

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 13:11-18

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

Discussion Questions:

- 1. John now sees a second beast where does it come from and what did it look like? (verse 11)
- Pastor Will said that the first beast was a counterfeit (fake) and tried to look like the Trinity. What do you think the purpose of the second beast is? (verse 12-14), (Deuteronomy13:1-4,

2 Thessalonians 2:9)

- 3. Notice in verse 15 this beast is allowed to do what, then read Daniel 3:1-7.
- 4. Satan is never original in what he does, all he can do is imitate God, what do you think his intentions are in verses 16-17. Read Revelation 7:2-4 and John 6:27
- 5. Verse 18 calls for wisdom and instead of concern about the beast and his number take some time to think about the one who is genuine: Jesus Christ and what He has done for you.

Additional Resources

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¹¹ Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. ¹² 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. ¹³ It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast to be slain. ¹⁶ 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, ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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 small children:

Can you think of examples of a wonderful reward that came from immense work or suffering? How about the birth of a baby? That takes immense work and suffering with a wonderful reward at the end. As you continue to read through these tough passages in Revelation remember that God is in control and he has divine wisdom for the work and suffering of his faithful servants.

Ask: How many times do you see the word allowed? Who is in charge? (God)

Ask: Who is the beast deceiving? What does it mean to deceive? Have you ever been tricked?

Ask: What is the opposite of deceit/lies? (Truth) What do we know about God's Word, the Bible? (It is true.)

Say: The best way to battle against being fooled by deceit and lies is by knowing the truth. Here is a video showing the simple truth behind some simple yet believable tricks. Once you know the truth you cannot be fooled. By sharing this link, we do not mean to imply endorsement of this YouTube channel. https://youtu.be/V2tDK9wfCYs

In verse 18 it refers to wisdom and understanding. Read Proverbs 1:7 and 9:10. Ask: What do these verses tell you about wisdom?

Parents, for further understanding here is an article for you. How is the fear of the Lord the beginning of wisdom? | GotQuestions.org

Activity: Just for fun, and as a reminder that truth protects us from being fooled, practice one or two of the tricks from the video or make up your own.

