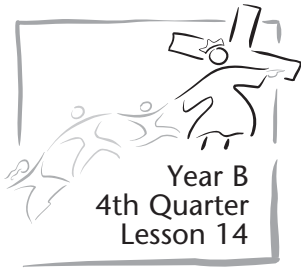


LESSON



He's Coming Again

GRACE God's grace is His gift to us.

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Memory Verse

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Objectives

The children will:

Know that Jesus will return to earth to take us to live with Him.

Feel happy that Jesus is coming soon.

Respond by thanking Jesus for His gift of eternal life.

The Message



Jesus is coming soon!

Getting Ready to Teach

The Bible Lesson at a Glance

After Jesus grows up and becomes a man, He lives His life giving to others by teaching, healing, forgiving, and loving. After His death and resurrection, He returns to heaven. One day soon He will come back to earth seated on a throne, surrounded by angels. He will come in the clouds with power and great glory. Everyone will see Him as the King of the Universe. He will take us up into heaven to live with Him forever.

This is a lesson about grace.

We are waiting for Jesus to come to take us home to heaven and give us the gift of eternal life with Him.

Teacher Enrichment

"Soon there appears in the east a small black cloud, about half the size of a man's hand. It is the cloud which surrounds the Saviour and which seems in the distance to be shrouded in darkness. The people of God know this to be the sign of the Son of man. In solemn silence they gaze upon it as it

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Program Outline			
LESSON SECTION	MINUTES	ACTIVITIES	MATERIALS NEEDED
Welcome	ongoing	Greet students at door; hear pleased/troubled	none
1 Readiness Options	up to 10	A. <i>Surprises!</i> B. <i>Packing for a Trip</i>	paper bag or box, small treats or gifts suitcase or bag, assorted items (see activity)
* Prayer and Praise *	up to 10	See page 143. *Prayer and Praise may be used at any time during the program.	
2 Bible Lesson	up to 20	Experiencing the Story	none
		Bible Study	Bible
		Memory Verse	Bible
3 Applying the Lesson	up to 15	<i>Being Ready for Jesus</i>	none
4 Sharing the Lesson	up to 15	<i>Second Coming Picture</i>	Second Coming picture (see p. 162), card stock, cotton balls, glue, crayons, glitter (optional)

draws nearer the earth, becoming lighter and more glorious, until it is a great white cloud, its base a glory like consuming fire, and above it the rainbow of the covenant. Jesus rides forth as a mighty conqueror. Not now a 'Man of Sorrows,' to drink the bitter cup of shame and woe, He comes, victor in heaven and earth, to judge the living and the dead. . . . With anthems of celestial melody the holy angels, a vast, unnumbered throng, attend Him on His way. The firmament seems filled with radiant forms—'ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands.' No human pen can portray the scene; no mortal mind is adequate to conceive its splendor. . . . As the living cloud comes still nearer, every eye beholds the Prince of life.

. . . His countenance outshines the dazzling brightness of the noonday sun. 'And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, *King of kings, and Lord of lords.*' Revelation 19:16" (*The Great Controversy*, pp. 640, 641).

Are you living each day as if Jesus were coming very soon? Does His soon coming seem real and personal to you? Will it seem real in the way you teach it to the children?

Room Decorations

Keep the room decorations from the last three weeks. Add a second coming scene on a felt or bulletin board with angels, clouds, Jesus on a throne, etc.

Teaching the Lesson

Welcome

Welcome children at the door. Ask how their week has been—what they are pleased/troubled about. Encourage them to share any experiences from last week’s lesson study. Have them begin the readiness activity of your choice.



Readiness Activities

Select the activity most appropriate for your situation.

A. Surprise!

You Need:

- paper bags
- small treats or gifts

Ask: **Do you like surprises? I thought you might.**

Well, I have a surprise for you in this bag. I can’t give it to you right now because it’s not the right time yet, but I will very soon. In the meantime, let’s talk about today’s Bible story. It is about Jesus coming to earth for a second time. Remember the first time? He was a baby. That baby grew up to be a man. The second time He will come as our King in the clouds with thousands and thousands of angels. Everyone will see Him and bow down to worship Him. Won’t that be a wonderful sight to see?

Now it’s time for me to give you a surprise. Give each child a treat or gift from your bag.

Debriefing

Allow responses as you ask: **Did you know when you would get the surprise? No, you didn’t know exactly when. That is what it will be like when Jesus comes again. No one knows exactly when He will come. He’s going to surprise us! We do know that Jesus promised to come back again, and that He’s coming soon. And Jesus always keeps His promises. Today’s message is:**



Jesus is coming soon!

Say that with me.

You Need:

- suitcase or bag
- items to pack for a trip

B. Packing for a Trip

Place in the suitcase items you would pack for a trip—socks, jacket, shirt, toothbrush, comb, book, etc. Also include things in the suitcase that you wouldn’t ordinarily take on a trip such as a fork, a hammer, a bottle of glue, etc. Say: **I’m going on a trip, and I’ve packed my suitcase. I need some helpers to come and take one item out of my suitcase and show it to everyone.** Ask for volunteers to

take one item at a time out of the suitcase, hold it up, and ask if it is something you would need on your trip.

Debriefing

Allow responses as you ask: **Did I need everything for my trip that I had packed in my suitcase? Why not? Do you know what is the biggest, most important trip we are ever going to take? Yes, our trip to heaven.**

Our Bible story is about Jesus coming to take us with Him to live in heaven. Do we need to pack our suitcases for that trip? No! How do we get ready for that big trip? (By giving our hearts to Jesus, living every day like it's the day He's coming, accepting Jesus' gift of eternal life, etc.) Jesus will soon take us on a wonderful trip—a trip to heaven. We can't do anything to earn our trip there. It is His gift of love to us. Today's message is:



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PRAYER AND PRAISE



Fellowship

Report the students' joys and sorrows (pleased and troubled) as reported to you at the door (as appropriate). Allow time for sharing experiences from last week's lesson study and review the memory verse. Acknowledge any birthdays, special events, or achievements. Give a special warm greeting to all visitors.

Suggested Songs

"God's Best Gift" (*Little Voices Praise Him*, No. 145)

"Jesus Is Coming" (*Little Voices Praise Him*, No. 182, 183, 184)

"Jesus Is Building Mansions" (*Little Voices Praise Him*, No. 134)

"Alway" (*Little Voices Praise Him*, No. 128)

Mission

Use a story from *Children's Mission*.

Offering

Say: **We can give our money to Jesus today so others will be ready to take the trip to heaven with us when Jesus comes.**

Prayer

Ask: **If you would like to make the trip to heaven with Jesus, come and kneel down with me as we thank Jesus for His promise to come back to take us to heaven.**

*Prayer and Praise may be used at any time during the program.

2

Bible Lesson**Experiencing the Story**

As you share the story have the children point to themselves when they hear the word children.

Read or tell the story.

Do you get excited when special people come to take you someplace? Soon a very special person will come for you. He will take you to His home.

God's **children** on earth know that Baby Jesus, born so long ago, had grown into a man. They know He was the One who died to save them. They know He has gone to heaven to be with God. And they know He will come to earth again.

God's **children** on earth know it will happen soon. "Watch for My coming!" Jesus said. "There will be troubles on the earth. There will be wars. There will be earthquakes. But do not worry! I am coming back to get you and take you home to heaven."

Yes, there have been earthquakes in the world. There have been wars. There have been many kinds of trouble. But God's **children** do not need to worry. They know Jesus is coming to take them home.

"When I come to get you, everyone in the world will see Me," Jesus said. "I will come like bright lightning that flashes. I will come with clouds of bright angels. And they will gather you up to meet Me in the sky."

God's **children** keep their eyes on the sky. Nobody knows which day He will come. But all God's **children** know He is coming.

All the angels in heaven know it, too. They know Jesus is going back to earth to get His **children** and bring them home. Not one of the angels knows exactly which will be the special day. But they know that on that day, the great trumpet of God will sound. And they will go with Jesus to gather His **children**

from one end of the world to the other. The excited angels wait. They practice the welcoming songs they will sing for God's **children**.

God's **children** wait and wait. "Do you think He's really coming?" some ask.

"Of course, He's coming!" their friends encourage. "Jesus never breaks His promises! Keep watching the sky."

Suddenly, the special day will come! "I can't wait any longer! I can't wait any longer!" Jesus' shout will ring through all of heaven. "Let's go get My **children**!"

The angels will cheer. They will clap. They will sing and dance for joy. It will be the noisiest day ever!

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And the angels will hurry to gather together all God's **children** to meet Jesus in the clouds.

It will be the happiest day ever! The wonderful day when Jesus comes to take us home!

Debriefing

Allow responses as you ask: **What will we see in the sky when Jesus is coming? What will Jesus look like? How many angels will be with Him?**

Who will gather God's children for Jesus? How are the people who love Jesus going to feel when they see Him? How will you feel? Do you remember our message? Let's say it together again:



Jesus is coming soon!

Bible Study

You Need:

- Bible

Open your Bible to Matthew 24:27, 30, 31, 42; John 14:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17; and Revelation 1:7. Point to the texts and say: **This is where today's story is found in the Bible.** Read the verses aloud, paraphrasing as necessary.

Debriefing

Allow responses as you ask: **What will Jesus' coming be as bright as?** (lightning) **Where will Jesus be seen coming?** (in the sky, in clouds) **What will be heard when Jesus comes?** (trumpets, angels singing) **Who will see Jesus when He comes?** (everyone) **Do you want to be ready when He comes? Why?**
Remember . . .



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Memory Verse

Turn to Revelation 1:7 and say: **This is where we find our memory verse in God's Word, the Bible.** Read the text aloud. **"Look, he is coming with the clouds."** Then proceed to teach the memory verse as outlined below:

- Look,** Put hand above eyes.
- He is coming** With palms up, move hands upward to chest.
- with the clouds.** Point upward.
- Revelation 1:7** Palms together, then open.

You Need:

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3

Applying the Lesson**Being Ready for Jesus**

Say: When someone is coming to your house to pick you up to take you somewhere special—like Grandpa coming to take you to the zoo, or a friend and his family taking you on a picnic—do you watch for them out your window? Do you ask your mother, “When are they going to get here?” Are you excited and ready to go the minute they arrive?

Our trip to heaven is a wonderful gift from Jesus. We don’t deserve it, and we can’t do anything to earn it. But we can be ready when He comes. We can do things to help us be ready. I’m going to read about some things that could or could not help you get ready for Jesus’ coming. You tell me what you think by giving me a thumbs-up sign if it would help you get ready for Jesus, or a thumbs-down sign if it would not help you.

1. Listen to Daddy read your Bible story for family worship.
2. Stomp your feet and yell at your mommy because she

won’t buy you a toy you want.

3. Pray every day and ask Jesus to forgive you if you have been naughty.
4. Hit your brother because he took your picture book.
5. Sing praises to Jesus at home and at church.
6. Talk to other children during Sabbath School when the teacher is talking.
7. Help your grandpa find his missing glasses.
8. Thank Jesus for loving you and for His promise of living with Him forever.

Debriefing

Allow responses as you ask: **Can you think of any other ways to get ready for Jesus to come? Do you want to be ready when Jesus comes? Do you know when He will come again? It will be a surprise for us, but we can still be ready! We do know that He has promised and that . . .**



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Sharing the Lesson

Second Coming Picture

In advance, copy the Second

You Need:

- Second Coming picture (see p. 162)
- card stock
- cotton balls
- glue
- crayons
- glitter (optional)

Coming picture (see page 162) onto card stock. Have the children color the picture, then glue cotton balls onto the clouds. If desired, sprinkle glitter on the finished picture.

Debriefing

Allow responses as you ask: **Who would**

like to show their beautiful picture to us? You've all done a very nice job. We want everyone to be ready for Jesus to come.

Think of someone you would like to share your Second Coming picture with this week. When you do, tell them what it will be like when Jesus comes again and why He is coming. Remember our message . . .



Jesus is coming soon!

Closing

Pray and thank Jesus for giving us the promise of His soon return to this earth to take us to heaven. Ask Him to help us to be ready every day.

STUDENT LESSON

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Do and Say

Sabbath

Each day of the week read the lesson story and review the memory verse.

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Revelation 1:7 Palms together, then open.

Sunday

Encourage your child to share the Second Coming picture made in Sabbath School with someone they want to remind that Jesus is coming soon! (Or help them make a picture of a large cloud with Jesus on a throne surrounded by angels. Glue cotton balls on the clouds.)

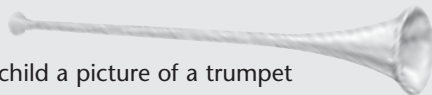
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Read together Matthew 24:27, 30, 31, 42; 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17; and Revelation 1:7. Ask: What will you hear when Jesus comes in the clouds? What will you see? What will you do?

Give your child a surprise. Talk about how Jesus' coming will surprise people. We don't know when, but He will come soon!

Tuesday

Show your child a picture of a trumpet and let them listen to some trumpet music.



Ask: Who will play trumpets when Jesus comes? Sing "Jesus Is Coming Again" (*The SDA Church Hymnal*, No. 213) before prayer. Pray that He will come soon.

Wednesday

Help your child pretend to pack their suitcase to go on a trip (don't tell where). Ask: Will we need to pack our suitcases for our trip to heaven? (No.) Do we need to be ready for that big trip? (Yes.) How? (By giving our hearts to Jesus.)



Thursday

Describe the lightning people will see when Jesus comes again. Help your child find East. Talk about the cloud in the East when Jesus comes. Sing "God Is So Good" (*Little Voices Praise Him*, No. 88). Pray that you all will be ready when He comes.

Friday

Have the family act out the Bible story. Turn off the lights, then turn them back on for the brightness of Jesus' coming. Someone can shine a flashlight onto the face of the person playing Jesus. Crash together pot lids for the trumpet sounds.

Sing "Jesus Is Coming Again," then thank Him for the promise of His coming.