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**Worship**

We praise God for His salvation.

**POWER TEXT**

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**KEY REFERENCES**

- Revelation 19:6-9; 20:1-6
- *The Great Controversy*, chap. 41, pp. 653-661
- *The Bible Story* (1994), vol. 10, pp. 196-200
- Student lesson on page 122 of this guide

**OUR BELIEFS**

- No. 27, The Millennium and the End of Sin
- No. 3, The Father
- No. 10, The Experience of Salvation

**OBJECTIVES****The students will:**

- **Know** that God will bring His Holy City to earth.
- **Feel** glad that one day everyone will acknowledge God.
- **Respond** by worshipping the only true God.

# A Thousand Years in Heaven



**We will praise  
God forever  
for His justice  
and mercy.**

**The Bible Lesson at a Glance**

The saints will reign with God during the millennium. When the books of record will be open, they will participate in the judgment of Satan and his wicked followers so that the universe will be satisfied with God’s justice and benevolence toward all humanity.

***This is a lesson about worship.***

During the millennium, when the books of record will be open, the saved will participate in the review phase of the judgment. They will look at the evidence of the records for all those who rejected Jesus’ saving grace. They will acknowledge that God was loving and patient but that those who rejected Him were stubbornly rebellious. Everyone will acknowledge God’s justice.

**Teacher Enrichment**

“During the thousand years between the first and the second resurrection the judgment of the wicked takes place. . . . At this time the righteous reign as kings and priests unto God. John in the Revelation says: ‘I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them.’ ‘They shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.’ Revelation 20:4, 6. It is at this time that, as foretold by Paul, ‘the saints shall judge the world.’ 1 Corinthians 6:2. In union with Christ they judge the wicked, comparing their acts with the statute book, the Bible, and deciding every case according to the deeds done in the body [see 1 Corinthians 6:3; Jude 6]” (*The Great Controversy*, pp. 660, 661).

*How can I explain to my students the importance of faithfulness to God and to His law? How can I help the students to maintain their relationship with God in order to resist Satan’s deceptions?*

# 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.	
<b>1</b> Readiness	10-15	A. <i>One Thousand</i> B. <i>The Best Day</i>	large quantity of small objects OR chalkboard/whiteboard, chalk/marker
 Prayer & Praise	15-20	See page 117. Prayer & Praise may be used at any time during the program.	songbooks, world map, pushpins, offering plate/basket
<b>2</b> Bible Lesson	15-20	Introducing the Bible Story  Experiencing the Story  Exploring the Bible	Bibles, paper, pencils  Bibles, slips of paper (optional), chalkboard/whiteboard, chalk/marker
<b>3</b> Applying the Lesson	10-15	<i>Scenario</i>	Bibles
<b>4</b> Sharing the Lesson	10-15	<i>Praises to the King</i>	songbooks
 Closing		A. Prayer and Closing Comments B. Reminder to Parents C. Coming Up Next Week	

## LESSON 11

# 1

### READINESS ACTIVITIES

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

## A

### One Thousand

Hand out a large quantity of something for the students to start counting, such as beans, grains of rice, pebbles, etc., to illustrate what 1,000 looks like. You don't have to have exactly 1,000 pieces, as they won't have enough time to count them all. Give the students a few minutes or so to count. Then say: **We need to stop counting now, but do you think there are 1,000 here? A thousand is a lot!** OR

Ask the students to do some math on the chalkboard/whiteboard to figure out how many months, weeks, days, hours, and minutes are in 1,000 years. When they have answers, say: **1,000 times anything is a lot!**

#### Debriefing

Say: **Our Bible story today is about something called the millennium. Do you know what millennium means? Right, it means 1,000 years. The millennium, or 1,000 years, will start right after Jesus comes to earth and takes us home to heaven. For Satan the time will go slow, because he will be stuck here on this earth with his evil angels having a "time-out" to think about all the terrible things he has done. But for us it will be 1,000 years of the very best day we've ever had on this earth, magnified a zillion times! Have you heard the saying "Time flies when you're having fun"? Well, this 1,000 years will go by very quickly, because we will be doing a lot of things, but mainly we will be thanking Jesus for bringing us home! Let's say our power text, Revelation 15:2, 3:**

***"And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. 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 15:2, 3).

Let's say the power point, which reminds us that

**🔊 We will praise God forever for His justice and mercy.**

#### YOU NEED:

- large quantity of small objects OR chalkboard/whiteboard
- chalk/marker

## B

### The Best Day

Say: **Now, don't say anything out loud, but I want you to think about the best day you've ever had. One day that you were so excited for the day to begin, and the day didn't disappoint you. One day that you enjoyed so much that you wish every day was like that one. I'd like volunteers to mime their best day for the class so that we can guess what you did that was so incredibly great on that day.**

#### Debriefing

Say: **Those were some fun days and activities! Now I want you to imagine what heaven will be like. Ask: Do you think it will be anything like what your best day was? Why or why not?** Say: **Our little human brains are amazing, but they are just not capable of understanding right now what a wonderful place heaven is. Our best day here on earth will be nothing compared to what we're going to experience in heaven! Our Bible story today is about the first 1,000 years of eternal life that God's people will spend in heaven. It will be better than your best day here, times 365,000! Let's say together our power text, Revelation 15:2, 3:**

***"And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. 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 15:2, 3).

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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

- "Now Let Us Sing" (*He Is Our Song*, no. 11)
- "Our God Reigns" (*He Is Our Song*, no. 41)
- "The Battle Belongs to the Lord" (*He Is Our Song*, no. 85)
- "Great and Mighty Army" (*He Is Our Song*, no. 110)
- "We're a City Not Forsaken" (*He Is Our Song*, no. 113)
- "The Lord Is Building Jerusalem" (*He Is Our Song*, no. 117)

### Mission

#### YOU NEED:

Use Adventist *Mission* magazine for youth and adults (go to [www.juniorpowerpoints.org](http://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.

- world map
- pushpins

### Offering

#### YOU NEED:

Say: **Giving offerings is one way you can express your gratitude to God and honor Him. Through our offerings we support the missionary work around the world. This way others may learn about Jesus' promise to offer us eternal life in His kingdom.**

- offering plate/basket

### Prayer

Ask the students to thank the Lord in prayer for allowing us to be part of His heavenly kingdom. 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**

### Introducing the Bible Story

Ask: **Have you ever been in a time-out when you misbehaved? Some parents use that method to discipline their children by having them sit in a corner or certain chair for a while. You are supposed to be thinking about what you did, why you did it, and come to the conclusion that your action was wrong and you deserve your punishment.**

Satan will be given a time-out on this earth for 1,000 years. It's called the millennium. During the millennium the saints will be given a chance to review the books of record and participate in the judgment of those who rejected Christ. Everyone will recognize that God's decisions are just and merciful.

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### Experiencing the Story

Ask: **What will happen during the millennium?** (Satan and his evil angels will be left on earth to think, all the wicked humans will be dead, the saved will be in heaven judging Satan and his followers.) **Today we're going to learn about what happens during the millennium.**

**YOU NEED:**

- Bibles
- paper
- pencils

**As I read the events to you, along with some Bible texts, I would like you to draw illustrations about each scene in the sequence of events. Let's begin:**

1. **God's redeemed will spend 1,000 years in heaven enjoying its wonders and praising God.**
2. **Satan will be chained to the desolate earth for the 1,000 years. Revelation 20:1-3 says: "Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while."**
3. **The redeemed will reign with God and participate in the review phase of the judgment. They will judge Satan, his angels, and all those who rejected God's invitation of grace. Revelation 20:4-6 says: "And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."**

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# 3

## APPLYING THE LESSON

### Exploring the Bible

Write the verses listed below on pieces of paper to hand out, or on a chalkboard/whiteboard. Say: **We're going to look up some texts about what will be going on during the millennium. Let's form four groups and each take a number of these verses and look them up. Then we'll talk about what you found out.**

1. Revelation 15:2-4 (sea of glass; people sing a song of their deliverance)
2. Revelation 20:1-3 (Satan bound to earth for 1,000 years)
3. Revelation 20:4—first and last parts only (God's people reign with Christ for 1,000 years)
4. Daniel 7:26, 27 (the fourth beast/kingdom—judged by a court made up of God's people)
5. Revelation 20:5, 12 (wicked dead also judged; they are judged while they are still dead)

#### Debriefing

Ask: **What does it mean that God's people will reign? It means that those who are saved will take part in judging the wicked. God is fair, and He wants to answer any questions about why the wicked are lost. He wants us to have full confidence in Him. He doesn't want us to have any doubts about His justice. We will see how patiently God waited for people to love Him, and we will also see how stubbornly His love was rejected by many.**

The millennium will be a good time to have all our questions answered. Then we will better understand God's justice and will praise Him for all His fair decisions. Let's say together our power text, Revelation 15:2, 3:

*"And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. 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 15:2, 3).

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#### YOU NEED:

- Bibles
- slips of paper (optional)
- chalkboard/whiteboard
- chalk/marker

### Scenario

Read the following scenario to your students:

**Mr. Pywell is your neighbor. He is friendly to your family. You see him going to church every week. One day a police car arrives at Mr. Pywell's house, and the police take him away. You are shocked! You wonder what he could have possibly done. He seemed so nice—there must have been a mistake. You later read in the newspaper that your neighbor had stolen money from the company he worked for. You would never have guessed Mr. Pywell would have done that!**

#### Debriefing

Ask: **How is this scenario like what we may find happening during the millennium with people we knew here on earth? Have you ever found out something about someone you thought you knew that surprised you? Let's read Hebrews 4:13 together. God sees everything we do, even the things that people don't see. Now let's read 1 Corinthians 4:5. Notice that the first part of this verse says not to judge people before the appointed time. When will that appointed time be? (during the millennium) We don't know what is in people's hearts; only God knows. But He will help us understand why people were or weren't saved by their choices. God is fair and just. God wants us to know for certain why people were not saved. He doesn't want any doubt in our hearts. He will allow us to know how patient and loving He was toward people and how their final rejection of Him caused them to lose their eternal life. Then we can also praise God for His fairness.**

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#### YOU NEED:

- Bibles

# 4

## SHARING THE LESSON

**YOU NEED:**

- songbooks

### **Praises to the King**

Invite students to share if they had the opportunity during the past week to tell someone about God’s desire to dwell with us for eternity. Ask: **With whom did you share what you learned about the millennium? How excited are you to share the good news about spending eternity in heaven with Jesus?**

Say: **We can’t even begin to imagine how awesome heaven will be. I can hardly wait to see how beautiful it will be. The best part is that we will actually be there with Jesus! Let’s sing praise to God as we close Sabbath School today by singing “Majesty” (He Is Our Song, no. 67).**

### **Debriefing**

Ask: **Who is a person you can tell about Jesus? We want others to be citizens of God’s kingdom. Please share Jesus’ love with others so that they will want to spend eternity with Him. Let’s say our power point together once again:**

 **We will praise God forever for His justice and mercy.**

## Closing

### **Prayer and Closing Comments:**

Ask everyone to kneel to show respect to God. Then say: **Dear God, We are looking forward to singing Your praises. Revelation 19:6 says: “And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, ‘Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!’”** [students repeat] **In Jesus’ name, amen.**

### **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](http://www.juniorpowerpoints.org/podcast.php?channel=1).**

### **Coming Up Next Week:**

Say: **God will bring the New Jerusalem to earth. Satan and sin will be destroyed forever. Everyone will acknowledge that Jesus is Lord.**

**Notes**

# Student lesson

## A Thousand Years in Heaven

*Would you like to live in heaven with Jesus for 1,000 years? The millennium is the first 1,000 years we'll spend in heaven with Jesus. Let's explore the millennium and what will be happening during that time with the Bible as our guide.*

**E**ye 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). The Bible provides some beautiful descriptions of God's heavenly kingdom. In reality only when we get to heaven will we begin to understand and experience how glorious is the place that God is preparing for us. The most wonderful and fulfilling experience of all will be seeing Jesus face-to-face and being able to spend time in His presence throughout eternity: "They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads" (Revelation 22:4). The joy of the saved will be great as they will declare, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God" (Revelation 21:3).

About the great multitude of those who will be saved, John wrote, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell

among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes" (Revelation 7:14-17). On that day Jesus will "see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied" (Isaiah 53:11). He will rejoice to see His redeemed children "faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 24).

Then God's children will more fully understand the unfolding of human history and the great controversy between Christ and Satan. We will study the plan of salvation with great interest and learn more about the price that God paid to save us. We will recognize the work of the holy angels who influenced us to obey God and to resist Satan's temptations. We will be grateful for the work of the Holy Spirit, who convicted us of sin and led us to Jesus. The consequences of each person's choices will be revealed.

There will be people in heaven we didn't expect to see, and people missing that we did expect to see. In His mercy God will allow us to participate in a judgment so that we might see why some individuals whom we expected to see in heaven are not there. Daniel wrote about the time that the Ancient of Days will come and judgment will be given to "the saints of the Most High" (Daniel 7:22). John also saw in vision the judgment scene that will

take place in heaven during the millennium and wrote: "I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. . . . Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years" (Revelation 20:4-6).

Then Jesus and the saved will judge Satan and his evil angels: "Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?" (1 Corinthians 6:3). "And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day" (Jude 6).

Everyone's lives and actions will be evaluated according to the standard presented in God's eternal law and the Holy Scriptures. The books of record will reveal the decisions and actions of those who lost their salvation because they rejected God's gift of grace. Everyone will reap either the reward or the punishment according to their deeds. Then the whole universe will acknowledge the justice, fairness, mercy, and longsuffering patience of God. All created beings will recognize that God did everything in His power to save everyone who would believe in Him (see John 3:16).

## KEY REFERENCES

- Revelation 19:6-9; 20:1-6
- *The Great Controversy*, chap. 41, pp. 653-661
- *The Bible Story* (1994), vol. 10, pp. 196-200
- *Our Beliefs*, nos. 27, 3, 10

## POWER TEXT

“And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. 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 15:2, 3).

## POWER POINT

We will praise God forever for His justice and mercy.



## Sabbath

**DO** Do the activity on page 88.

## Sunday

**READ** Read Galatians 6:7-10 and this week’s story, “A Thousand Years in Heaven.”

**LEARN** Start memorizing the power text.

**PRAY** Thank God for the privilege to worship Him already here on earth and one day praise Him in heaven.

## Monday

**READ** Read Revelation 22:4.

**THINK** How will you express your joy and gratitude when you will see Jesus face-to-face?

**SHARE** Share with someone this week what you learned about heaven.

**REVIEW** Review the power text.

**SING** Sing “When He Cometh,” hymn 218 in *The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal*.

**PRAY** Thank Jesus that He counts you along with each one of His children as one of His precious jewels!

## Tuesday

**READ** Read Revelation 20:1-4 and 1 Corinthians 6:3.

**THINK** During the 1,000 years, how will the saints be involved in judgment? Whom will they judge?

**DISCUSS** Ask an adult about the significance of the events before, during, and after the millennium. What will happen on the earth? What will happen in heaven?

**REVIEW** Review the power text.

**PRAY** Thank God that He is just and fair, and that in the end He will destroy sin and its consequences forever.

## Wednesday

**READ** Read Revelation 20:6.

**THINK** How will the saints reign with Jesus during the millennium? What does it mean that they will be “priests of God” and that they “shall reign with Him”?

**REVIEW** Review the power text.

**PRAY** Thank God that He will live with us forever!

## Thursday

**READ** Read Isaiah 33:22.

**THINK** What are the attributes of Christ listed in this passage? How does the Bible introduce Jesus in each of these roles?

**REVIEW** Review the power text.

**PRAY** Ask God to help you honor Him in all you do.

## Friday

**READ** Read Psalm 66:1-4 and 98:7-9.

**THINK** What can you learn from David’s psalms about our amazing God who is worthy of praise, honor, and worship? How does He judge the earth (see Psalm 98:9)? In your Bible study journal, write your own psalm of praise and read it to your family at worship.

**REPEAT** Repeat the power text from memory.

**PRAY** Kneel for prayer with your family and ask God to prepare you to worship Him face-to-face in His Holy City.