

The Coming of Our Lord

1 & 2 Thessalonians

Objectives:

in the face of persecution.

- Talk about the importance of remaining faithful
- Emphasize the hope that comes from the future second coming of Jesus Christ.

Reinforces Principles of:

- Second Coming
- Faithfulness

This Lesson contains 4 activities:

Choose the activities that fit your family's schedule. Use on Mondays to introduce the topic, or the following Sunday to review.

Reverence Time: Song, prayer, scripture and video clip

Lesson Time: Lesson summary and points to ponder

Activity Time: Object lesson or activity **Treat Time:** Prayer, theme related recipe



Approximate Time: 5 minutes

Sing Together: "When He Comes Again" Children's Songbook page 82

If you wish to print sheet music or have an online music file to accompany you visit:

https://www.lds.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/when-he-comes-again

Prayer:

Scripture Time: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another,

and toward all men, even as we do toward you:

13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

Video Clip: Watch clips from the Living Scriptures Streaming Library. You can find the clip at

https://www.livingscriptures.com/fhe-lesson-the-coming-of-our-lord



Approximate Time: 10-15 minutes

Lesson

Summary:

In Paul's letters to the Thessalonians, he encourages them to be faithful, even though they are being persecuted. He encourages the saints in Thessalonica by reminding them that Jesus will come again someday, and everything will be made right. In the meantime, they just need to try their best to become holy and live righteously. The hope that Jesus Christ will come again can bring them peace.

In our day we can still follow the advice of Paul to the Thessalonians. Even though we may be persecuted for trying to live the gospel, we can love those that persecute us and try our best to be faithful. We can find hope in the truth that Jesus Christ will return someday to the earth. We can prepare ourselves for His coming by trying our best to become holy and live righteously.

Points to

Ponder:

Do you ever feel persecuted for trying to live the gospel? (Discuss ideas)

How can we remain faithful if/when we are persecuted or made fun of for our beliefs? (Discuss ideas)

Do we need to prepare for the Second Coming?

The Lord instructed the Prophet Joseph Smith, "Prepare ye, prepare ye for that which is to come, for the Lord is nigh." (D&C 1:12.)

What can we do to prepare for the Second Coming? (Discuss ideas)

Quote:

"It's all in the holy scriptures, and of all the great events of the history of the world, as far as the prophets have foretold, the greatest is the preparation for the coming of the Savior in the latter days, when He will come in power and great glory, with all the holy angels, as King of kings and Lord of lords." *LeGrand Richards*



What you need: A copy of "The Counsel of Paul" poster and a bean bag, small pillow or ball.

Preparation: Print the poster.

Activity:

Sit in a circle. Start by explaining that you are going to learn about the counsel Paul gave the Thessalonians about preparing for the second coming of Jesus Christ by living the way saints should live. This counsel can be found in 1 Thessalonians 5:14-22.

Toss the bean bag (or other object) to any family member. Read #1 on the poster. Ask the person who caught the bean bag, "What does that counsel mean? How can our family follow it?"

After they answer the questions, let that family member toss the bean bag to another family member. Read #2 on the poster and ask the same questions as before.

Continue taking turns tossing the bean bag, reading each line of counsel and answering the questions.

When all of the points of counsel on the poster have been read, read the scripture at the bottom of the poster:

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Display the poster in your home this week to remind you to follow Paul's counsel.



WARN THE UNRULY COMFORT THE FEEBLEMINDED

Support the weak

Be patient

NEVER RENDER EVIL FOR EVIL
FOLLOW THAT WHICH IS GOOD

Rejoice evermore

Pray without ceasing

Quench not the spirit
DESPISE NOT PROPHESYING
HOLD FAST TO THAT WHICH IS GOOD
Abstain from all appearance of evil

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24



Approximate Time: 35 minutes

Prep Time: 10 minutes **Cook Time:** 10 minutes **Chill Time:** 15 minutes

"The Sun" Treats (Lemon Chiffon Cream Tarts)

Crust

3 ounces cream cheese, softened 1/2 cup butter, softened 1 cup all-purpose flour 15 drops yellow food coloring

Filling

1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
1/3 cup lemon juice
2 (10 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, softened
20 drops yellow food coloring

Crust: Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Blend with electric mixer, cream cheese with the butter. Stir in flour just until mixed well. . Chill for 15 minutes. Dough can be made ahead and chilled for up to 24 hours.

Treat Time: Divide dough into 12 balls. Give each family member one ball. Press or roll into a four inch circle. Pinch around edges into points to make sun rays. Press into muffin cups. Pierce bottoms and sides of crusts with fork. Bake for 10 minutes, or until light brown. Prepare filling while crusts bake.

Filling: Mix together until smooth the sweetened condensed milk, lemon juice and 15 ounces whipped topping. Reserve 5 ounces of whipped topping for garnish. Pour into baked shells. If you are not going to eat immediately, cool crust before adding filling. Top your suns with clouds (the reserved 5 ounces of whipped topping).

Closing Prayer and blessing on the food.

