

# Jesus Is Coming Again!

Matthew 24:27, 30, 31, 42; John 14:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17;  
Revelation 1:7; *The Great Controversy*, pp. 640-645

**W**hen a friend has promised to come and take you somewhere special, do you watch for them? Do you ask your mom or dad, "When will they get here?" Are you excited and ready to go the minute they arrive? That's how we want to wait for our Friend, Jesus, to come! He promised to come

for us! He promised to take us to heaven! And He always keeps His promises.

**M**atthew and Dad sat together on the top step of the front porch. The sun had just slipped down out of sight, and the sky was full of incredible colors. "Look at that beautiful apricot color over there," Dad said, pointing.

Matthew grinned. "And I see lemon yellow, too," he said.

It was a game they played on nights when the sunsets were particularly beautiful. A game to specifically name the colors in the sky—not just call them "yellow" or "pink," but to give them exact names.

"And over there is the color of those peaches we have in the summer!" Matthew exclaimed. "The peaches with the really red part around the pits."

"You know what I was just thinking?" Dad asked. "I wonder if, when we get to heaven, we'll be able to see colors that we can't see now."

"That's weird!" Matthew said.

"It's possible though," Dad answered. "We know that there are sounds humans can't hear now. Some animals, like giraffes, make sounds that



# The Message

Jesus is coming soon.

## Memory Verse

[Jesus said], "I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am"

(John 14:3, NIV).

are too low for us to hear. And some animals make sounds that are too high-pitched for our ears to hear. Maybe there are colors that our eyes can't see yet."

Matthew was quiet for a minute. "When is Jesus coming?" he asked.

"Could be any day," Dad answered. "The Bible says no one knows when, not even the angels. But when Jesus comes, everybody will see Him," he added. "And everyone will hear Him too."

"I know." Matthew nodded. "You read to me that part in the Bible where it says Jesus will come down from heaven with a shout, and God will play His trumpet.\* That will probably be the loudest trumpet music ever! And if everybody will hear Jesus shouting, that's got to be the biggest shout ever!"

Dad laughed. "I think you're right," he said.

"And you read to me that all the graves will pop open, and all the people Jesus is taking to heaven will rise up and meet Him in the air. And I think they'll be shouting too! I think that will be the most exciting day ever!" Matthew exclaimed.

"Do you remember what we read about evil people being surprised by Jesus' coming?" Dad asked. "But His children won't be surprised. Jesus told us that when scary things happen, like earthquakes, or tidal waves, or wars, we are to remember those are signs that He will be back soon.\*\*"

"He must be coming back very soon!" Matthew said. "Scary things are happening all the time!"

Dad put his arm around Matthew's shoulders. "So keep your eyes on the sky!" he answered. "And not just to admire the sunset. Jesus will come soon!"



\* See 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17.

\*\* See Matthew 24:6, 7.



## S A B B A T H

**SHARE** With your family, take a walk outdoors, if possible. Find a quiet place facing east (the direction Jesus will come from) and read this week's Bible lesson together.

**READ** Read John 14:1-3 together. Make up some hand motions to help you remember it.

**SING** Sing "Do, Lord" (*Sing for Joy*, No. 91), then thank Jesus for His promise.

## S U N D A Y

**DO** During family worship, ask each person what will be the most exciting for them when Jesus comes again. What does it mean to them to know that their Friend Jesus is coming to take them home?

**DO** Teach your memory verse to your family.

**SHARE** Share the Jesus' Second Coming Announcement that you made in Sabbath School with your family and friends.

God Himself will announce the day and hour of Jesus' coming.



## M O N D A Y

**READ** Read together Matthew 24:27, 30, 31, 42; John 14:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17; and Revelation 1:7. Ask: What will you hear when Jesus comes? What will you see?

**DO** Plan to surprise someone with something they like (draw a picture, do a chore for them, etc.). Talk about why Jesus' coming will surprise people.

**DO** Say your memory verse with your family.

## T U E S D A Y

**DRAW** Draw a picture of your favorite way to travel. Show it to your family during worship. Talk about how you'll travel to heaven.

**DO** For family worship, listen to some trumpet music. Who will play trumpets when Jesus comes again?

**DO** Discover more about lightning—how powerful and bright it is. How will the sky look when Jesus comes?

## W E D N E S D A Y

**SHARE** For family worship, pretend to go on a trip. Help gather things each one should pack. Then ask: What is the best trip you will ever take? (to heaven) Will we need to pack for that trip? What do we need to do? How can we be ready?

**SING** Sing with your family "Jesus Is Coming Again" (*Sing for Joy*, No. 92).

**DO** Say your memory verse together, then thank Jesus for His promise to come again. Ask Him to help you all to be ready.

**DO** Go outside and look for clouds. What kind do you see? What kind will Jesus come in?

# THURSDAY

**DO** For worship, compare Jesus' first coming to His second coming.

**ASK** How many people saw Jesus at His first coming? (Luke 2:6, 7, 15-18) How many will see His second coming? (Revelation 1:7)

What did Jesus come to earth as the first time? (Luke 2:12)  
What will Jesus come as the second time? (Revelation 19:16)

What did Baby Jesus wear? (Luke 2:7) What will Jesus wear when He comes again? (Revelation 14:14)

Who knew when Jesus would come the first time? (Matthew 1:20-23; Luke 1:30-33) Who knows when Jesus will come the second time? (Matthew 24:42)

**SING** Sing "Soon and Very Soon" (Sing for Joy, No. 89).

# FRIDAY

**SING** Sing "God Is So Good" (Sing for Joy, No 13).

**DO** Say your memory verse together.

**SHARE** With your family, act out the Bible story. Turn off the lights. Then have someone turn them on for the brightness of Jesus' coming. Shine a flashlight onto the face of "Jesus" to make it brighter. Crash pot lids together for trumpet sounds.

**SING** Sing "Soon and Very Soon" (Sing for Joy, No. 89). Then pray that all your family will be ready.

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## PUZZLE

**Directions:** Jesus served others in many different ways. We can show our excitement about His return by serving others as Jesus did. Unscramble the letters in the beautiful sunset to find the following words: love, forgive, teach, heal.

