

## 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 20:1-10

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

**Discussion Questions:** 

1. As the angel comes down, what does he hold in his hand? Who does he bind? (verses 1-2)

- 2. What is the reason for the dragon (Satan) to be sealed in the pit? (verse 3)
- 3. Who is given authority to judge? Who reigns with Christ? (verse 4)
- 4. In John 5:28-29, Jesus described two resurrections. How are they like Revelation 20:5-6?
- 5. What will happen to Satan after 1000 years? What will he do? (verses 7-8)
- 6. Who gathers for battle, what is the outcome? (verses 9-10)

## **Additional Resources**

## Teaching Passage: Revelation 20:1-10

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. <sup>2</sup> And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, <sup>3</sup> and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

<sup>4</sup>Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. <sup>5</sup> The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup> Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

<sup>7</sup> And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison <sup>8</sup> and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. <sup>9</sup> And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, <sup>10</sup> and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

## For younger children:

Say: Sometimes God's word can be confusing and even scary. Let's look at these verses that remind us of his authority, goodness, protection, and wisdom.

Isaiah 14:24 (ESV): 24 The LORD of hosts has sworn:

"As I have planned,

so shall it be,

and as I have purposed,

so shall it stand,

Psalm 18:30 (ESV): 30 This God—his way is perfect;

the word of the LORD proves true;

he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

Isaiah 55:8–9 (ESV): 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Ask: What do these verses tell us about God's authority, goodness, protection, and wisdom?

Ask: Who has authority over Satan? (God) Does anyone have authority over God? (No one has authority over God.)

Say: For a while Satan still have power to tempt us to sin, he has already been defeated through the work of Jesus Christ on the cross and his resurrection. That means that we have the power to resist his temptations by the power of the Holy Spirit. Everyday we have the power to say, "No!" to his temptations to sin. That power never runs out!

Say: In verse 4 it states that all that had passed away but chose to worship God in their lifetime will be raised to life and reign with Jesus while Satan is bound up and unable to trick people for a period of time.

Ask: Can you try to imagine what the world might be like during that period of time while Satan is unable to deceive people? How might it affect our relationships with others, life at home, at school, at work, or in government?

Say: Verse 10 promises us that one day Satan will be defeated for all of eternity, never to bother anyone again. He will be eternally punished. We can trust God to deal with Satan and his followers rightly.

Activity: This activity will take a little prep. You will need a flashlight and a small cross sticker to fit on the light of the flashlight. If you do not have a sticker, you can tape two overlapping dark strips of paper on the light of the flashlight to create a cross. Go into a darkened room and demonstrate how the flashlight will cast a cross on the wall and say, "by the power of Christ I can say no to sin".

Now, parent, tell a story to your child that includes a choice to sin or to follow Jesus.

Children, shine the flashlight and say, "I have the power of Christ to say no to sin!" Then tell your parent what choice shows that you follow Jesus.

