



A Day of Justice and Glory: What Happens When Jesus Returns

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Hope in Jesus | Be Ready | Trust His Promise

This activity and summary sheet set explores the incredible promise of Jesus' return, focusing on themes of justice, glory, and eternal hope. Participants will delve into the biblical teachings about this momentous event, reflect on its significance, and engage in hands-on activities that inspire faith and readiness. Designed for individuals and families, this guide provides tools to deepen understanding, encourage joyful living, and share the hope of Jesus' return with others.

Introduction

Blog Summary

Ariel's blog highlights the biblical truths about Jesus' return, emphasizing His role in bringing justice, establishing eternal glory, and fulfilling God's promises. Scriptures like Matthew 24:30, Revelation 21:4, and 2 Peter 3:10 remind believers of the hope and comfort found in this promise. The blog encourages readers to live in faith, joy, and readiness as they anticipate the day of Jesus' return, sharing this glorious message with others.

Memory Quote

Inspired by the Blog: "Jesus will return in glory, bringing justice and eternal hope."

WHAT HAPPENS IS JESUS

Reflection Questions

Understanding Jesus' Return

1. What does the return of Jesus mean to you? Does it make you feel excited, joyful, or hopeful?
2. How does His return bring hope and comfort?
3. Why is it important to stay spiritually ready?

Living Faithfully in Hope

1. How can you live with joy as you wait for Jesus to return?
2. What can you do each day to prepare for His return?
3. How can you share the message of Jesus' return with others?

Faith in Action

1. What role does prayer play in helping you stay ready for Jesus?
2. How can you serve others as a way to reflect God's love?
3. What gives you hope when life feels challenging?

Section 1: Interactive Activities

Activity 1: Glory and Justice Banner

Objective: Create a banner that celebrates the return of Jesus and the justice He brings.

Materials Needed:

- Large paper or fabric.
- Markers, paints, and stickers.
- Decorative elements like stars or crosses.

Instructions:

1. Write "Jesus Will Return in Glory" across the top of the banner. Younger children can trace or color a pre-written phrase to participate more easily.
2. Add symbols of hope and justice, such as crowns, doves, and scripture verses.
3. Display the banner as a joyful reminder of His return.

Reflection: How does creating this banner inspire you to live in hope and readiness?

Activity 2: Promise Chain Craft

Objective: Build a chain of promises from scripture about Jesus' return.

Materials Needed:

- Strips of colored paper.
- Markers or pens.
- Glue or tape.

Instructions:

1. Write one promise or scripture about Jesus' return on each strip of paper. Some examples include 'Jesus loves you' or 'God keeps His promises.'
2. Link the strips together to form a chain.
3. Hang the chain in a visible place as a daily reminder of God's faithfulness.

Reflection: How do these promises give you hope and excitement for Jesus' return?

Activity 3: Readiness Journal

Objective: Reflect on how to live faithfully and prepare for Jesus' return.

Materials Needed:

- Notebook or printable journal pages.
- Pens, markers, and stickers.

Instructions:

1. Write about what it means to be spiritually ready for Jesus' return. Younger participants can draw a picture of how they imagine being ready for His return.
2. Add prayers asking for strength, faith, and joy as you wait.
3. Decorate your journal with scripture verses and symbols of hope.

Reflection: How does journaling help you focus on living with faith and readiness?

5. Memory Quote Challenge

Objective: Memorize the inspirational quote: "Jesus will return in glory, bringing justice and eternal hope."

Instructions:

1. Divide the quote into smaller parts and assign segments to participants.
2. Turn the quote into a rhyme or song for easier memorization. For example, use the melody of 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star' to make it engaging for kids.
3. Practice reciting the quote together with motions or gestures to make it fun.

6. Practical Applications

Daily Readiness Journal

Instructions:

1. Write daily reflections on how you are staying ready for Jesus' return.
2. Record prayers and moments of joy in serving others and sharing His message.

Family Hope and Faith Plan

Structure:

- Monday: Read a Bible passage about Jesus' return and discuss its meaning.
- Tuesday: Write down your family's favorite scriptures about hope and glory.
- Wednesday: Create banners or promise chains together.
- Thursday: Share personal reflections about faith and readiness.
- Friday: Pray as a family for strength and confidence in God's promises.
- Saturday: Perform an act of kindness to reflect God's love and justice.
- Sunday: Reflect on the week and thank God for the hope of Jesus' return.

7. Closing Reflection

Gratitude Journal Entry

- Prompt: "How does knowing Jesus will return inspire me to live faithfully and joyfully?"
- Prompt: "What can I do to stay spiritually ready for His return?"

Take-Home Question

- "How can I share the message of Jesus' return with others and live with hope every day?"