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Jesus Will Return

Key Theme

- God is faithful to His promises.

Key Passages

- Matthew 24:44; John 14:1–3; Acts 1:9–11; Revelation 1:7; 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17

Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Explain the hope Christians have for the future.
- Explain how Jesus will return.



Lesson Overview



Come On In

Students will practice the memory verse by working on the Memory Verse Review Sheet and reciting the verse to a friend.



Activity 1: Jesus Will Return Class Notes

Students will fill out Jesus Will Return Class Notes as you study the lesson.



Studying God's Word

Jesus said His followers should be ready because one day He is coming back in glory. And all believers will be together with Him forever throughout all eternity.

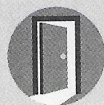


Activity 2: Four in a Row

Students will review the lesson by playing a game of Four in a Row.

Lesson Preparation

WHAT YOU WILL DO



COME ON IN

- ☐ Print the Memory Verse Review Sheet from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student.



JESUS WILL RETURN CLASS NOTES

- ☐ Print one Jesus Will Return Class Notes from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student. Keep the answer key for your use.



STUDYING GOD'S WORD

- ☐ Study the Prepare to Share section.
- ☐ Print one set of Seven C's Pictures from the Resource DVD-ROM.
- ☐ Go Before the Throne.



FOUR IN A ROW

- ☐ Print one Four in a Row Teacher Guide from the Resource DVD-ROM.
- ☐ Prepare a 16-section square grid on the floor with masking tape.
- ☐ Cut 8 red circles and 8 black circles from red and black construction paper.
- ☐ Bring in one beanbag, rolled sock, or other appropriate item to toss for each team.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Memory Verse Poster
- ☐ Memory Verse Review Sheet for each student

- ☐ Jesus Will Return Class Notes for each student
- ☐ Jesus Will Return Class Notes Answer Key
- ☐ Pencils

- ☐ Seven C's Pictures
- ☐ Poster putty
- ☐ Student Take Home Sheets

- ☐ Four in a Row Teacher Guide
- ☐ Masking tape
- ☐ 8 red and 8 black construction paper circles to mark four in a row
- ☐ Beanbag, rolled sock, or other appropriate item



Memory Verse

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

► **Pace your lesson!** Use the clocks to mark the time you want to finish each section. This will help you stay on track and finish on time. You may need to shorten or drop sections as necessary.





Prepare to Share

SCRIPTURAL BACKGROUND

Prepare to teach by preparing your heart. Read the key passages listed above with this background.

The Bible is the history book of the universe—from beginning to end. It started in Genesis with the Creation, when God created all things, and they were all very good (Genesis 1:31). Man fell into Corruption—sin—by disobeying God’s command (Romans 5:12). The world had fallen into wickedness and disobedience, so God sent a Catastrophe—the worldwide Flood as punishment (Genesis 7:23). Only Noah and his family survived that Flood. But as the population of man grew, they again disobeyed God. As a result of man’s sin at the Tower of Babel, God sent Confusion on them. Their languages were confused, and they were scattered all over the earth (Genesis 11:9). Man could never obey God perfectly. That is why God sent His perfect Son, Jesus Christ, to earth (John 3:16). Jesus died on the Cross so that sinners—all who believe in Him—could have eternal life! But that was not all God did! Jesus was buried, and He rose from the grave, and then ascended into heaven! Jesus is alive. He put an end to death and made a way for sinners to be forgiven and welcomed into His family (1 Corinthians 15:3–4).

But there is still more to come! God has told us about the major events that will finally end history and fulfill His plan for the universe—known as the Consummation! This consummation includes the anticipated return of Jesus Christ in glory as the conquering King!

Jesus often spoke to His followers about His return. He told them to be ready for His coming (Matthew 24:44). Jesus said that He was going to prepare a place for His followers and would come again to take them to be with Him (John 14:1–3).

The Bible tells us that as Jesus’s disciples watched Him ascend back to His Father, He was taken up into a cloud. They looked toward heaven as Jesus went up. Two angels appeared to the disciples and assured them that Jesus Christ, whom they had just watched ascend, would one day appear again in the same manner (Acts 1:9–11). The Apostle John confirmed this in the book of Revelation when he wrote that Jesus is coming back in the clouds. And when He returns, every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him (Revelation 1:7). And the Apostle Paul wrote that the Lord will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God! The saints of God will meet the Lord in the air and will then be with Him always (1 Thessalonians 4:16–17).

What joyous news this is to those of us, who by

God’s mercy, have been born again to a living hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:3). The realization that our Savior, Jesus Christ, will return for us one day should motivate us to live in eager expectation of His return! And while we are eagerly waiting, we should examine ourselves to be sure we are in the faith (2 Corinthians 13:5). Do our lives reflect faithful obedience and ministry to what Jesus Christ has called us to? Or are we so caught up in the pleasures and enjoyments of this world that we forget that this is NOT our home (Hebrews 13:14)? Are we truly seeking the better, heavenly country that God has prepared for His people (Hebrews 11:16)?

The world and all its pleasures are passing away (1 John 2:17). And because of the joy we have in Christ, we are to put off and deny ungodliness and worldly lusts. We are to live righteous lives today as we look for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ (Titus 2:11–13)!

The book of Revelation ends with Jesus’s promise, “Surely I am coming quickly.” And as we mature in Christ, our response will align with the Apostle John’s, who replied, “Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!” (Revelation 22:20).

HISTORICAL/APOLOGETICS BACKGROUND

The church has been waiting for Jesus to return for her for over 2,000 years. Faithful believers have been comforted through the centuries by the words of Paul in 1 Thessalonians 4, especially those who have undergone persecution for their faith:

I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words (1 Thessalonians 4:13–18).

What a wonderful day that will be! It is a day that we are to look forward to.

Unfortunately, some, in eager anticipation of that day, have tried to predict the date of Christ's return. Whether by applying complicated mathematical formulas to numbers in the book of Daniel, searching the secret "Bible codes," or by supposed direct revelation, hundreds of people and organizations over the years have predicted the date of Christ's return. Here are just a few of them within the recent past:

- William Miller, a Baptist preacher from New York, stated in 1842, "My principles in brief, are, that Jesus Christ will come again to this earth, cleanse, purify, and take possession of the same, with all the saints, sometime between March 21, 1843, and March 21, 1844." When this did not happen, he then recalculated and determined the correct date to be October 22, 1844. This date became known as "The Great Disappointment" by the Millerites (his followers) after Jesus failed to return. Thousands of them had sold their possessions and were awaiting the coming of Christ.
- The Watchtower Society (Jehovah's Witnesses) have predicted that Christ would come in 1914, 1918, 1920, 1925, 1941, 1975, and 1994. When He failed to return each time, they reinterpreted these dates to refer to "spiritual" events in heaven.
- Hal Lindsey, author of the book *The Late, Great Planet Earth*, predicted no less than four times a date for the return of Christ: 1981, 1988, 2007, and 2040.
- Edgar Whisenant wrote a book entitled, *88 Reasons Why the Rapture Is in 1988*. When that prediction failed, he "recalculated" and came out with revised predictions of 1989 and then 1993.
- In addition to Hal Lindsey, other authors wrote of the year 1988 being the rapture of the church based on it being 40 years, or one "generation," after the founding of the modern nation of Israel in 1948.
- Harold Camping, an American Christian radio broadcaster, famously predicted that Jesus would return on May 21, 2011. Followers of Camping donated millions of dollars to purchase radio ads and billboards to warn people of the coming apocalypse. When the day passed without the predicted return, Mr. Camping "recalculated" the date to be October 21, 2011, again a failed prediction.
- In an interview in 2012, World Bible Society President F. Kenton Beshore stated that Christ's return will occur sometime between 2018 and 2028.

As you can see, there have been many attempts to set a timetable for Jesus's coming, and they've all been wrong. To some people, the failed predictions are proof that they don't need to take Jesus's return seriously at all—kind of like the boy who cried wolf. However, failed predictions don't prove Jesus wrong. Actually, they prove Him right. Jesus was very clear when speaking about His return: "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only" (Matthew 24:36). Later, He said, "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. . . . Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect" (Matthew 24:42, 24:44).

Right before His ascension to heaven, Jesus's disciples asked Him a question: "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6). How did Jesus reply? "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority" (Acts 1:7). We can be sure that Jesus will return, but He has not revealed to us the time when this will happen. So, when you hear people set dates for Jesus's return, don't believe them. The only way anyone could be right about the exact date of the second coming is if Jesus Himself turned out to be wrong.

Rather than leading to date-setting, the return of Jesus is to lead us to sober, righteous, godly living (Titus 2:11–13; 2 Peter 3:11–12; 1 John 3:2–3). We are to be full of hope as we look forward to the revelation of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:13). We are not to love the world or the things of the world (1 John 2:15), but rather realize that "our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself" (Philippians 3:20–21).



BEFORE THE THRONE

Glorious Lord and Savior, how I long for your return! Your Word gives us glimpses of it, but what we know is just a shadow of that glorious day. When I look for your coming, I am inspired to live a life that is pleasing to you. I want to be ready! I want to seek first the kingdom of God and hold loosely the things of this world. Use this lesson to challenge my students to worship you alone, live in obedience to your commands, and follow your will for their lives so they will be found ready when you return!



COME ON IN

As students arrive . . .

- They will complete the Memory Verse Review Sheet. If time allows, have the students recite the verse together, to each other, or to you.

This time at the beginning of class should be used to review the memory verse. We have provided an activity sheet on the Resource DVD-ROM for you to use. You may have other ideas and ways to encourage your students to memorize the verse.



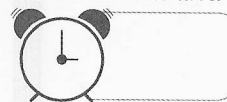
After all the students arrive, pray with them before beginning the lesson.



REVIEW

Using the Lesson Theme Posters provided with each lesson, quickly review the previous lesson(s) with your students. Take 5 to 10 minutes to reinforce the important truths the students have heard so far in your class.

Ask the children questions about the previous lessons as you display the Lesson Theme Posters. Reflect briefly on the passages you read, bringing the objectives and themes back into focus. This will refresh the truths in your students' minds and maintain continuity as you teach through the lessons.



Jesus Will Return Class Notes

MATERIALS

- ☐ Jesus Will Return Class Notes for each student
- ☐ Jesus Will Return Class Notes Answer Key
- ☐ Pencils

INSTRUCTIONS

Print the class notes for each student. Pass them out at the beginning of class. Have students fill in the blanks as you study the lesson.

We will be completing these class notes as we study the Bible passages. Do not work ahead. We will finish them together.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

As we complete the class notes today, we will see what good things God has planned for the future for all who believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior.



Studying God's Word

READ THE WORD

Refer to Lesson 8 Lesson Theme Poster. All believers get to call themselves children of God! If we believe in Jesus Christ and trust what the Bible tells us about Him we are adopted into God's family! God is our Father, and Jesus is our Brother!

God has promised that all His children—all believers—will one day be in heaven forever! What wonderful promises God gives to all sinners who repent and turn in faith to Jesus Christ, the Savior.

Refer to Lesson 9 Lesson Theme Poster. As children of God, believers get to talk to God.

? How do believers talk to God? *Through prayer.*

This is another wonderful gift God gives to those who receive Jesus as their Lord! All believers can speak to God—and God hears us and answers us! The Christian life is certainly a special and wonderful life.

? Refer to Lesson 10 Lesson Theme Poster. But is living the Christian life easy? *Allow discussion.*

It is not easy! The Bible says that Christians are to be like Jesus! We can't do that on our own!

? God has given us help! What is that help? *Allow discussion. His armor—the armor of God!*

? And what does that armor include? *Refer to the Lesson 10 Lesson Theme Poster. Allow discussion. Belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shoes of the gospel of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, and sword of the spirit.*

That's right. We need armor from God to keep us fighting for our faith in Jesus Christ. But there are times when we don't want to fight anymore because we just don't think it's worth it. The things of the world seem so much better to us, and we just don't feel like obeying!

But the truth is, it IS worth it! This world WILL end, and when it does, we know that for all believers, God has made some wonderful promises!

But in order to understand this, we have to start at the very beginning! The Bible is the history book of the universe! And it tells us what happened at the very beginning of the universe and what will happen at the very end.

I am going to pass out these seven pictures. We're going to review that history very quickly by looking at what we call the "Seven C's of History."
Pass out the Seven C's Pictures.

? We will start at the very beginning. Who has Picture #1? Will you read that and place it on the board? *Picture #1. Creation. God created all things, and everything God created was very good!*

Right! We read about the creation in the book of Genesis. In the beginning God created all things.

? Who has Picture #2? Will you read that and put it on the board? *Picture #2. Corruption. Sin entered the world when Adam and Eve disobeyed God.*

Adam and Eve ate the fruit God told them not to eat! And after that, ALL people ever born would sin, too! The people of the world became more and more wicked and sinful.

➤ Pass out the Seven C's Pictures labeled 1–7. Have small pieces of poster putty or tape available. Students will bring the pictures up and put them in place.

? Who has Picture #3? Will you read it and put it on the board? *Picture #3. Catastrophe. God punished the world for people's sin by sending a worldwide Flood.*

Yes! God hates sin! And He sent the worldwide Flood to judge sin. But in His mercy, God saved Noah and his family from the Flood. So what happened next?

? Who has Picture #4? What does it say? *Picture #4. Confusion. The people in the world disobeyed God again. God confused their language and scattered them all over the earth.*

? Where did this happen? Where did God confuse the language of the people? *Allow discussion. The Tower of Babel.*

This confusion from God happened at the Tower of Babel. The people were building a tower to the heavens instead of obeying God. And God put a stop to that! He confused their language. The people scattered all over the earth, and that tower was never finished.

It was clear in history now that man could never obey God perfectly. People kept sinning and disobeying God! And God hates sin! We should all be condemned because of our sin.

? But that is not what God had in mind. Who has Picture #5? Will you read that and put it up on the board? *Picture #5. Christ. God sent His Son to earth so sinners could be forgiven.*

Jesus came to earth as a baby. Jesus is God! This was God's plan!

? What did Jesus have to do in order to offer forgiveness and salvation to all of us sinners? *Allow discussion. He had to die.*

? Who has Picture #6? Will you place that on the board and read it? *Picture #6. Cross. Jesus died a horrible death on the Cross.*

Yes! This was God's plan! Jesus had to die on the Cross, AND He rose from the grave. Jesus is alive! This is good news! But the good news doesn't end there! And that is what we are going to talk about today.

? Who has Picture #7? Will you read it and bring it up? *Picture #7. Consummation. God's plan and promises for the end of history!*

Consummation is a long word. It is the seventh C of history. There is a blank on your class notes to write it down on #1. Everyone fill in that word. Look for it in the Word Bank to help you spell it. *Have students complete #1 on their class notes.*

Let's repeat all these C's together. *Repeat the history using the pictures on the board. Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, Consummation.*

The Seven C's cover ALL of the history of the world. And that history is ALL found in the Bible!

Today we will talk about the last C—Consummation. What does the Bible say about the Consummation—or the events that will complete God's

Matthew 24:44

plan for the universe? It has to do with Jesus and what He will do. Let's read about that.

- ? Turn to Matthew 24:44. This is something Jesus said to His followers. Let's read it. *Choose a student to read the verse. Matthew 24:44.*

EXAMINE THE WORD

This is great news for believers! Let's talk about what we just read.

Observe the Text

- ? Who was speaking in this verse? *Jesus.*
- ? Jesus was speaking. This verse mentions the "Son of Man." This is another name for Jesus. What did Jesus tell His followers? *Matthew 24:44. Be ready.*
- ? Yes. Jesus said to be ready! What should they be ready for? What is Jesus going to do one day? *Matthew 24:44. Come back.*

Jesus said be ready! He is coming back one day!

John 14:1-3

- ? Now turn to the gospel of John chapter 14. We will read verses 1-3. *Choose students to read the verses. John 14:1-3.*
- ? Who was speaking in these verses? *John 14:1-3. Jesus.*
- Yes. Jesus was speaking to His followers in these verses. Jesus knew He would be leaving them soon. He would be killed.
- ? Where did Jesus say He was going? *John 14:2. Allow discussion. He was returning to the Father.*
- ? What was He going to do there? Look at the end of John 14:2. *He would prepare a place for His disciples.*

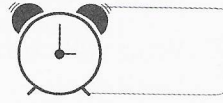
Jesus was going to His Father to prepare a place for His followers there—a place in heaven with God, the Father!

- ? What did Jesus promise to do after He went back to His Father to prepare a place for them? *John 14:3. He would come back to them and take His followers to where He was!*

Discover the Truth

In these verses we just read, and many more in the Bible, Jesus told His followers that He would be coming back. He told them to be ready! And He wanted them to know that it was not a bad thing that He was going away! In fact, Jesus promised that He was going to prepare a place in heaven for all of His followers! And that promise includes everyone who receives the truth that Jesus Christ is the Savior—the way, the truth, and the life—the only way that sinners can get to heaven after they die. That is part of the Consummation! God's plan for the end of history. Jesus is coming back!

- ? Let's do a quick review before we move on. Will someone read #2 on the class notes? What is the answer? *Assign a reader. Place. Have students complete #2.*
- ? What about #3? What did Jesus promise all believers? *Assign a reader. Come. Have students complete #3.*
- ? And #4? How are we supposed to respond? *Assign a reader. Ready. Have students complete #4.*



READ THE WORD

This is an exciting and wonderful promise to all believers. But how will Jesus return? What does the Bible say about it?

- ? Jesus was leaving His friends. He was returning to His Father in heaven. Turn to Acts 1:9–11. The Bible tells us how Jesus will return! Will someone read that please? *Acts 1:9–11. Choose students to read the verses.*

Acts 1:9–11

EXAMINE THE WORD

Observe the Text

- ? What a thing to see! Can you imagine it? What did the disciples see? *Acts 1:9. Jesus went up in the air and into a cloud.*
- ? They saw Him go up into the clouds! As they watched, they saw something else. What was that? Look in Acts 1:10. *Acts 1:10. They saw two men in white apparel.*
- ? Who do you think these two men were? *Acts 1:10. Allow discussion. Angels.*
- ? These were two angels sent from God. And they spoke to the disciples who were watching all of this! What did these angels tell Jesus's disciples as they looked up into the sky? *Acts 1:11. Jesus would return one day in the same way they saw Him leave.*
- ? And how had they seen Jesus leave? *Allow discussion.*

The Bible says that Jesus went up in the air, a cloud appeared and He disappeared from their sight! And God sent angels to tell Jesus's friends, that Jesus would one day return to earth in the clouds.

Now turn to the back of your Bibles to the book of Revelation. It is the very last book! This is also about Jesus's return to earth one day!

- ? Will someone read Revelation 1:7 for us? *Revelation 1:7. Choose someone to read.*
- ? How will Jesus be coming? Look at the beginning of that verse. *Revelation 1:7. He will come with clouds.*
- ? And who will see Jesus as He comes? *Revelation 1:7. Every eye will see Him.*

Revelation 1:7

Yes! Again, we read that Jesus WILL one day return, and when He does, He will return in the clouds.

1 Thessalonians 4:16–17

This will be a wonderful day for everyone who believes in Jesus Christ! Let's look at one more passage. Turn to 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17. These verses give a tiny look at what that glorious day will be like. Let's read them. Choose students to read the verses. *1 Thessalonians 4:16–17.*

- ? Who will come down—or descend—from heaven? *1 Thessalonians 4:16. The Lord Himself.*
- ? There will be a loud voice. Whose voice will that be? *1 Thessalonians 4:16. The voice of an archangel!*
- ? And something else will be heard with that voice? What is it? *1 Thessalonians 4:16. The trumpet of God will sound!*

Discover the Truth

Wow! This is going to be an exciting day! Jesus will return in the clouds, and there will be the voice of one of God's angels, and the trumpet of God will sound. And the Bible goes on to say that all the believers who have already died will rise up from the earth and join Jesus! And then, any believers who are still alive and living on the earth will rise up. And they will be with Jesus too! And ALL believers—everyone who has turned to Jesus in faith and received His free gift of grace—will be with Jesus forever!

➤ If time allows, assign students to re-read the points on the class notes as a review and briefly discuss them.

- ? Let's finish the class notes! Will someone read #5 for us? What is the answer to that? *Assign a reader. Clouds. Have students complete #5.*
- ? And what about #6? What is the great news of this promise? *Assign a reader. Believers. Have students complete #6.*





Four In A Row

MATERIALS

- ☐ Four in a Row Teacher Guide
- ☐ Masking tape
- ☐ Beanbag, rolled up sock, or other appropriate item
- ☐ Red construction paper—8 sheets
- ☐ Black construction paper—8 sheets

INSTRUCTIONS

Use masking tape to make a 16-section square on the floor. The square should be four sections wide by four sections high. Each section should be equal in size. Cut 8 red circles and 8 black circles from the red and black construction paper. Or use some other appropriate markers for the two teams.

Divide the students into two teams—red team and black team. Give each team eight paper circles—either red or black. Students will toss the beanbag to a square. They will answer a question. If correct, they can put a marker in that square. To win the game, teams must get four circles in a row on the grid—by answering the questions correctly and throwing the beanbags accurately.

We are going to review now by playing Four in a Row. I'll put you into two teams:

Red Team and Black Team. You can take turns throwing the beanbag and answering a question. If you answer correctly, you can place one of your markers where the beanbag is. If you don't get it correct, the other team will have an opportunity to answer and earn a space on the grid. We will alternate teams until one team gets **four circles in a row**. *Play the game using the Four in a Row Teacher Guide from the Resource DVD-ROM.*

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

God planned out the future of the universe even before He created it. Today we've talked about how God will end history as we know it. That is called the Consummation! Part of that plan is that Jesus is going to come back, and He will take all believers with Him to heaven for all eternity. This is a promise from the Bible. We can be sure of it! And we should always be ready!



Applying God's Word

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

Refer to Lesson Theme Poster. Jesus promised that He would come again to take all believers to a place He has prepared. When Jesus left this earth He went up into the clouds. God sent angels to give the message that one day Jesus would return to earth in the same way they saw Him leave—in the clouds.

This is something worth celebrating and remembering! One day, Jesus will come back in glory! And all believers will be with Him, and they will be together with God forever and ever throughout all eternity.

GOD'S WORD IN THE REAL WORLD

When you think about the future do you think about hover boards, jet packs, and supersonic vehicles that zip through space at light speed? Or eternal life with God? Be honest. Don't say anything out loud. But answer that important question in your mind. *Pause for reflection.*

You are young. The world seems exciting and fun, and its pleasures may keep your mind so captivated that sometimes you forget to think about what God has promised for the future.

But Jesus didn't want His disciples to be focused on the things of this world. He said, "I will return, so be ready." Will you be ready when He returns? He said He was going to prepare an eternal home for all believers. Do you want to live there? Only His children get to spend eternity with Him—only those who have repented of their sins, received Jesus, and believe in His name!

The pleasures of this world will end someday. But the home Christ has for believers is forever. It is WAY better than anything we can have on earth. You won't want to miss out on the eternal glory you will enjoy there just because you were too busy chasing after the treasures of this world. Once you understand that, it will change the way you see everything. First, you will want to turn to Christ and receive Him for salvation! And second, you will want to live every day for Him, longing for the day Jesus comes back. When He returns, you'll want Jesus to find you living your life for Him!



► Pass out the Student Take Home Sheets and remind the students to practice the memory verse this week.



MEMORY VERSE

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.



GROUP PRAYER TIME

- Praise God for the hope He gives all Christians that He will return and has prepared a place for us!
- Ask God to soften the hearts of your students to the truth of Jesus Christ and the wonder of eternity with Him.