

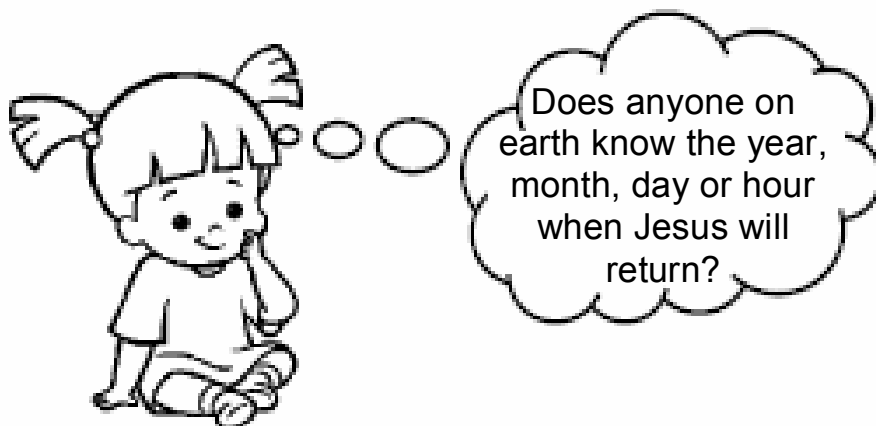
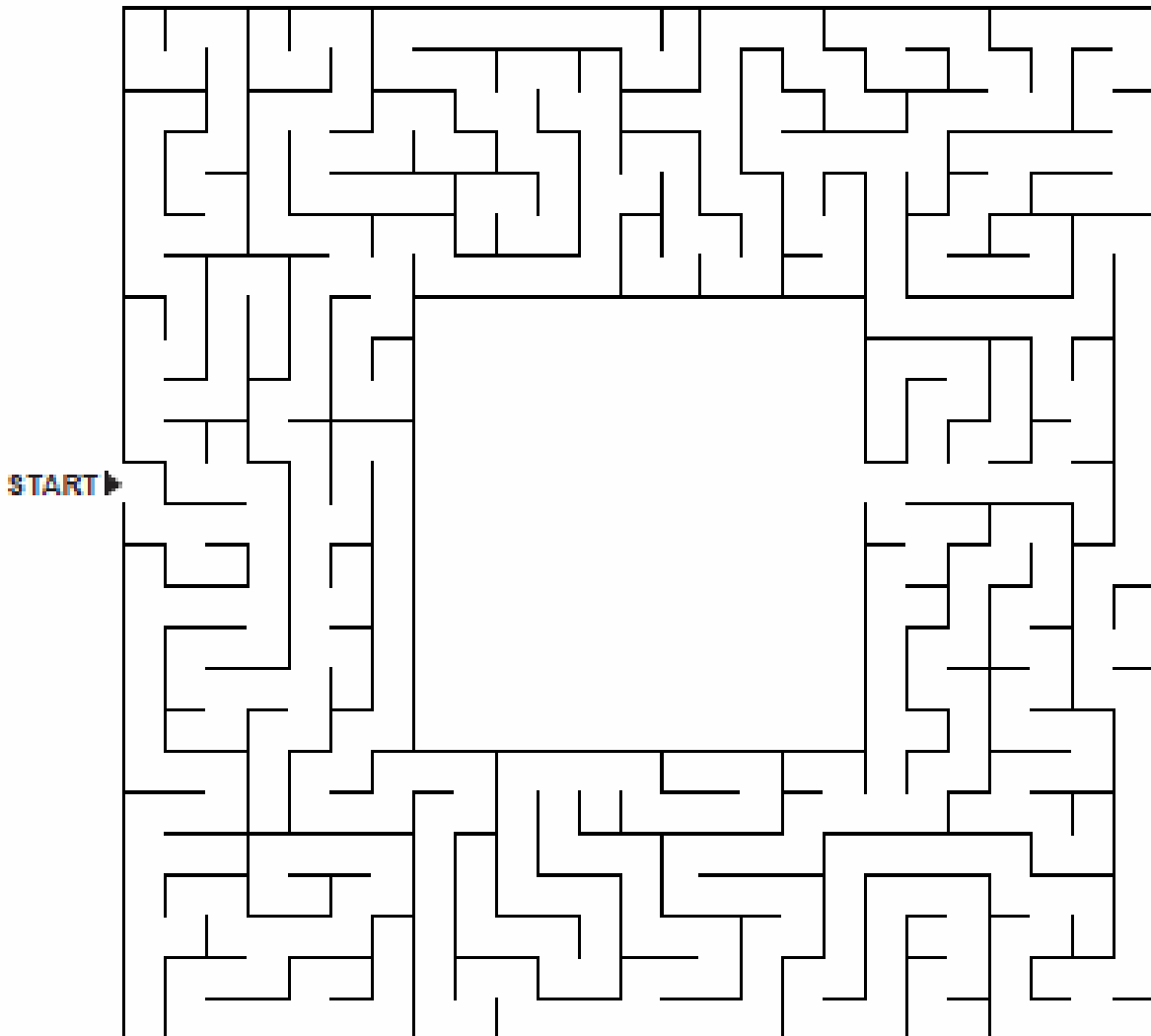
Jesus is Coming Back Again

Many prophecies in the Old and New Testaments have already been fulfilled. Yet, there are some that will be fulfilled in the future in God timing. Indeed they will all be fulfilled! Before being taken up to heaven Jesus promised that he will come back in the same way he went to his Father. Nobody knows exactly when Jesus will return. Only God the Father knows. All who love him are waiting for this to happen and are getting ready for that day, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"



"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done." Revelation 22:12

Jesus promised us that he will come back! Inside the maze, draw those who believe in Jesus and are waiting for him to come again. Then help them find their way out!



Lesson 32

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Bible Text: Revelation 22:12-21

Key Verse: Revelation 22:12.

Purpose: The children will understand that Jesus will come a second time and that it is important how he find us - with a pure heart, not with a heart stained with sin.

Please note!

Plan suitable activities for your group of children. The following activities can be adapted depending on the group's size, age, ability, the amount of time available, etc.

I. Lesson

Before working on the coloring page, tell the children about the prophecy of Jesus' second coming.

In the Bible there are many prophecies that were fulfilled. Let's remember some of them:

1. That the serpent (Satan), who deceived Eve, would be crushed by the woman's seed, meaning by a woman's descendant (Genesis 3:15). The fulfillment of this prophecy appears in the New Testament; the woman's seed is Jesus himself.
2. That Abraham would be the father of many peoples, even though he didn't have a son at that time (Genesis 15:5). This promise was fulfilled. Abraham became the father of many peoples.
3. That a Savior would come to earth (Isaiah 9:6-7). This prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus came to earth.

Many other prophecies in the Bible have been fulfilled. This shows that God fulfills his promises.

There are some prophecies in the Bible that are yet to be fulfilled. The major prophecy is that Jesus will come back one day in the same way he went to his Father. Jesus himself promised this while he was still on earth (Matthew 24:30, Acts 1:11 etc.). The book of Revelation was written by John, whom God showed many things about heaven. In Revelation 22:12-21 Jesus says that he will come soon to reward each person according to his deeds. Those who received Jesus' forgiveness (who believe that Jesus is the Son of God, ask him to be a part of their life and live how God want them) will have eternal life in Jesus' presence.

Read from Revelation 22:12-21 then start a discussion using these questions:

Q: Who can enter heaven?

A: Those who wash their robes as mentioned in Revelation 22:14.

Of course this is a figure of speech which in fact means "cleaning" our heart. Only those who are clean, meaning those who received Jesus' forgiveness and are God's children, can enter God's kingdom.

Q: According to the Bible, who cannot enter God's kingdom?

A: We see that these kinds of people cannot enter heaven:

- **dogs**, referring to those who like to hurt others.
- **those who practice magic arts**, witchcraft or are trying to discover the future.
- **the immoral**, those who live wildly.
- **murderers**, those who kill or those who offend.
- **idolaters** who worship different gods, those who love things other than God.
- **everyone who loves and practices falsehood**, liars, those who don't love the truth.

These are some of the sins that make a person unclean. There are other sins like them. People who do these kinds things follow the devil. In God's presence there is no sin. That's why those who aren't cleansed by Jesus blood cannot enter God's kingdom.

You might use the following illustration to explain this to the children, especially those who are younger:

Take a blouse or dress, etc, that is fancy but dirty and smells bad. Ask the children: "Is this a nice blouse?" Well, it was nice but now it is dirty and smells bad. Can someone wear this at a wedding? Will this person look pretty? No. Right now blouse doesn't look or smell very good. What do we have to do to make the dirt and the smell to go away? We must wash it. (The teacher washes the blouse until it becomes clean and smells better.) Show the children the clean blouse and ask: Can someone wear this blouse to the wedding now? Yes. It looks better. The same thing happens to our hearts. God created us with a clean heart. Sin makes our heart dirty. What can make our heart's clean? Certainly not soap and water. Only Jesus can, who died for us all. Jesus died and rose again so that we can have eternal life. Anyone who admits that he is a sinner and asks Jesus for forgiveness becomes clean.

II. Activities

1. Key Verse

a. Read the key verse out loud.

"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done." Revelation 22:12

b. Explain the verse:

'I am coming soon...' – this is Jesus' promise and at the same time a great prophecy. All prophecies written in the Bible will be fulfilled, including this one!

'...my reward is with me' – Jesus will reward each person when he comes back.

'...I will give to everyone according to what he has done' – Jesus will give a reward to each person according to their deeds. Those who love Jesus cannot do bad deeds too. Instead, they must choose to obey Jesus' commands.

c. Help the children memorize the verse. You can use games or contests.

2. Review questions for the children

- Which one of Jesus' promises did we talk about today?
- Who talked about Jesus coming back?
- How can our hearts be made clean?
- Who does the Bible say cannot enter God's kingdom?
- Who can enter God's kingdom?
- Does anyone on earth know when Jesus will come back?
- What will Jesus give to us when he returns?

III. Conclusion

If the Lord Jesus comes right now, are you ready to meet him? Jesus loves you very much. He has a plan for your life. Everyone will not enter God's Kingdom; only those who follow the Lord Jesus can. Our sins are like a wall that separates us from God. But Jesus came to earth to tear down this wall. Do you want him to do this for you, too? Ask him to do this and one day, you will see him too.