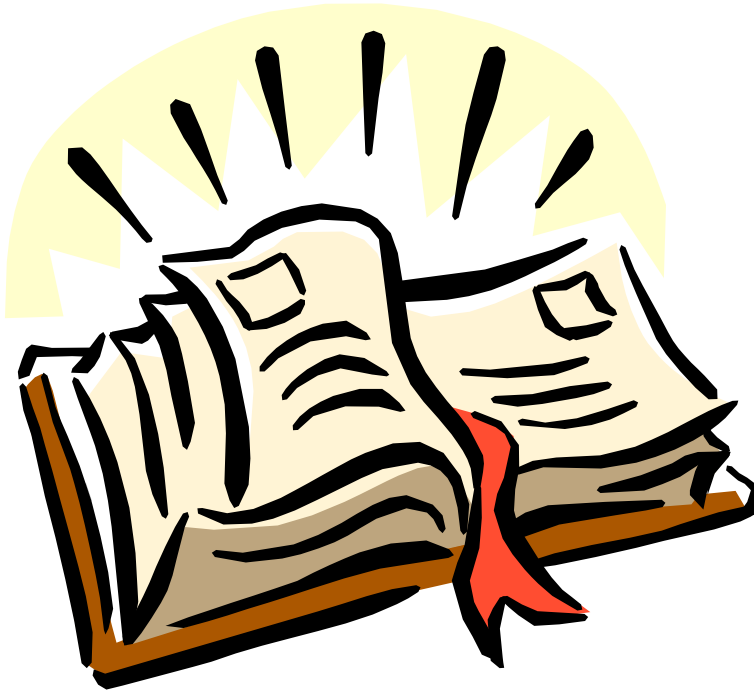


Bible Time for Kids!



CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF:

**LESSON TITLE: The Great White Throne
Judgment**

**THEME: God wants our names in the
Book of Life.**

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 20:7-15



Dear Parents...

Welcome to Bible Time for Kids. Bible Time for Kids is a series of daily devotions for children and their families. Our purpose is to supplement our Sunday morning curriculum and give you an opportunity to encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God's Word together.

This week in Children's Church we learned about **The Great White Throne Judgment**. The theme was "**God wants our names in the Book of Life.**" It's exciting to know that God has provided a way so our names can be written in the Book of Life. The Book of Life represents our eternal destiny. By trusting Jesus Christ and asking Him into our lives, we are guaranteed everlasting life with God in Heaven.

We will also see that Satan may try to deceive us so that we would turn away from the Lord. But Satan has not won the battle because in the end he is thrown into the lake of fire forever and ever.

The section of scripture that we studied was **Revelation 20:7-15**. The following five devotions are based on either the scripture and/or the theme for Sunday's lesson. As a starting point it would be good for you to review these verses with your children.

These devotions are designed to help you reinforce Sunday's lesson throughout the week with your children, provide some more ideas for the application of God's Word in your children's lives and provide a tool to help in family devotions.

Obviously children at various age levels will respond to the devotional in different ways. You may want to add your own ideas to these to make them more age appropriate.

May the Lord bless you as you study His Word together!

The Reward

Text: Matthew 16:27- "For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works."

Also read Revelation 20:12

There is a story about two boys who asked Jesus into their hearts on the same day. Both boys were given certain gifts and talents from the Lord. The first boy, Tommy, used his gifts to spread the good news about Jesus. Because he used his gifts according to God's will, many of his school friends became Christians. He was also very blessed by the Lord. Tommy continued to live his life according to God's plan and he used the gifts God gave him to point others to Jesus.

The second boy, Timmy, had some of the same gifts as Tommy did. But Timmy did not use any of his gifts. Timmy liked doing things for himself. Timmy believed in God, he attended Church, and he even read his Bible. Timmy was also a Christian but he didn't use the gifts God gave him. Timmy continued to go to church and read his Bible but he never told anyone else about Jesus and His love for them. What do you think about each of the boys and how they used their gifts and talents?

Fast forward now to heaven, when Tommy and Timmy are standing before God's Throne. Since they were both Christians, they will spend eternity in heaven. But Jesus will look at how they handled their gifts and abilities for His service. He will also reward those who are faithful with their gifts. Tommy received a gold crown with beautiful jewels. The crown was a reward from the Lord because Tommy was a faithful servant. Later Tommy placed the crown at the feet of Jesus because he knew that any good that He did was through Jesus. Timmy was welcomed into the heavenly Kingdom but he did not receive a reward like Tommy's. God promises us He will reward us if we do what He asks us to do.

- What kinds of gifts has the Lord given you?
- How are you using your gifts?
- If you are unsure of what your gifts are, pray and ask the Lord to reveal them to you.

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Reward: Something given by the Lord in return for faithfulness.
Gifts: A special ability or talent given by the Lord.

The Deceiver

Text: Genesis 3:13 - "And the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this you have done?' And the woman said, 'The serpent deceived me, and I ate.'"

Also read Revelation 12:7-9

Mrs. Smith was sitting in her favorite chair reading the newspaper. The phone rang and Mrs. Smith answered it. "Hello Mrs. Smith, Let me introduce myself," said the caller. "My name is Larry Mongoose and I would like to tell you about a new shampoo for people with gray hair." Mrs. Smith replied, "yes, go ahead." "Well Mrs. Smith, this new product guarantees you will never...that's right never, have gray hair again." Mrs. Smith thought for a while and said, "OK, how much is it?" "Well, Mrs. Smith," replied Larry Mongoose, "For just \$100 I will give you a full year's supply." "That kind of sounds like an awful lot of money, can I just buy one bottle?" said Mrs. Smith.

"Well unfortunately I can only sell you a year's worth at a time, but I guarantee you will never have gray hair again, you heard right, no gray hair again!" replied Mr. Mongoose. "Oh, and by the way, if you send your \$100 today we will throw in some Toadstool facial cream for free," said Larry Mongoose. Mrs. Smith thought to herself, "I suppose a year's supply of shampoo isn't so bad, and I could use some facial cream." Mrs. Smith told Mr. Mongoose she would buy a years supply for \$100. Mr. Mongoose told her where to send the money. That was the last time Mrs. Smith ever talked to Larry Mongoose and it was the last time she saw her money. A man she thought she could trust **deceived** her.

The Bible talks about another **deceiver** whose name is Satan. Satan is the king of deceivers. He deceived Eve by lying to her about eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Satan can change his appearance to try to trick you into something you shouldn't do. Satan will try to do anything to keep us from receiving Jesus and having our names written in the Book of Life. The Bible tells us to wear God's armor (Ephesians 6:10-18) for protection against Satan's tricks. Don't be **deceived** by a **deceiver**.

- How can we protect ourselves when Satan tries to trick us into something?
- How can we recognize a deceiver?
- Look up Ephesians 6:10-18 to find out what God has given us for protection.

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Deceiver: Someone who tricks another person into believing what is not true.

Day Three

The Book of Life

Text: John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Also read Luke 10:20

You have probably taken several trips to the library over the years. What do you notice when you get there? The library contains thousands of different types of books. There are instructional books like, How to build a model airplane. There are science books about the solar system. There are even books on how to name your pet. Whatever subject you are interested in, you can usually locate it from a book found at the library.

As Christians, we have a book that has all the information we need about God and eternity. Do you know what book that might be? That's right! The Bible! One way to remember what the word Bible stands for is to think of the letters that spell Bible. **B** is for Basic, **I** is for Instructions, **B** is for Before, **L** is for Leaving, and **E** is for Earth. **B**asic **I**nstructions **B**efore **L**eaving **E**arth. The Bible tells us all about God and how we can live our life for Him. The Bible also tells us how we can have eternal life in heaven. When we read John 3:16, we see the only way to receive eternal life is by accepting Jesus Christ as our Savior.

In the Bible, God also speaks about another book, the Book of Life. We are told in Revelation that during the Great White Throne Judgment a book will be opened and that book is called the Book of Life. The Book of Life contains the names of those who have put their trust in Jesus to save them. Have you taken the proper steps to make sure your name is written in this great book? Just look in the Bible to find out how. All we need to do is put our trust in Jesus Christ and our names will be written in the Book of Life.

- Is your name written in the Book of Life?
- Do you have family or friends whose name might not be written in the Book of Life? If so, what are some things that you can do for them?
- How can you help others know more about eternal life?

Kid's Bible Activity



Make a list of friends and family who may not have their names written in the Book of Life. Commit to pray for them together.

The Lake of Fire

Text: Revelation 20:15 - "And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."

Also read Revelation 19:20; 20:10 and Isaiah 14:12-15

While vacationing in Hawaii, the Johnson family toured an active volcano. Near the volcano were rivers of melted rock. The rivers of lava flowed into a large area, which was called a lake of lava. The heat was so intense that Mr. Johnson had to turn his face away from the lake. Mr. Johnson and his family were standing more than 2 blocks away! Teddy Johnson, Mr. Johnson's youngest son, asked his father if someone could live after falling into the lake. "No," replied Mr. Johnson. "The fire is so hot that it melts rocks."

Then Teddy's sister Samantha asked, "Doesn't the Bible talk about a lake of fire?" Mr. Johnson replied, "Yes it does, and it describes it as a very terrible place. No one will die in that lake of fire. In fact, the Bible says that those who are in that lake of fire will be tormented day and night forever (Revelation 20:10). It is a place where people who want nothing to do with God will be separated from Him forever. It's sad that anyone would choose that while God would never want anyone to ever have to go there. That's why He gave us His Son, Jesus so that we can be saved and have our names written in the Book of Life. He doesn't want us to suffer in the Lake of Fire."

"But there is someone who doesn't want our names written in God's Book of Life; Satan. He will try everything to keep people from receiving Jesus as their Savior. But He can never win the battle. Satan is a loser and he will be thrown into the lake of fire himself when this world ends. Jesus Christ is the winner! He paid a price on the cross for our sins so we wouldn't have to spend eternity in a lake of fire. We can show others the light of Jesus Christ by how we live our lives. Let's let our light shine so others will come into the light and meet Jesus Christ."

- Pray today for those people in your life who are not saved.
- If you support a missionary, keep him or her in prayer. Pray that they be protected when they provide God's word in the mission field.
- Remember, your life reflects Jesus Christ!

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Lake of fire: the final place where the devil, demons and all of the wicked will suffer for their sins. A place of eternal separation from God.

Day Five

Lost and Found

Text: Luke 15:10 - "Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Also Read Luke 15:1-32

When I was a young child I remember a time when I went shopping with my parents. We went to a large shopping center on a very busy day. I was about 6 years old at the time and I remember letting go of my mother's hand to look at something that caught my eye. I turned toward my parents, but they were gone. I searched frantically down the aisles but I couldn't find my parents. I remember being scared and panicking because I was lost. I went to a cashier's table and had them page my parents over the intercom. When my parents came to get me there was instant relief and joy. I felt so secure. From that point on I never left my parents and wandered around.

Years later, as a parent, I was with my wife and children at a large amusement park. I was holding the hand of my youngest daughter and she let go of my hand so she could go be with her mother. Well, when I walked over to where her mother was there was no little girl! We searched for her for about 3 minutes (but it seemed like forever!) when we noticed her standing by a gate just a few feet from us. I was terrified and panicked again! This time I experienced the sadness of a father losing his child. But what joy and relief I had when she was found.

These experiences I had don't even compare to the feelings God must have when a person is lost. Then imagine how joyful God is when we are saved. We know by reading His word that God wants our names to be written in the Book of Life. This week we learned how our names can get there. If you are lost without God, you can find true happiness and joy by finding Him through His Son, Jesus Christ. Luke 15:10 says, "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." If you are a Christian then you can be a light that shines so those who are lost can come to Jesus and be found.

- Have you ever been lost somewhere? Do you remember how you felt?
- How can you help others who might be lost?

Kid's Prayer Time



This week we have learned that God wants our names written in the Book of Life. We know that through Jesus we can receive eternal life. Pray for those you might know who are lost. If you are not a Christian, pray and invite Him into your heart and your name will be written in the Book of Life right now!

Memory Verse...

First and Second Grade (paraphrased)

"I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. When the Book of Life was opened the dead were judged by what they had done and what was written in the books."

Third Grade and Above

"And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books."

Revelation 20:12