

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2020



BIBLE STORY:

Revelation 1-3

BIBLE VERSE:

Revelation 1:8

BABIES-PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

John told people what Jesus said.

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

God can help us overcome sin and trouble. (YK)

God sent each of the churches a special message to help them overcome the world by staying strong in their faith. (OK)

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

Song of Songs 2:15-3:5

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

1 John 4:19

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *Song of Songs 5:3-8*

MONDAY: *Song of Songs 5:9-16*

TUESDAY: *Song of Songs 6:1-10*

WEDNESDAY: *Song of Songs 6:11-13*

THURSDAY: *Song of Songs 7:1-9*

FRIDAY: *Song of Songs 7:10-13*

SATURDAY: *Song of Songs 8:1-4*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study Revelation and Song of Songs together as a family:



- **The revelation of Jesus Christ.** The Book of Revelation, along with many books of the Bible, is completely about Jesus and the future when He returns. Jesus is the central figure of this book and the message of hope that is shared in its pages brings comfort and peace to believers. John the apostle also authored this book. John was exiled on the Island of Patmos when God revealed, through a vision, things to come.
- **Seven churches, seven messages.** John's revelation began with a message from God to seven churches. These seven churches were prominent locales, located in modern-day Turkey. God had a specific message for each church. Each message encouraged continued faithfulness to God in action and word. As with John's earlier writings, he focused on false teachings. Some of the messages were to churches that had drifted away from the truth of the gospel and had begun listening to many of the false teachers. God's message was to return to following God, their first love.
- **Persecution.** Another theme constant in John's day was persecution of churches because of their faith in God. John encouraged these churches to continue faithfully, knowing that in their persecution, God would one day send a way of escape and rescue. Other churches thought they were doing the right things, but God's message to them revealed otherwise. These churches were relying on their own merits instead of relying on God. John's encouragement to these churches was to choose faithfulness so they, too, could live forever with God.
- **God's relationship with His people.** God desires to live with His people. The Old Testament tabernacle and temple were places where God could physically dwell with His people, but God desires pure, holy worship. Solomon wrote a poem about God's relationship with His people. Solomon's poem showed how people's relationships with one another mirror the greatest relationship between God and people.