



Jesus is Coming Back!

Read Revelation 1:1-3

Matching

Draw a line from the question to the correct answer. Most of the answers are straight from the verses you just read.

Question

- What does the word “revelation” mean?
- Who was going to show this revelation to God’s servants?
- What things was God going to reveal?
- Whom did God send to show John these things?
- What did John do with what He saw?
- Whom does God bless according to verse 3?

Answer

- Jesus Christ
- Show something that has up to that point been hidden
- John
- Events that are going to happen soon
- The person who reads, hears, and obeys the book
- Testify/tell what was heard & seen

Share

Most of the things written in the book of Revelation (like God punishing people who don’t belong to Jesus and like Jesus coming back for His followers) hadn’t yet happened when John wrote the book. But he said that the events were going to take place soon (“what must soon take place” [verse 1], “the time is near” [verse 3]). It’s now more than 1900 years later and the events still haven’t happened. Why then do you think God said so long ago that the time was close?

God wasn’t lying. God’s timing is different than ours. These things are going to take place soon—God’s kind of “soon.” We don’t know when that’s going to be, but God does. And so God said that these things were going to happen soon so that we would prepare and always be ready.

Activity: Get Ready!

Explain to your children that you will play a game where everyone is going to have 5 minutes to pack what they think are the 10 most important things that they would need to survive on an island.

Notes:

- *The island does have animals, plants, and fresh water*
- *Everyone will need a similar-sized bag or backpack in which to place their 10 items.*
- *You'll likely have to come up with a list of items that cannot be included in their bag. Your list will depend upon your child's age. Weapons, matches, pets, etc... may be things to include on your list.*

After setting the ground rules and making sure each family member has a similar-sized bag or backpack, set a timer for 5 minutes. When it buzzes, everyone must stop what they are doing and immediately return to the starting location.

Upon returning, invite each person to share what they packed to be get ready to live on the island. After everyone shares, ask the following discussion questions.

Discuss

- What do you think God wants us to do to prepare and be ready for Jesus to come back?
- What are some specific things you can do this week?

Pray: Invite each family member (1) to ask God to show them what they need to do to get ready for Jesus' return and/or (2) to share with God what they would like to do to get ready for Jesus' return and ask Him for His help.