



**THEME:** Hear what the Spirit says to the churches!

**MEMORY VERSE:** Revelation 1:3

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

**SONGS:** Click [here](#) for Sunday's worship set. *Be sure to subscribe to our channel!*

**TEACHING PASSAGE:** Revelation 3:1-6

See the **next page** for any additional resources, including any activities that can be done with young children.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does Jesus describe himself to the church at Sardis and what do you think is the meaning of seven for the spirits and stars?
2. Sardis was complacent and had a lack of vigilance (alertness) and Jesus points out that they are close to no longer being a church that is alive. What are 7 verbs (actions) that Jesus tells them to do? (verses 2-3a)
3. The city of Sardis was situated high on a cliff and thought they were impregnable but twice they had been raided by 2 different armies because they were not watchful. In verse 3b what does Jesus command them to do? What will happen if they don't do it? How should we as Christians be on guard?
4. In Pergamum and Thyatira there were a few that were bad among the many. What is the situation in Sardis, and what is their hope? (verse 4)
5. What do you think is the significance of white garments? What promise is made to those that conquer? (verse 5)

## Additional Resources

**Teaching Passage:** Revelation 3:1-6

“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.

“ ‘I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. <sup>2</sup>Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. <sup>3</sup>Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. <sup>4</sup>Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. <sup>5</sup>The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. <sup>6</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

### For Children:

Ask: What church is this letter written to?

Ask: How does Jesus describe himself in the intro of this letter:

Take a moment to review the names of the previous churches and how Jesus describes himself in the intro to each of the churches.

Say: In each letter following the intro, Jesus commends the church regarding what they are doing right followed by a warning or reprimand. In the letter to Sardis, Jesus says, “I know your works.” What does he say next?

Ask: Does Jesus mean they are actually dead? (Look at verse 2.)

Talk about a time when you did the “right thing”, but your heart was not in it. For example, Justin’s parents asked him to rake the leaves for the elderly neighbor. He followed his parent’s instruction, but he was resentful and felt it was a total waste of his time. He was not thinking about it as an opportunity to show Jesus’ love to his neighbor.

Ask: What do you think Jesus means when he says their works were not complete?

Say: Notice in each letter to the churches, Jesus concludes with, “to the one who conquers”.

Ask: What context is the word conquer commonly used? Why do you think Jesus chose to use the word conquer?

Ask: What is the reward for the ones who conquer?

Ask: How might this letter challenge you to serve others with an attitude of love for God and others?

Activity: Last weeks activity was to trace your hand and write acts of service on each finger. If you did that, great! Proceed to pray for your heart to be full of love for God and others as you complete each act of service.

Let's take our acts of service list and write it on the calendar. Assign an act to each day during the month of November. Here is a list to help you get started.

1. Check in with a friend or family member you have not heard from in a while to make sure they're doing well.
2. Write an encouraging note with sidewalk chalk outside to brighten the day of people who see it.
3. Compliment a loved one in the morning to make their day bright as it starts.
4. Send a card in the mail to someone you miss.
5. Mow the lawn, rake leaves, or shovel snow for a neighbor.
6. Leave some treats or a small gift on a neighbor's doorstep.
7. If you have old clothes or toys you can do without, donate them to charity.
8. If you can afford it and are comfortable doing so, pay for someone's order at a drive through or grocery store.
9. Help a loved one with something they've been struggling to complete, like homework or a big work project.
10. Write a note to someone you care about containing the top 10 reasons you love them.



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