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Soaring with Jesus

HE'S COMING AGAIN

DEAR TEACHER

The focus of this chapter is "worship." Jesus tells us He is coming soon. He is bringing a reward with Him, and He will give to everyone according to what they have done (v. 12). What, exactly, does Jesus want us to do right now in order to receive a reward? Worship Him. We can worship Jesus by telling Him how wonderful He is. We can focus on remembering His presence with us, and we can tell Him how important He is to us. We can also worship Jesus simply by doing what we were created to do and by obeying His Word.

The Word unveiled might be difficult for primary school students to understand, but they can understand looking forward to a surprise or something in the future. Christ in Revelation presents His children with a special gift—a promise that He will return for them. Children will be able to relate to the concept of receiving a surprise from a parent or grandparent that was promised.

I. INTRODUCING THE LESSON

A. Get-attention activity

Give each child a sheet of paper with the word *promise* written at the top of the sheet. Tell them to write as many words as they can think of using the letters from the word. When the activity is over, ask them what they think the word means. Ask the children how many of them have ever been promised a surprise by a parent or grandparent.

Ask the children how many of them have been made a promise that was not kept. Inquire about how they felt when the promise was broken.

How did they feel when it was kept? Ask the children if they believe that God keeps His promises or breaks them. After a few children have answered, tell them that they will be learning about Jesus' promise today.

B. Primary children's story

(Use the photo on the student folder as a visual aid.)

Rashon was turning 6 years old in three days. He was looking forward to receiving all his birthday gifts. But he was most excited about his special gift from Grandpa. Six months before, Grandpa promised Rashon something special. Grandpa told Rashon, "I will come to see you on your birthday." Grandpa did not like to fly since he moved to Florida, but he wanted to make Rashon's birthday very special.

Have you ever worried that someone was going to break their promise to you? How did it make you feel? Today we will learn about a promise that Jesus made to us.

II. TEACHING THE LESSON

A. Telling the Bible story

(Hold up the *Scripture Scene*® for May 27.)

The Bible is a book of promises that God has made to us. God always keeps His promises. The book of Revelation tells us about dreams that God gave to John about the things that will happen someday. In the last chapter of Revelation, which is at the very end of our Bibles, an angel said to John, "These words are trustworthy and true." We can depend upon every word in the book of Revelation, even though the words are often hard to understand. The words are all true

Weekly Theme:
CHRIST WILL
RETURN

Based on:
Revelation
22:6–10, 12–13,
16–21

Key Verse:
Revelation 22:20

Lesson Objectives

Knowledge:
That primaries
will know that
Jesus will come
back some day.

Attitude:
That primaries
will look forward
to the return of
Jesus.

Action:
That primaries
will pray today for
the return of
Jesus.

and we can trust God to keep all these promises to us.

Jesus said, "Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed are you if you believe and obey every word in this book."

When John heard and saw all these things in the dreams, he fell down at the feet of the angel to worship him. But the angel said, "Do not worship me. Worship God only!" Then the angel told John not to keep the dreams a secret, because people needed to be ready for the things that God promised.

Again Jesus said, "Behold, I am coming soon!" And Jesus promised to give rewards to us for all the good things we do. Jesus said that He is everything from A to Z, the first and the last, the Beginning and the End. Jesus is everything!

God's Spirit says, "Come!" Come to Jesus. Jesus wants to give you eternal life. He wants you to be saved (born again).

Then John gave a warning. He said that no one should add anything to the Bible or take anything away from it. Everything in the Bible is true and it provides us with everything we need to know to become a child of God and obey Him.

Then Jesus said a third time, "Yes, I am coming soon." And John said, "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."

Don't you want Jesus to come? I want to see Him and be with Him. Jesus has promised us that He is coming soon. We do not know when that will be. Maybe it will be tomorrow or maybe it will not be for a very long time, but we know He is coming, because He said, "Yes, I am coming soon."

Christ will return again to gather His children to live with him. God always keeps His promises. He answers prayers, He protects us, and He is our friend.

B. Distribution of student folders

After distributing the folders to the children, look at the cover of the folder together. "Let's find out if Rashon's grandpa keeps his promise." Turn to page 2 and let's read the story.

C. Reviewing the Bible story (p. 2)

The sentences are progressively more challenging to read, so let a beginner read the first sentence. A second grader should be able to read the middle-size print. More advanced readers should be able to read the bottom paragraphs.

D. Memory verse (p. 3)

"Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus," *from Revelation 22:20, NIV.*

"Who do you think said, 'Yes, I am coming soon'? Yes, Jesus said it. Who do you think said, 'Amen. Come, Lord Jesus'? Yes, John said that and that should be our prayer today.

Divide the class in half and have half say the words of Jesus and the other half say the words of John. Join together to recite the reference. Do this several times until the children are saying it from memory. Then switch parts. Finally recite the entire verse together.

III. APPLYING THE LESSON

A. Activity pages (pp. 3, 4)

Look at page 3, "Be Smart." Help the children see that it was not a present that Grandpa promised, but himself. They should circle the picture of Grandpa. Next read the question: Did Grandpa keep his promise? The children should circle *yes*. The scrambled sentence on the bottom should read: I am coming soon. This sentence is the lesson in one sentence.

Turn over to page 4, "Good Attitude." On this page the children will first invite Jesus into their everyday lives and then they will invite Him to return. The answers are: play, home, sleep, and back.

B. Craft Kingdom®

See *Craft Kingdom®* for materials and directions to make a craft that reinforces the lesson.

C. Worship time

After singing a few of the children's favorite songs, have them sing "The B I B L E." Explain to them that the Bible has many, many promises for us. The children should stand on every word, for God is a promise keeper. Ask them, "Do you believe God will keep His promises?"

Conclude "Worship time" with prayer: "Lord Jesus, I believe that You will return again soon. Thank You for keeping Your promises always. Amen."

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Rashon was excited. His birthday had arrived. He raced downstairs looking for Grandpa but he wasn't there. Rashon received many gifts but he was sad. All day he waited. Nighttime came, but still no Grandpa. Then the bell rang. It was Grandpa. They hugged.

"Happy birthday!" Grandpa said.

"I knew you would keep your promise," said Rashon.

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"He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus,"
Revelation 22:20, NIV.

He's Coming Again

Jesus said He will come back.

Jesus always keeps His promises. When He returns, we will go to heaven with Him. Jesus said He is coming soon.

The angel said that we can trust Jesus to keep His promises. Jesus said, "Behold, I am coming soon!" When John heard all the things that the angel said, he fell down to worship the angel. "Do not do it!" said the angel. "Worship God!" Then the angel told John not to keep his dreams a secret, but to write it all down so we would know about God's promises to us.

Again Jesus said, "Behold, I am coming soon!" Come to Jesus now. He will give you eternal life. He will save you.

Once more Jesus said, "Yes, I am coming soon."



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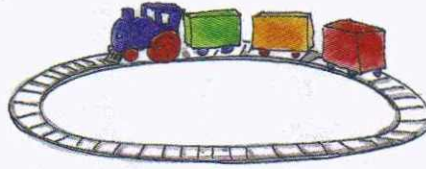
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Circle what Grandpa promised Rashon for his birthday.



Car



Train



Grandpa

Did Grandpa keep his promise? Circle the answer.

Yes

No

Write the words in the correct order. What did Jesus promise us?

soon

I

coming

am

**Memory
verse:**

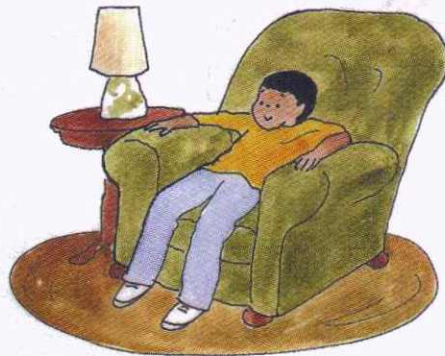
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from Revelation 22:20, NIV.

Good Attitude

John prayed, "Come, Lord Jesus." Fill in the prayers that you can pray.



Come with me when
I ____ ay.



Come with me when
I am at ____ome.



Come with me
when I ____ eep.



Come ____ack, Lord
Jesus. Amen.

My name is _____.

