

"HIS STORY" PARENT GUIDE

Lesson 4.5: He's Coming Back!

SCRIPTURE: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-5:11

SUMMARY

Not only did Jesus ascend into heaven and start doing great works in the Church, but He gave a promise to return again at some point in the future. Christians do not know when exactly Jesus will return, but the Bible does tell us how He will return. First Thessalonians 4:13-5:11 describes that Jesus will rapture (call up to heaven) all of the Christians who physically have died while also calling all the Christians that are alive at the time up into heaven. But since Christians are waiting for this to happen, they must have patience and readiness for that day. The promised rapture is obviously not yet fulfilled. However, Christians can have the same confidence that Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David had about God's promises to them.



KEY VERSES:

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

KEY THOUGHT:

In Lesson 4.5 we learned that Jesus is coming back!

KEY WORD:

Rapture: the return of Christ for believers

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is the one key thought that you learned tonight?
- Why do you think the very early Christians were worried when fellow Christians died?
- Describe what happens at the time of the rapture?
- Since we don't know the exact time of Jesus' return, what are some ways that you can live and wait patiently?
- What do you think will be the most mind-blowing part about being with Jesus forever?
- What temptations make it hard to wait eagerly for Jesus' return?
- Think back to the promises God made to Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David. How is Jesus' promised return similar?
- What should you do with the lesson you learned tonight? What should we do?