

3RD - 5TH

36-2 Jesus Will Return One Day



CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids: What experience do you wish could last forever? Maybe a family vacation or a celebration. Why do you wish it could last forever?



STRONGER!

Start by 9:20/10:45

Lead kids to listen to the options you say aloud and determine which animal has the strongest bite. Tell kids to run to the left of the room if they pick the first option or to the right for the second option. Consider using the following options or create your own:

- Hyena or grizzly bear (grizzly bear)
- Polar bear or gorilla (gorilla)
- Jaguar or bull shark (jaguar)
- Alligator or hippo (hippo)
- Saltwater crocodile or Nile crocodile (Nile crocodile)

Each of the animals has a powerful bite, but some are stronger than others. Jesus created all things and gave these animals their powerful bites. All strength and power belongs to Jesus, who is stronger than anything. Today, we will learn that when Jesus comes back, He will prove stronger than evil.

START BY

REVIEW

3 BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

9:30/10:55

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE REVIEW

Distribute Bibles and guide kids to open their Bibles to Revelation 19.

- Explain that the book of Revelation was written by one of Jesus' disciples named John. John was on an island called Patmos when he wrote Revelation. John was sent to Patmos as a punishment for sharing the gospel.
- Choose a volunteer to read aloud Revelation 19:11.

John tells us that Jesus, the Rider on the white horse, is called Faithful and True. Jesus is faithful to His promises and true to His word. Jesus came as the promised Messiah and He will come again as the conquering King. We can trust that He will be faithful and true to His promise to defeat evil. He will come again to gather His people to live with Him forever. Our hope is a sure and certain hope because we have a King who is always true to His word.



DISCUSSION

- **How does today's story give you hope?** Faith is the assurance of what we hope for and the belief in things not yet seen. We have hope for the future because we have faith in a Savior who never lies. Hope in Jesus can help us persevere through difficulties. (Option: read Hebrews 10:23.)
- What does it mean that Jesus is the 'King of Kings and Lord of Lords?' There are many powers in the world today such as governments, celebrity culture, wealth, etc. Many times these powers set themselves up against Jesus and desire to be exalted as king. There is no earthly power compared to Jesus. He rules over everything as the true King and one day He will come again to defeat any power that sets itself up against Him. (Option: read Revelation 17:13-14.)
- How would you explain to someone scared and struggling that Jesus gives you hope? Many people are hurting and struggling because we live in a world where evil has not yet been finally defeated. We can share the hope of Jesus' victory with others. We share how Jesus has defeated sin and death so we can be forgiven and escape the punishment our sin deserves. One day make all things right. (Option: read 1 Peter 1:20-21.)



HOPEFUL PRAISE

Form kids into groups of three or four. Challenge each group to work together to create a song of hopeful praise to Jesus using verses from Revelation 19–20. Guide kids to choose words that describe Jesus as the victorious King who conquers evil. Provide groups with Bibles, papers, and pens to write down their songs.

After several minutes, invite groups to either read the lyrics of their song or sing their song for the rest of the group. For kids who may not be comfortable performing, consider providing them with a box to drum a beat on while the others sing the song. Or invite them to draw a picture that represents the song.

John saw a celebration in heaven as angels praised Jesus. Their songs described the victory of Jesus and that He alone saves. We give our praise to Jesus as we honor Him as our victorious King.



Key Passage: He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. Revelation 21:4



Big Picture Question: What is the hope of the church? The church looks forward to Jesus' return when He will make all things new.



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers. Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.