

Sunday School Lesson: Jesus Will Come Openly

Source essay: `The Rapture and the Day of the Lord.md`

Age: 3-6 years old

Length: 25-35 minutes

Main truth: When Jesus returns, His coming will be public, powerful, and glorious.

Memory verse: "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." - Matthew 24:27, KJV

Teacher's Big Idea

This essay rejects the idea of a secret rapture. For children, the lesson should be clear and hopeful: Jesus is coming openly, everyone will know He is King, and His people can wait with comfort.

Supplies

- A Bible
- A lightning picture
- A cloud picture
- A trumpet picture
- Coloring supplies
- A crown picture

Opening Question

Ask: "Can you hide lightning in the sky?"

Let children answer. Then say: "Today we will learn this truth: When Jesus returns, His coming will be public, powerful, and glorious."

Bible Time

Hold up the Bible and say: "God's Word tells us the truth about Jesus and His saving work."

"For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." - Matthew 24:27, KJV

Explain: "When Jesus returns, His coming will be public, powerful, and glorious."

Repeat-after-me phrase:

"Jesus will come openly."

Simple Teaching

1. Jesus Will Return

Teacher say: "Jesus really is coming back."

Child repeat: "Jesus is coming."

2. His Coming Will Be Public

Teacher say: "His return will not be hidden or secret."

Child repeat: "Everyone will know."

3. His People Can Be Comforted

Teacher say: "God's children can wait for Jesus with peace."

Child repeat: "Wait with comfort."

Object Lesson

Show the lightning picture and ask if anyone can hide it.

Show the trumpet and crown pictures and say: "Jesus will come like a King everyone can see."

Tell the children: "His people do not have to be afraid. We wait with comfort."

Movement Activity

- "Jesus is coming." Point upward.
- "Everyone will know." Look around the room.
- "Wait with comfort." Give a gentle self-hug.
- "Listen for the King." Cup hand to ear.
- "Praise Jesus." Lift hands upward.

Repeat once with the children.

Short Story Illustration

Ethan saw a flash of lightning from the window and knew right away that a storm had come near.

Nobody had to whisper it to him. The sky made it plain.

At church Ethan learned that when Jesus returns, His coming will be public and glorious. Everyone will know the King has come.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the main truth today?

Expected answer: When Jesus returns, His coming will be public, powerful, and glorious.

2. What should we remember?

Expected answer: Jesus will come openly.

3. Who helps God's people?

Expected answer: Jesus.

4. Is God's Word true?

Expected answer: Yes.

5. What should we do?

Expected answer: Trust and obey the Lord.

Craft or Table Activity

Make a cloud with a lightning bolt and write: "Jesus will come openly."

Closing Prayer

Our Father in heaven, thank You for Your true Word and for the Lord Jesus Christ. Help us believe Your promises, love what is true, and walk in faith and obedience. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Parent Take-Home Line

Jesus will return openly and gloriously, so His people wait with comfort.