

REVELATION

Timeless Truth: Jesus wins the ultimate victory; he's coming soon.

Bible Basis: Revelation 1:1–20; 4:1–11; 5:13–14; 19:11–15; 21:10–18, 21–27; 22:7–14, 16–21

Key Verse: Look! He is coming with the clouds! Every eye will see him ... This will really happen! Amen. —Revelation 1:7 NIV

Resource: *The Story for Children*, Chapter 31: "Revelation"

PARENT TIPS

Read the key point from the Sunday school class your child(ren) attended. Use the Table Talk questions to start a discussion around the dinner table during the week. The Living Faith activity demonstrates how God will separate those who believe in him from those who were never his followers. The Extra Mile has your family watch videos of worship songs based on this chapter of *The Story* and a video about the importance of telling others about God.

GET THE POINT

Jesus is coming again. I can live in his kingdom forever.

TABLE TALK

- John says the time that all these things will happen "is near," but that was around 2,000 years ago. Why hasn't Jesus returned yet?
- It helps to understand that God isn't bound by time. He's infinite. Second Peter 3:8 explains it this way: "With the Lord a day is like a thousand years. And a thousand years are like a day." What would it be like if time didn't matter?
- Have you ever wanted to go back in time? If you could visit any point in time, where would you go?
- John describes Jesus in a funny way—wool hair, blazing eyes, metal feet, voice like a river and a sword for a tongue. In your own words, describe Jesus. Why do you think John used these words to describe the Savior?
- Take turns as a family describing each other as John might describe you.
- How does it feel to get to the end of *The Story* and know that God wins?

LIVING FAITH

Some scary things happen in this chapter of *The Story*. Battles are fought. Strange-looking creatures appear. God judges everybody and separates those who know him and people who never followed

him. The Bible says, "Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life will enter the city." When you pray to accept Jesus into your heart, God's Lamb writes your name in his book. God knows everybody's heart, so he can easily separate out his followers.

Do a fun experiment that allows you to separate salt from pepper. You'll need a paper towel, salt, pepper, and a balloon. (If you don't have a balloon, a comb can work, too.) First, create a small pile of salt and pepper. Make sure they're well-mixed together. Second, blow up the balloon and rub it quickly back and forth against your hair. Rubbing it against a wool sweater works, too. Once you've created enough static electricity, move the balloon slowly toward the pile. The pepper should jump up and stick to the balloon, while the salt will be left behind. Try the same experiment using a comb. Create your pile of salt and pepper, then comb your hair. Put the comb about an inch from the pile and separate out the pepper.

- **Is the pepper better than the salt and is that why it jumps to the comb?** (No, the pepper is lighter and more easily attracted.)
- **As Christians, are we better than people who don't believe in Jesus?** (No, we just followed the Holy Spirit's prompting and made the decision to follow Jesus.)
- **Because God's judgment day is going to happen, don't you think it's super important to share God's love with everybody?**

EXTRA MILE

1. According to this chapter, there's going to be a lot of singing in heaven. Go to YouTube and watch videos about these two songs that are directly based on passages from Revelation.

- Search "To Him Who Sits On The Throne Lyrics Don Moen" at YouTube or go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZxQBNJ1ISXY
- Search "Holy Holy Tim Hughes" or go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=4TM6c_09eJg&feature

When you've watched both videos, see if you can find those verses in *The Story*. Talk about what you think heaven will be like.

2. Jesus is coming again. It's a fact! Only those who believe in him will receive eternal life. Those who reject Jesus will suffer forever. The consequences are huge. This video from illusionist Penn Jillette shows the impact that living a real life for Jesus can have on an atheist. It may not be appropriate for every family, but it has a powerful message. Search "Penn Says: A Gift of a Bible" at YouTube or go to: www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JHS8adO3hM.