



**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.

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**TEACHING PASSAGE:** Revelation 13

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

Discussion Questions:

1. At the end of Revelation 12 Satan stood on the sand of the sea (12:17). Now a beast comes out of the sea. How is it described, and what do you think it represents? Read 2 Thessalonians 2 :9-12;
2. The description of the beast in verse 2 and 7 is very familiar to what we find in the book of Daniel. Read Daniel 7: 1-8, 21 and 7:22. In what ways can we find encouragement here?
3. How do people respond to this beast, and who are they comparing it to? (verses 3-4, Exodus 15:11)
4. What does the beast do, and for how long? From where does the beast's authority come from? (verses 5-7)
5. At the end of verse 10 we see a call for the saints of God to endure. In what ways do verses 1-9 equip the true believer for endurance?

## Additional Resources

### **Teaching Passage:** Revelation 13

And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. <sup>2</sup> And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority. <sup>3</sup> One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. <sup>4</sup> And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

<sup>5</sup> And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup> It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. <sup>7</sup> Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, <sup>8</sup> and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. <sup>9</sup> If anyone has an ear, let him hear:

<sup>10</sup> If anyone is to be taken captive,  
to captivity he goes;  
if anyone is to be slain with the sword,  
with the sword must he be slain.

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### **The Second Beast**

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup> It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. <sup>13</sup> It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, <sup>14</sup> and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. <sup>15</sup> And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. <sup>16</sup> Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, <sup>17</sup> so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. <sup>18</sup> This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.

### **For young children:**

Say: It is foolish for us to think we will be free of pain and suffering as we serve the Lord Jesus. Jesus endured tremendous suffering for our sake. We will also, to some extent, face trials and suffering. Our Christian brothers and sisters across the world have endured persecution and in Revelation 13 it is clear that all Christians are called to endure for their faith.

Read verse 10b. “Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.”

Endurance is defined as the act of working very hard without stopping, even in the face of difficult situations or pain. An example of endurance is what a **marathon runner has to have to get through a race.**

For greater understanding of endurance read Hebrews 12. Take time to learn about a Christian missionary whose life is an example of enduring for the faith. Here are some to get you started. After learning about a missionary discuss how you noticed they had to endure. What did you notice helped them to endure and push on even when it was difficult.

Corrie Ten Boom Story <https://youtu.be/olC5bFFzSKI>

Gladys Aylward Story <https://youtu.be/h9emVj7PcAQ>

George Muller Story <https://youtu.be/03I-J7RelOU>

Amy Carmichael Story <https://youtu.be/P0TWAulpIJ4>

