

# 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Small Group Lesson



**Session Title:** God's Warning to Seven Churches

**Bible Passage:** Revelation 2–3

**Main Point:** Jesus told the seven churches to stand strong in the faith.

**Key Passage:** Revelation 21:5

**Big Picture Question:** What will happen when Jesus returns? Jesus will destroy all evil and make all things new.

**Christ Connection:** *Jesus loves the church. His message to seven local churches called them to turn away from their sin and remain faithful to Him. We can learn from those churches. Through the church, Jesus helps believers work together to do God's plan.*

## Let Them Hear

Materials: Bible

Invite everyone to play a telephone game. Instruct the group to sit in a circle. Give the first player a Bible and guide them to find Revelation 2–3. They should choose a phrase from Jesus' warnings to the seven churches and whisper the phrase to the person sitting next to them.

Example phrases:

- ***You have abandoned the love you had at first (Rev. 2:4)***
- ***Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer (Rev. 2:10)***
- ***I know your works—your love, faithfulness, service, and endurance (Rev. 2:19)***
- ***I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot (Rev. 3:15).***

Tell the group to whisper exactly what they hear to the person next to them until the message is passed completely around the circle. Call for the last player to tell the message he or she heard. Play again as time allows.

**Sometimes when we get too far from the source of the truth, it is harder to get the full truth. That is why it is important to always go back to the Bible. Jesus told the seven churches to stand strong in the faith. Jesus told John to write down his vision—not just so those seven churches could hear God's truth, but so we could also read it now!**

# Hot or Cold?

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Draw circles around things that you would use in hot weather and boxes around things used in cold weather.



**KEY PASSAGE:** Revelation 21:5

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- What will happen when Jesus returns? Jesus will destroy all evil and make all things new.

**BIBLE STORY:**  
**GOD'S WARNING TO SEVEN CHURCHES**

- Jesus had something to say to seven different churches.
- Most churches were doing some things well, but many had problems.
- Jesus told the seven churches to stand strong in the faith.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- What were some of the messages Jesus had for the churches?
- How are those messages still useful for us today?
- What does it mean to “stand strong in the faith”?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Print pictures of different warning symbols from the Internet. Show each one to your family and see if they can guess what the warning is for. Discuss the importance of heeding warnings.

*Younger Kids Activity Pages*  
Unit 36, Session 2