BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Lesson 10 : Book of Prophecy

Book : Revelation

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

By the end of this session, the student will be able to:

- 1. Know the last book of the Bible;
- 2. tell the word "origin" and meaning of revelation;
- 3. tell the purpose why Book of Revelation was written;
- 4. Recite the memory verse

BIBLE REFERENCE

2 Timothy 3:16

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness"

Revelation 22:12-13

"Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

WORDS TO REMEMBER

Prophecy - a message inspired by God, a divine revelation; it involves a process in which one or more messages are communicated to a prophet by God then communicated to other people

Revelation - the act of revealing or disclosing; the last book of the New Testament, containing visionary descriptions of heaven, and of the end of the world

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY

Begin with a prayer. Encourage the kids to lead in prayer. Greet the children as they arrive. Make certain that you know their names. As they arrive, have each child join in a circle or around a table.

Guess What! This game is a guessing game. Choose some different items, all small enough to fit into a cardboard box or grocery bag. Items will be used for a guessing game (*shoe, ball, toothbrush, etc. are good items*). List some characteristics of each item as hints for the kids to guess.

For example: If your item is a flower you can say, "It smells good, grows, is delicate, colorful, may have thorns." If your item is a shoe you can say, "Everyone here has two of them, they protect, have a string or has a buckle." If it is a ruler say, "Is about 12 inches long, has little lines on it, and has numbers on it." If it's a ball say, "Usually flies through the air, can be hard or soft, babies play with them and some people play with them as a job." Other items could be a hairbrush, a toothbrush, a sheet of paper, a rubber band, or a coffee cup. After you have given the hints, let the kids guess what the item is. Instead of telling them yes or no, "reveal" the item to them. Use the word "reveal" as often as you can during the game to familiarize them with the word. Then tell them God reveals Himself to us through His Son Jesus.

A. PREPARATION and MOTIVATION

Teacher, review what we have learned so far about the Bible.

(Make sure that all students will be able to answer all the questions correctly)

- 1. What are the two primary divisions of the Bible? (Old & New Testament)
- 2. How many books the Bible consists of? (66 books)
- 3. How many books the Old Testament consists of? (39 books)
- 4. How many books the New Testament consists of? (27 books)
- 5. What is the first division of the New Testament? (Gospel Books)
- 6. Name the Gospel Books (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)
- 7. How many of the Gospel Books detail the birth of Jesus? (Four)
- 8. Tell how Jesus was presented in each Gospel Books

Matthew - Jesus is the Messiah

Mark - Jesus is the Servant of God

Luke - Jesus is the Son of Man

John - Jesus is the Son of God

- 9. Who wrote the book of Acts? (Luke)
- 10. The book of Acts is about? (Church History)
- 11. What are the Epistles of Paul? (Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians)
- 12. In what book can we find the fruits of the Holy Spirit? (Galatians)
- 13. In what book can we find out about the armor of God? (Ephesians)
- 14. What are the General letters? (Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude)
- 15. What is the oldest letter in the New Testament which is written for the Jewish believers? It also gives a variety of instructions to guide Christians in their belief and behavior. (James)
- 16. What are the letters that warn believers about false teachers? (2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John and Jude)
- 17. This epistle is also called "The Book of Faith" (Hebrews)

Teacher:

Last time, we have learned about the fourth division of the New Testament called the General letters. These letters were written by various authors mostly those who were the eyewitnesses of Jesus' ascension and those who were associated with Jesus. Also, it gives instructions on Christian living and warns about false teachers. For today, we are going to learn the last book of the Bible which is the "**Book of Revelation**".

B. INTRODUCTION

Revelation talks about "last things" or things that will take place in the future. **Revelation means "to reveal or to unveil."** So we know that the book of Revelation is revealing something or someone to us.

When God wanted to tell people about Himself, He chose to deliver it to the world through men. He could have set up a giant billboard in the sky and wrote on it the whole Bible, but He didn't. He could have made the sky a huge video-screen and played a video of Scripture scrolling down from top to bottom. He also could have had the angels come together in a great choir and sing the Bible to us, but He didn't! Instead He chose men to speak to and through.

C. LESSON

"Revelation" is from the Greek word "apokalupsis" which means, "a disclosure, an unveiling." The book of Revelation is an unveiling of the character and program of God.

John wrote Revelation while a prisoner on the Island of Patmos, approximately 85-95 A.D. John was one of Jesus' disciples. He was a man who had suffered many things for his faith in Jesus Christ. He was also a man who loved Jesus very much.

The book of Revelation is all about Jesus. God is revealing to us more about Himself through His Son Jesus. As God shows John this revelation, He tells him that this revelation is to be shown to the servants of Jesus Christ. The revelation is not for John alone, but it is for all of us who have made Jesus the Lord of our lives.

Its purpose is to give encouragement and hope for all Christians to continue watching for the return and triumph of the Lord Jesus Christ. It also is to warn of the Final Judgment that nonbelievers will endure on that Last Day. The stated purpose of Revelation is to reveal Jesus Christ (1:1): His person, His power and His plan for the future.

Revelations is full of prophecies. These prophecies may be a little too complicated for children to fully understand. What they can comprehend, however, is the idea that the prophecies are full of promises. God have promised that Jesus will return to the Earth in the future, and that He will take His faithful followers to heaven to live forever.

Children can take comfort in the knowledge that God keeps His promises, and that if they continue to live the Christian faith they can receive the benefits of these promises when they are fulfilled.

When Jesus left the disciples to return to the Father, He left them a wonderful promise. He told them that He would return for them (Jesus said, "I am coming soon."). We also have the same promise that one day He will return and take us to be with Him forever. He wants us to be watchful and waiting for His return. Since Jesus' time, we have been living in what is called the "last days." It is exciting to see that Jesus' return is getting closer and closer.

Look what God's word says about Jesus' in the Book of Revelation.

The faithful witness (1:5)

The firstborn from the dead (1:5)

The ruler over the kings of the earth (1:5)

The Son of Man (1:13)

The first and the last (1:17)

The living One (1:18)

The Son of God (2:18)

He who is holy, who is true (3:7)

The Amen (3:14)

The Beginning of the creation of God (3:14)

The Lion that is from the tribe of Judah (5:5)

The Root of David (5:5)

A Lamb (5:6)

The Word of God (19:13)

King of Kings and Lord of Lords (19:16)

The Alpha and the Omega (22:13)

The beginning and the end (22:13)

The bright morning Star (22:16)

The Lord Jesus (22:21)

For younger kids, introduce several important concepts about Heaven and have a concrete learning activities to help them relate to those truths. Explain to the children that Jesus loves us very much, and that if we trust Him as Savior, He is preparing a special place for us to live. Also, it is important to teach them that the only way to heaven is through Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE

2 Tim 3:16

Beginners: "All Scripture is breathed out by God,"

Primary : "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching,

rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,"

Intermediate : "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching,

rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,"

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- 1. What is the last Book of the Bible? (Revelation)
- 2. What did Jesus promise on the last page of the Bible? (Jesus said, "I am coming soon.")
- 3. What does revelation means? (Revelation means "to reveal or to unveil.")
- 4. Where was the word revelation came from? (comes from Greek word apokalupsis)
- 5. What is the stated purpose of Revelation (to reveal Jesus Christ, His person, His power and His plan for the future)

LIFE APPLICATION

"Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near." (Rev 1:3)

No one knows the exact time Jesus will come because God's timing is not our timing. Until that day, we are to point others to Jesus, so they might believe in Him, and one day go with Jesus and all believers to heaven.

Teacher to share his/her view/s about heaven and the second coming of Jesus.

ACTIVITY

Beginners: Heaven's Gate Collage Craft

*(http://www.dltk-bible.com/crafts/m-heavengate.htm)

Primary: Turn It Over (Game)

*(http://scripturelady.com/turn-it-over-for-revelation-21 4/)

Intermediate: Turn It Over (Game)

*(http://scripturelady.com/turn-it-over-for-revelation-21_4/)

*refer on the above links for the materials needed and for further instructions

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Father, again, we thank You for our Bibles. They are truly remarkable and special books. I pray that You would in still in our hearts a love for Your word and a desire to read and understand all that You have made sure was written down for us. You've given us Your word so that we might have all that we need for life and godliness. And for that we are truly grateful. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.