

KIDZ STUDY GUIDE

MARANATHA! COME, LORD JESUS!



★ Jesus is coming back!

We can trust God's Word ❤️

Be ready!



"For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God...."
— 1 Thessalonians 4:16

The Return of Jesus – Don't Be Deceived, Be Ready

Spiritual Authority – Restored In Christ

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OVERVIEW

This week, we are learning about something very important, **Jesus is coming back**. Before we understand what is coming, we need to understand what God already told us in the Bible. God gave Daniel a plan for the future, and part of that plan has already happened exactly the way God said.

God's Timeline (Made Simple)

God's Plan for the World

God told Daniel there would be a timeline of 70 weeks (a long period of time) for His people (Daniel 9:24–26). Most of that plan already happened when Jesus came the first time.

One Part Is Still Coming

There is one final part left, a future 7-year time (Daniel 9:27).

Something Happens in the Middle

Halfway through that time (3½ years), something very bad happens called the abomination of desolation (Matthew 24:15). This is when things begin to change.

A Hard Time on Earth

After that, there will be a very difficult time on the earth called tribulation (Matthew 24:21).

Then Jesus Returns

After that time, Jesus will come back in the clouds with power and glory, and everyone will see Him (Matthew 24:29–30).

A Loud Trumpet and Gathering

When Jesus comes, there will be a loud trumpet sound, and He will gather His people to be with Him (1 Thessalonians 4:16–17).

That means:

- 👉 God knows what is happening
- 👉 God knows what is coming
- 👉 God's Word helps us understand what is true

MEMORY VERSE

“For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God...” — 1 Thessalonians 4:16

BIG WORDS

- Discern = to understand what is true
 - Deceived = believing something that is not true
 - Timeline = when things happen
 - Prophecy = when God tells what will happen in the future
 - Messiah = the Savior, Jesus
 - Tribulation = a very hard time on the earth
 - Maranatha = “Come, Lord Jesus”
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SECTION 1 — KNOW THE TRUTH

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

God’s Word helps us know what is true so we are not tricked.

BIG IDEA

We learn truth from the Bible, not just from people.

READ

Mark 13:5–6, Mark 13:21–23

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What warning does Jesus give in Mark 13:5?
2. In Mark 13:21–23, what might people say about Jesus?
3. What does Jesus tell us to do when we hear those things?
4. Why is it important to know what the Bible says?
5. How does God’s Word help us not be deceived?

THINK ABOUT IT

- Do I listen to God’s Word or just other voices?
 - How can I learn more about the Bible?
 - Why is truth important?
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SECTION 2 — GOD HAS A PLAN

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

God has a plan, and it happens exactly how He says.

BIG IDEA

God's plan is always right and always on time.

READ

Daniel 9:24–27

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What did God say was planned for His people?
2. Who did this timeline point to? (Jesus)
3. What part of God's plan has already happened?
4. What part is still going to happen?
5. What does this show us about God?

THINK ABOUT IT

- Do I trust that God knows what He is doing?
 - Do I believe God's timing is right?
 - How can I trust Him more?
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SECTION 3 — WHAT TO WATCH FOR

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

The Bible tells us what to watch for so we are not confused.

BIG IDEA

God's Word shows us what is coming.

READ

Matthew 24:15, Matthew 24:21–22

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What does Jesus say to watch for in Matthew 24:15?
2. What will the tribulation be like?
3. Why is it important that Jesus talks about Daniel?
4. How does knowing this help us stay steady?
5. Why should we pay attention to what God says?

THINK ABOUT IT

- Do I pay attention to what God says about the future?
 - Do I trust God when things feel confusing?
 - How can I learn more about God's plan?
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SECTION 4 — JESUS IS COMING BACK

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Jesus' return will be clear, powerful, and real.

BIG IDEA

Everyone will see Jesus when He comes back.

READ

Matthew 24:29–31, Mark 13:24–27

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What happens right before Jesus returns?
2. How does Jesus come back?
3. Will people need to guess if it's Him?
4. What happens when He comes?
5. Why is this important to know?

THINK ABOUT IT

- Am I ready for Jesus to come back?
 - How does this make me feel?
 - What does it mean to follow Jesus now?
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SECTION 5 — BE READY

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

We should be ready for Jesus, not afraid.

BIG IDEA

We stay close to Jesus every day.

READ

1 Thessalonians 4:16–17, Matthew 24:13

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What happens when Jesus returns?
2. What does the trumpet mean?
3. What does it mean to “endure”?
4. How do we stay ready?
5. What does it look like to follow Jesus every day?

THINK ABOUT IT

- Am I living for Jesus every day?
 - What would I change if I knew He was coming soon?
 - How can I stay close to Him?
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FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

God’s Word helps us know what is true and what is coming. Jesus is coming back, and when He comes, everyone will see Him. We don’t have to be confused or afraid, because God has already told us what to expect.

We can trust Him, follow Him, and be ready. The most important thing is not just knowing what will happen, but making sure we are living for Jesus today.

The Bible teaches us to say, “**Maranatha,**” which means “**Come, Lord Jesus.**” It reminds us that we are waiting for Him and ready for Him.

Stay close to Jesus. Trust God’s Word. Be ready.



ACTIVITY — JESUS IS COMING BACK

Imagine the moment Jesus returns.

The Bible tells us that Jesus will return in the clouds, with power, with angels, and with the sound of a trumpet.

Draw a picture of this moment by drawing yourself looking up as Jesus comes in the clouds with angels and the sound of trumpets.
