

1st-5th Grade Small Group Lesson



Session Title: While We Wait

Bible Passage: 2 Peter 3:1-13

Main Point: Peter wrote that Jesus will return soon, so we should obey Him and tell others about Him.

Key Passage: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Big Picture Question: How do we live while waiting for Jesus to return? We remember God's truth, grow in godliness, and spread the gospel.

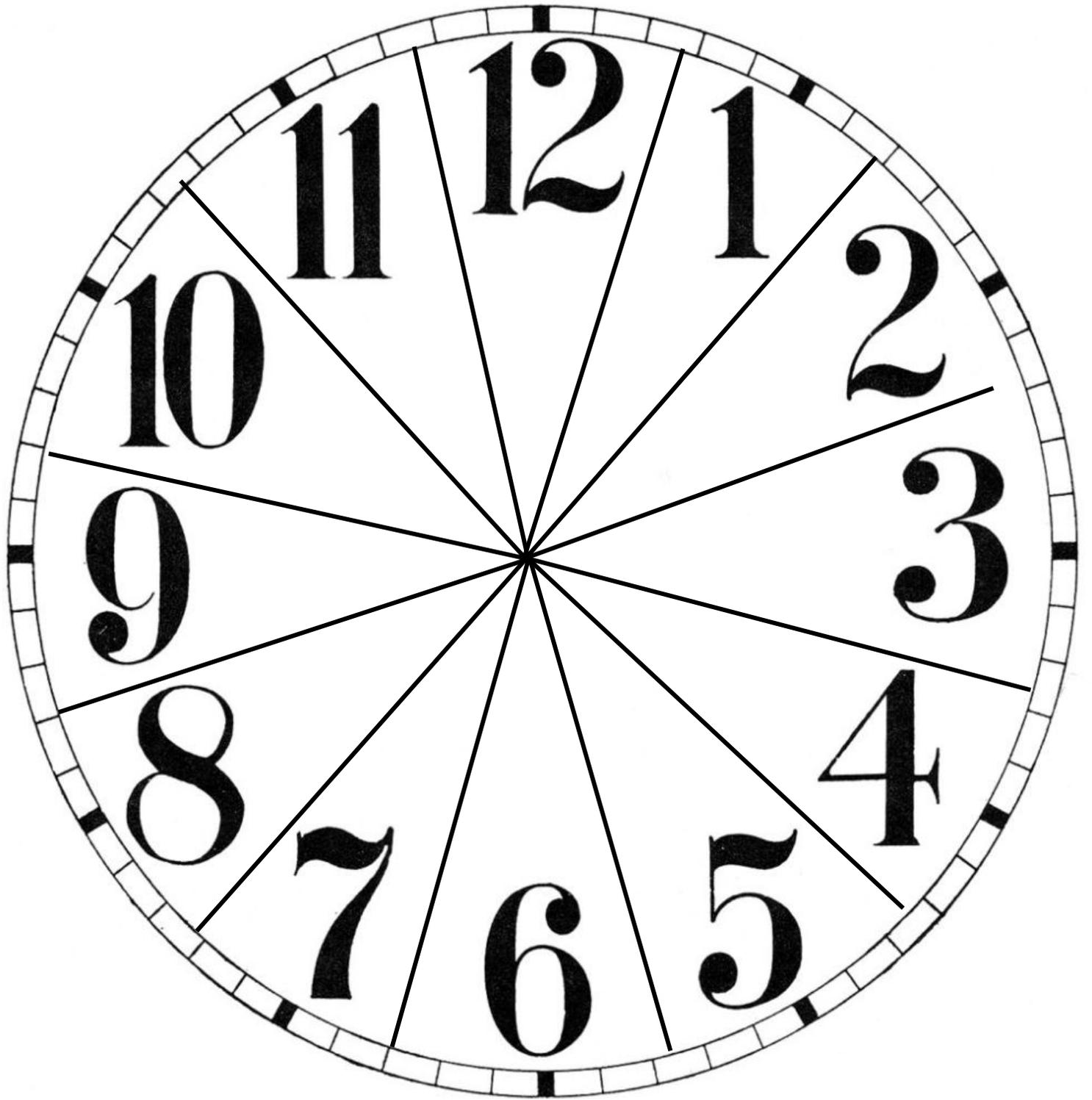
Christ Connection: Some people thought the believers were foolish for thinking Jesus is coming again. Peter explained that God is patient, and He wants everyone to trust in Jesus. At just the right time, Jesus will come again, and we look forward to the day when He creates the new heavens and a new earth.

Clock Activity

Materials: Clock sheet attached below and pen/pencil

Print the clock sheet below. Show the group the clock and explain how clocks keep us on schedule. Remind them that some things can't be rushed. We can't make a plant grow faster or make Jesus come back before God has planned. So, while we wait patiently, we can have hope knowing Jesus will one day return. While we're waiting, let's think of things that we can do that will glorify God while they wait for Jesus to return. As the group thinks of things, discuss & write the word/phrase in the blank space near each number. Here are some examples: *Worship, read Bible, Daily Prayer, Kindness, love others, go to church/fellowship, invite others to church, sing praises in the car, helper, praying with others, point people to Jesus, share what God has done.*

Peter wrote that Jesus will return soon, so we should obey Him and tell others about Him. It's important to remember that God's idea of "soon" and our idea of "soon" are not always the same. God is patient with us and allows us more time to spread the gospel so that more people might believe the truth and turn away from their sin. When you see your clock at home, you can remember that the best way to wait for Jesus is to obey Him and preach the gospel to the world.



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INSTRUCTIONS: Use the space below the picture to draw a version where there is nothing wrong.



KEY PASSAGE:

2 Timothy 3:16-17

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- How do we live while waiting for Jesus to return? We remember God's truth, grow in godliness, and spread the gospel.

BIBLE STORY:

WHILE WE WAIT

- It had been years since Jesus went back to heaven, and He had not returned.
- People began to make fun of Christians for still believing that Jesus was coming back.
- Peter wrote that Jesus will return soon, so we should obey Him and tell others about Him.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why does it seem God is slow in sending Jesus back to earth?
- What is the real reason Jesus has not returned yet?
- Why is Jesus' return important to believers?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Take your kids to a flea market. Find an old item that your family can restore or otherwise "flip" into a new item.

Younger Kids Activity Pages
Unit 35, Session 4

