1st-5th Grade Small Group Lesson

Session Title: Jesus Will Return **Bible Passage**: Revelation 21–22

Main Point: Jesus will return, destroy evil, and make all things new.

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 promised to come back to earth soon. When Jesus returns, those who trust in Jesus will be with Him and enjoy Him forever. God will undo every bad thing caused by sin—no more death, no more pain, no more tears. Jesus is making all things new.

Craft John's Vision

Materials – Bible Story Sheet, paper, markers, or crayons
Distribute a piece of paper to each person. Invite them to draw a part of John's vision. Have them use the Bible Story sheet attached below to pick out what part of John's Vision they want to draw. Helpful examples are underlined on the Bible Story sheet.

Before the Internet, one of the main ways people learned about important news was to read newspapers. Every day, the most important news is put on the front page. Our most important news today is that Jesus is coming back. Jesus will return, destroy evil, and make all things new. We have a great opportunity to tell our friends and family about Jesus: who He is, what He has done, and what He is going to do.



The Bible Story

Jesus Will Return

Revelation 21-22

John had a vision of <u>heaven</u>. He heard a <u>large crowd of people praising God</u> and rejoicing. **John wrote about what he saw.**

John saw a new heaven and a new earth. The first heaven and the <u>first earth</u> was gone. He also <u>saw the Holy City</u>, a new Jerusalem, coming down from heaven. He heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Look! God will live with His people. They will be His people, and He will be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will no longer exist. Sadness, crying, and pain will no longer exist."

One of the <u>angels carried John to a great and high mountain</u>. The angel showed John the Holy City. It was shining with God's glory. The foundations of the city wall had every type of precious stone. The <u>city street was made of pure gold</u>, as clear as glass.

John did not see a temple in the city because the Lord and the Lamb were the city's temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it. The glory of God gives light to the city, and there is no darkness. The city is safe and clean—nothing unclean is in the city and no one will do wrong things in the city. Only those whose names are in the Lamb's book of life will enter the city.

The angel showed John the <u>river of living water</u>. It sparkled like crystal and flowed from God's throne, down the middle of the wide city street. The <u>tree of life was on both sides of the river</u>, and it produced <u>12 kinds of fruit</u>.

God's throne will be in the city. God's servants will see His face, and they will worship Him. The Lord will reign forever and ever.

Jesus said, "Listen, I am coming soon! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

Jesus is the One who says that all of these things will happen. He is coming soon.

"Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!"

Undo Matching

INSTRUCTIONS: Draw lines to connect each picture to the version of that picture where the bad thing has been undone.



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BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

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

BIBLE STORY: JESUS WILL RETURN

- John saw a new heaven and a new earth.
- God will live with people, and His glory will light up the world completely.
- Living water will flow from God's throne.
- Jesus will return, destroy evil, and make all things new.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How does this ending make you feel?
- What does the Bible say about when Jesus will return?
- What are ways the new earth will be the same? How will it be different?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

 Work as a family to build a shoe box diorama of the New Jerusalem based on the descriptions found in Revelation 21.

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