

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Prayer & Praise

Notes

Fellowship

Report the students' joys and sorrows (pleased and troubled) as reported to you at the door (as appropriate). If they have given you permission, share one or two special items from students' Bible study during the week. Acknowledge any birthdays, special events, or achievements. Give a special, warm greeting to all visitors.

Suggested Songs

"Rejoice in the Lord" (*He Is Our Song*, no. 3)

"Hallelu, Hallelu" (*He Is Our Song*, no. 7)

"I'm Gonna Sing" (*He Is Our Song*, no. 10)

"I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord" (*He Is Our Song*, no. 15)

"Therefore the Redeemed" (*He Is Our Song*, no. 124)

Mission

Use Adventist *Mission* magazine for youth and adults (go to www.juniorpowerpoints.org and click on MISSION) or another mission report available to you. Using a world map, have the students mark with pushpins the location of the mission story.

YOU NEED:

- ☐ world map
- ☐ pushpins

Offering

Say: **When you give your offering today, you are helping others around the world to know about Jesus so they can have the chance to go to heaven.**

YOU NEED:

- ☐ offering plate/basket

Prayer

Ask: **Does anyone have any prayer requests today? Raise your hand if you have something you want to pray about but don't want to tell anyone. That is called a silent prayer request.** Pray specifically for the prayer requests that were mentioned, and thanking God for knowing the silent prayer requests. Thank Him for His love for us and for His promise of taking us to heaven one day soon. Close with a prayer for the students' joys and sorrows, for the birthday and other special event celebrants, as well as for the visitors.

2

BIBLE LESSON

■ YOU NEED:

Introducing the Bible Story

- family reunion photo

Bring to class a photo of a family reunion—either your own, or find one on the Internet or in a book or magazine that would represent one. Ask: **Do you know what a family reunion is? Have you ever been to one?** Tell a little about one you’ve been to or explain what one is. **When we get to heaven, it will be like a huge family reunion! We will meet family members that lived many years before we did. Hopefully everyone in your immediate family will be reunited there too. What family member would you like to be reunited with in heaven? We are all related to Adam and Eve. We are all related to Jesus, too, because He calls us His sons and daughters. We will definitely want to praise Jesus. Let’s say our power text, 2 Timothy 4:18:**

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■ YOU NEED:

Experiencing the Story

- Bibles
- paper
- pencils

Have a few volunteers take turns reading the passage found in Matthew 24:36-46.

Then pose the question: **Why do you think it is good for us that we don’t know when Jesus will return?** (Allow a few moments for students’ answers. Lead them to discover the importance of preparing and being in a constant state of readiness.)

Say: **Today we are going to think about what it means to be waiting in a state of readiness for Jesus’ return.**

Distribute to the students paper and pencils and have them share with a partner ways they can prepare for Jesus’ return and things they would need to change in their lives to make room for Jesus in their lives. Then allow a few minutes for them to jot down their answers on paper and encourage them to prepare to share their answers.

Debriefing:

After a few minutes, invite students into a group discussion and allow them to share with the class their lists of how they could prepare for Jesus’ return. Say: **Jesus did not tell us when He will return because He doesn’t want us to procrastinate—or wait until later to get ready for His coming. Jesus wants to be a part of our lives constantly and to spend time with us daily. If we yield to the transforming influence of His Holy Spirit, He will prepare us for His kingdom.**

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Exploring the Bible
Write on the board or provide handouts with the questions and Bible references listed below.

YOU NEED:

- ☐ Bibles
- ☐ handouts (optional)
- ☐ chalkboard/whiteboard
- ☐ chalk/marker

Say: **There are many people today who believe that the second coming of Jesus will not be a literal event. Today we will look at some Bible answers to questions that people may pose who do not know much about Jesus' coming.**

Please form groups of three to four and take turns reading the following Bible verses and discussing what verses provide answers to the following questions. You may use more than one verse in support of each question.

1. Doesn't the Bible teach that Jesus will come secretly?
2. If Jesus' coming will not be a secret rapture, doesn't that mean that everyone will go to heaven?
3. Some believe in the immortality of the soul after a person dies. Why is the resurrection of the dead necessary if the saints who died are already in heaven?

Revelation 1:7

Luke 17:26-37

Matthew 24:27, 30

1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17

1 Corinthians 15:51, 52

Debriefing

After the group discussion, have students share their answers. If needed, refer to the answers provided in parentheses below:

1. **Doesn't the Bible teach that Jesus will come secretly?** Allow students to share their answers. Say: **Some believe in a secret rapture and that Jesus would be seen by only a few people. But according to the Bible Jesus' second coming will be visible to all (see Revelation 1:7; Matthew 24:27, 30).**

2. **If Jesus' coming will not be a secret rapture, doesn't that mean that everyone will go to heaven?** Allow students to share their answers. Say: **At Jesus' coming there will be two classes of people, just as in Noah's day. One will be saved, the other will be lost, according to each person's choices. Those who have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior will join Him in the clouds, and those who have rejected Him will be left (see Luke 17:26-37).**

3. **Some believe in the immortality of the soul after a person dies. Why is the resurrection of the dead necessary if the saints who died are already in heaven?** Allow students to share their answers. Say: **(The Bible does not teach the immortality of the soul. If such a claim were true, Jesus would not have to resurrect the dead at His second coming. When the Bible talks about what happens when a person dies, it does not say that the soul returns to God, but that the spirit, or the breath of life, returns to God (see Ecclesiastes 12:7; 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17; 1 Corinthians 15:51, 52).**

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3

APPLYING THE LESSON

Every Creature Praises Jesus

YOU NEED:

- pictures from magazines or Internet

Beforehand, cut out pictures from magazines, or print pictures from the Internet, of God's creation, such as a human adult and/or baby, bird, animal, waterfall, ocean, tree, flower, mountain, insect, sunset, fish, clouds, etc.

Say: **Now think about the Bible story during which Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. The people praised Him by shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" The Pharisees were jealous and told Jesus to tell the people to stop. Do you remember what Jesus told them? "I tell you," He replied, "that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out" (Luke 19:40). All of God's creation worships Jesus.**

I'm going to give each of you a picture of something. I want you to think about how that creature in the picture praises God. I'll give you a few minutes to think. Hand out the pictures randomly to the students.

Debriefing

Say: **The beauty and variety of nature speaks God's name. One at a time, I'd like you to hold up your picture and tell the class how that image you're holding praises God. After all who want to share have done so, ask: How do you praise Jesus?**

Ask: **Are you worshipping Jesus in everything you do in your life? Are there some things you do that do not honor God? How can you change that? Remember that Jesus deserves our deepest devotion, most loyal service, and highest praise.**

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4

SHARING THE LESSON

Rescue

Invite students to share if they had the opportunity during the week to tell someone about God. Ask: **With whom did you share what you've learned or experienced about God?**

Say: **Our power text, 2 Timothy 4:18 says:**

"And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!" (2 Timothy 4:18).

Show the students the life preserver. Ask: **Do you know what this is? Where would you find one of these? What is it used for? Who uses it? You can color the life preserver and cut it out.**

Debriefing

Say: **Jesus is our rescuer. He is the only one who can save us from Satan and sin, but we can help lead others who need to be rescued to Him. I want you to write on the back of your life preserver, one thing that you can do to lead people to Jesus who can rescue them. Only Jesus is the life preserver, but you can be the person who throws the rope to them. Think about the people you go to school with, your neighbors, your friends who don't know Jesus, relatives who don't go to church. What can you do to throw them the rope that leads to Salvation? Let's say once again our power point together:**

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YOU NEED:

- a life preserver or a picture of one with a rope attached
- copies of the life preserver on page 147
- scissors
- colored pencils or crayons



Closing

Prayer and Closing Comments:

Say: Let's sing praise to God as we close Sabbath School today by singing "Majesty" (*He Is Our Song*, no. 67).

Reminder to Parents:

Say: Check out the student Bible study guide to find Parents' Pages for your use in family worship, or however you wish to use them to spiritually guide your children. You may listen to the podcast of the lesson online at www.juniorpowerpoints.org/podcast.php?channel=1.

Coming Up Next Week:

Say: The millennium is the period of 1,000 years that we will spend in heaven after Jesus' second coming.

Notes

Student lesson

Just the Beginning of Praise

Would you like to live to witness the second coming of Jesus and then go to heaven to be with Him? Stop and think for a few moments about that glorious event, when you will see Jesus face-to-face. What can you do right now to prepare for His coming?

Just when it seems as if the earth will be totally destroyed, the angry clouds will open, and every person on earth will see Jesus, “coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory” (Matthew 24:30), “with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God” (1 Thessalonians 4:16).

Graves will be opened, “and many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt” (Daniel 12:2). Christ “will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven” (Mark 13:27). The resurrected followers of Jesus 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” (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17).

On that day those who will be saved will no longer have the marks of sin—no sickness, no deformities, no disease. “We shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the

last trumpet” (1 Corinthians 15:51, 52). Finally, we will be on our way to our new home in heaven: “[The] Father’s house” filled with “many mansions” (John 14:2).

As we will enter the gates of the Holy City, our minds will hardly be able to comprehend the beautiful things we will see. Heaven is so different from what we know here on earth. In fact, the Bible says that “eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him” (1 Corinthians 2:9). Even the streets will be vastly different than what we have here on earth. They will be made of “pure gold”—so pure, in fact, they will look “like transparent glass” (see Revelation 21:21).

Our hearts will be overwhelmed as we look around the city and realize that Jesus gave up everything to save us. The crowns that He will place on our heads will serve as reminders of His self-sacrificing spirit (see 2 Timothy 4:8), and we won’t be able to stop praising Him.

There will be a peace in heaven that we have never known on earth. Satan and his angels won’t be there to tempt and lead us to sin.

There will be so many new things to explore and to learn. We will have many questions. For 1,000 years we will be learning fascinating new things that had never entered the minds of human

beings while living on earth. We will be exploring new places throughout the universe. Seeing the amazing creations of God, we will have endless possibilities to learn about His great love. We will be able to look into the laws of science that govern the works of creation. We will be able to recognize in nature the beautiful sounds that will proclaim in perfect harmony their praise to the Creator.

The most important topic we will be studying is the plan of salvation. We will learn more about Jesus, who, being one with God, came into our world, lived, and offered Himself as our substitute in order to save us. As we understand more fully the heart of God, we will begin to realize what is the “width and length and depth and height . . . [of] the love of Christ” (see Ephesians 3:18, 19). What a glorious day that will be!

As we study and see more of God’s purposes and plans, our hearts will be at rest. The prophet Isaiah says that the Second Coming, and following events, will “console those who mourn in Zion” and “give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness” (see Isaiah 61:3). “He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming quickly.’

Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!” (Revelation 22:20).

KEY REFERENCES

- 1 Corinthians 15:51, 52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17; Revelation 14:1-5
- *The Great Controversy*, chap. 40, pp. 635-652
- *The Bible Story* (1994), vol. 10, pp. 196-200
- *Our Beliefs*, nos. 25, 27, 10

POWER TEXT

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POWER POINT

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Sabbath

DO Do the activity on page 75.

Sunday

READ Read 1 Corinthians 15:51, 52 and this week's story, "Just the Beginning of Praise."

LEARN Learn the power text by making a tune for it.

WRITE Draw a large musical note and write on it the words of a praise song to Jesus.

PRAY Let your heart praise Jesus for His great love.

Monday

READ Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17.

WRITE Write down some of the events that will mark Jesus' second coming: _____

REVIEW Review the power text.

PRAY Ask Jesus to prepare you for His coming.

Tuesday

READ Read Revelation 14:1-5.

THINK What does it mean that they had "His Father's name written on their foreheads" (verse 1)? How often do you share Jesus?

DISCUSS Ask an adult about the meaning of the character traits of the 144,000.

REVIEW Review the power text.

PRAY Ask Jesus to fill your mind with His Word.

Wednesday

READ Read Revelation 1:7.

THINK How does this Bible passage explain that Jesus' coming will not be a secret rapture?

SHARE Plan to share with someone the promise of Jesus' soon return.

REVIEW Review the power text.

PRAY Thank Jesus for the promise of His soon return.

Thursday

READ Read John 14:1-3.

THINK How can you share with someone the promise that Jesus is can hardly wait to come and take us home?

REVIEW Review the power text.

PRAY Thank God for the gift of eternal life.

Friday

READ Read Revelation 22:20.

SING Sing songs of praise to God at worship. With your family, create a new song to praise Jesus.

TALK Look at family photos and talk about the reunion you'll have in heaven with the members of God's family.

REVIEW Review the power text.

PRAY Praise God that you will see Him face-to-face.