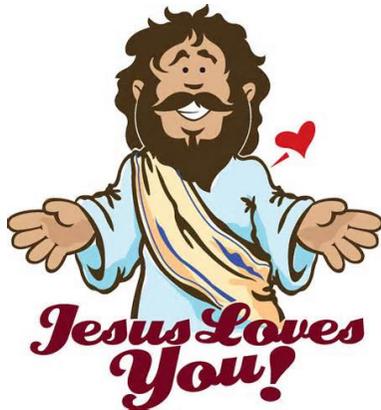


FAMILY TALK BACK QUESTIONS

1. What has been one of the "funnest" times in your life?
Compare that event to the return of Jesus
2. What would you like to do before Jesus returns (for example get a driver's license, get married, visit an overseas country, etc.)?
3. A number of Christians believe that when Jesus comes He will secretly "rapture" His people to heaven. How would you respond to this belief? How would it effect the way you live?
4. Will you be glad or sad when Jesus returns? Why
5. What do you think you'll do during the millennium in heaven?
6. Who do you want to be in heaven with you? What are you doing (and what have you done) to make this a reality?
7. Describe what you think heaven will be like. Why do you want to be there?



NEXT TIME: CREATION AND THE SABBATH.



Lesson 2.

The Second Coming of JESUS

Name: _____

INTRODUCTION. Have you ever found yourself waiting for a friend to come to your house? With one eye on the clock and the other on the road, you know that it won't be long until your friend arrives. But even though you do know that they could turn up any minute now, you can never be exactly sure the precise time that your friend will arrive, you only know that it will be soon. This reminds me of the second coming of Jesus, an event that is mentioned over 2,500 times in the Bible and it's an event that is about to take place soon.

THE PROMISE.

Christians all over the world believe that God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to live among us. (see John 3:16-17). When Jesus mission was completed here on earth, what did he promise?

John 14:1-3 (p 761) _____

Jesus says that he is preparing a house (or a place) for us to live up in heaven. He is not building a structure that is going to remain empty, he wants to put people in it. Jesus is coming back to take us to heaven to live in the house that he has built for us.

If Jesus is making a house just for you, what special things do you think he is putting in it?



Jesus preparing a place for you

Who does the Bible say will be coming back?

Acts 1:9-11 (p768) This _____

It's the same Jesus, the one who walked here on earth, the same Jesus that we read about in our Bibles, the same Jesus that we have a relationship with – he is the one who is returning.

WHEN WILL CHRIST RETURN? BE READY!

There is one sign that when it is fulfilled we know that Jesus will come again. What is it Matt 24:14 _____.

You have a part to play in telling others about Jesus. The gospel is to go to the whole world.

When exactly will Christ return? **Matt 24:36** _____

No one knows
the day or the hour

No one knows exactly when he is to come. Verse 37-39 tells us that it will be like the days of Noah. Everybody on earth will be going about their normal business when suddenly Christ will return.



What is this event likened to? **V42-44** _____



What do you think this means?

Jesus is coming when we do not expect, like a thief in the night.

Therefore what must we do? (first three words of verse 42, and also verse 44)

Remember the illustration of waiting for your friend to come? The more time that passes the closer it gets. Those who believe in Jesus are waiting for him to come back. All the signs point to a soon return of Jesus. **Will you keep watch and be ready for when Jesus comes again for you?**

- YES I WANT TO BE READY
- I'M STILL THINKING ABOUT IT



SIGNS OF HIS SOON RETURN

This sounds great, but when will it happen? When will Jesus come again so that we can live with him in heaven and then on the new earth. This is a question that the disciples wanted to know as well. They asked him “what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age.” (Matt24:3)



What is the very first bit of advice that Jesus gives? **v4.** _____

Jesus knew that this was an important question and he wanted to make sure that no one would be deceived. That is why he told us to “watch out” and to be on guard.



Jesus mentions many signs of his soon return. Make a list of the things that are to happen. Matthew 24. (p699)

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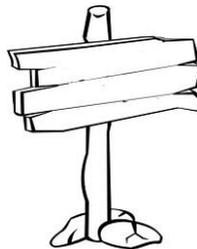
v6. _____ and _____

v7. _____ against _____, _____ against _____

There will be _____, and _____.

We see these things happening today? When we see these things happening with more regularly and with greater intensity, we are reminded that this is a sign that Jesus is about to come again.

What are some of the signs that you have seen that remind you that Jesus is coming again?



THE VISABLE RETURN.

In the last days, Jesus warns us that many will say, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!'. What are we to do with these warnings?

Matt 24:23-26 (p699) _____

Why are we not to believe it?

Matt 24:27 (p699) _____

Lightning is something you just don't miss. It is visible from every angle. The point that Jesus is making here is that when he returns it will be a visible return. We won't be able to miss it, we will see it.



Describe the biggest lightening bolt (or the brightest thing) you have ever seen!

What does Revelation say about this?

Revelation 1:7 _____



Think about that – every eye. The second coming will be a world-wide event. You won't need to tune into the latest news bulletin to catch this one. Every eye will see him, no matter if you are in Brisbane, Sydney, Auckland, London, New York, or even the back of Burke, *simultaneously* we will all see the coming of our Lord. It is a visible return.

THE GLORIOUS AND LOUD RETURN

What will Jesus come with? What is he seated on?

Rev 14:14 (p 883) _____

Who will be with Jesus when he comes?

Matt 16:27 (p 692) _____

What words does the Bible use to describe this great event?

Matt 24:30 (p 699) "The Son of Man will come with _____ & _____

This is going to be the biggest event ever. **Can you imagine what it will be like on that day?**

It will also be loud event! What instrument is used at the second coming?

1 Thes 4:16 (p838) _____

There is also a command given. How is this command described? **v16** _____

What happens then to those have already died believing in Jesus. **v16** _____

What about we who are alive and remain? What happens to them. **v17** _____

What are we to do with these words? **v. 18** _____

We are to encourage that Christ is coming back.

Have you noticed what is happening here. Everyone who-ever believed in Jesus will at this point be with him in the clouds travelling back to heaven. The Bible tells us that those who rejected Jesus will be destroyed when Jesus comes again, "by the splendour of his coming" (2 Thess 2:8). But all those who believe in Him, will be with Jesus.

What are you looking forward to most about your trip to heaven?



NOW WHAT? 1,000 years and a New Earth!

But what happens now? Revelation 20 tells us. What was the angel who came out of heaven carrying? **Rev 20:1 (p 887)** _____ What happened to Satan? **v 2,3** _____

After Jesus come the earth is left desolate. Those "In Christ" are in heaven, those who said no to Jesus are dead and Satan is "chained" here on earth to wander around for 1000 years, with no one left to tempt, deceive or destroy. He has nothing to do but to think about his actions and his fate.

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While Satan has nothing to do, what are the righteous in heaven doing? **Rev 20:6** _____

They have been given authority to do what? **v4** _____

How come we still see Judgment going on? Won't we already know who is saved and who isn't? Why are we now doing the judging and who are we judging. The amazing answer is that we are going to judge the judgements of God. There might be some people that we thought might make it but never did, or maybe some who did who we thought never would. We would want to know why! God opens the books and lets us judge His decisions. What conclusion will we make about God's ways after examining the records? **Rev 15:3 (p. 884)** _____

After 1000 years will have no doubt that God is indeed fair. This time will also see great reunions and the healing and restoring of once broken relationships. Imagine the joy of seeing again a love one who had died. You will want to spend time with them. Jesus says, I have given you 1000 years.

After the thousand years, these who said no to Jesus will be raised again. (Rev 20:5) What does Satan do during this time? **Rev 20:7-9** _____

_____ What will happen to Satan and those who followed him (**v9,10**) _____

What happens to death itself? (**v13-15**) _____
Sin and death are destroyed and Nahum 1:9 tells us that they will not rise up a second time. The righteous then spend eternity with Jesus.

What wont there be in the new earth? **Rev 21:4.** _____
