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Jesus, Soon Coming King

Living Like We're Leaving

Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:17 - *"Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord."*

If you knew that Jesus was coming back today what would you do? Would you be asking the Lord for forgiveness, showing love or kindness to someone, telling those who didn't know Him that He was coming? This is how we ought to be living our lives every day, as though Jesus may return at any moment.

Can you imagine how different the world would be if every Christian everywhere lived every day looking forward to Jesus' return and lived as though He may return at any moment? We would probably be more careful about how we treat others. We might be more patient or kind. We would also probably tell a lot more people about Jesus. There are so many that need to hear the message that He is coming back.

But it shouldn't just be in the things that we say, but people need to see Jesus in our lives. How can you show Jesus? By obeying your parents, being kind to your brothers and sisters or maybe by helping someone whom is in need.

What an awesome day it will be when Jesus returns for His people. Imagine being caught up in a split second to be with Jesus for eternity! Every believer, from all over the world will be gathered to be with Him. This is called the rapture. It's almost seems too good to be true, but it is. Next time you get discouraged or sad about something, just remember that this is not really our home and that our real home is in heaven with God our Father and Jesus. All I have to remember is that Jesus is coming back and that it is going to be soon. Remember to watch and pray and keep your eyes focused on Jesus' return and your life as a Christian will begin to change and look a lot more like the life of Jesus.

Lesson Opening:

This lesson is focused on being prepared, both for the eventual Second Coming of Christ and for His presence in our lives moment by moment. Engage students with some thoughts about being prepared.

Here are some activities to get kids thinking...(select the best ones for your audience and age group):

- Prepared Poster:** Have students write or draw how to prepare for an emergency such as a flood, an earthquake, a wildfire, a tornado, a tsunami, etc.
- Flashlight Race:** (Have a stopwatch) Time students for how fast they can change the batteries in a flashlight.(You could use a clock, toy, power tool, etc.)
- Shoe relay.** Have students line up in two teams. Have them put all their shoes in a basket across the room and the first team to find their shoes, put them on, and line back up, wins.

Ask: Did you know that Jesus promised us He would come back to Earth someday? When do you think this might take place? Someday Jesus will come back, and we don't know when that will be. But we want to be **prepared** no matter what!

Power Point

Since Jesus is coming soon, we should be living like we're leaving.

MEMORY VERSE

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Story: A Girl Named Sofia and Her Quinceañera:



Sofia was so excited! Her 15th birthday was coming up, and that meant one thing: her Quinceañera! In Mexico, turning 15 is a big deal, and Sofia's family was busy preparing for the special day.

First, Sofia and her mom went shopping for the perfect dress. They found a beautiful pink gown with sparkles that made Sofia feel like a princess. Next, they picked out matching shoes and a tiara to complete her look.

At home, Sofia's dad and brothers were setting up decorations. They hung colorful streamers and balloons all around the house. Sofia's abuela (grandmother) was in the kitchen, cooking delicious food for the party. The smell of tamales and enchiladas filled the air, making everyone's mouth water.

On the day of the Quinceañera, Sofia woke up early. She went to the salon with her mom to get her

hair and makeup done. When she looked in the mirror, she could hardly believe it was her! She felt so grown up.

The celebration started with a special church service where Sofia thanked God for her life and asked for blessings for her future. After the service, everyone went back to Sofia's house for the party. There was music, dancing, and lots of laughter. Sofia's friends and family gave her hugs and presents, making her feel very loved.

As the sun set, Sofia danced the traditional waltz with her dad. She felt so happy and grateful for her family and this wonderful day. It was a Quinceañera she would never forget.

Discuss and Apply:

What is a Quinceañera?

In Mexico, the celebration for a girl when she turns 15 is called a **Quinceañera**. This special event marks her transition from childhood to young womanhood. It's a big party that often includes a church service, a fancy dress, dancing, and lots of family and friends.

Apply to Today's Lesson:

Being prepared for Jesus to return is like getting ready for a big party where Jesus is the host, and He wants everyone to be there with Him!

The Bible tells us that Jesus will come back to Earth one day. Here are some key points to understand:

Jesus' Promise: Jesus promised that He would come back to take us to a special place He is preparing for us. (Jn. 14:1-3)

A Powerful King: When Jesus returns, He will come as a powerful and mighty King, not as a baby like the first time.

Judgment Day: There will be a day when Jesus will judge everyone. This means He will look at what we have done in our lives.

Book of Life: Jesus will check a special book called the Book of Life to see if our names are written there. If we believe in Jesus and follow Him, our names will be in this book.

Eternal Joy: For those who believe in Jesus, there will be eternal joy and happiness with Him forever.

