

A detailed illustration of a dragon with dark scales and large, leathery wings, flying over a dark, turbulent sea. The sky is a deep red with swirling, smoky clouds. Faint, concentric circles are visible in the background, suggesting a ripple effect or a celestial pattern. The dragon is positioned in the upper right, moving towards the left.

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REVELATION

# FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

weeks 8-11



FAMILIES

# WEEK 8 REVELATION

## THREE SERIES OF SEVEN

The seven churches who originally received this letter are being presented with a warning and a choice. Will they be faithful to God and reject the temptations of Babylon (*the Dragon*), or will they reject God and turn to Babylon (*the Dragon*) and therefore be thrown into the lake of fire? The same choice is given to each of us. Will we align ourselves with the Lamb (*Jesus*) and trust in the Gospel, or will we reject the Gospel and continue to align with evil (*the Dragon*) who opposes Jesus? We must choose quickly!



**Read Revelation 6:1-17 and 14:6-13 as a family. before you talk with your kids then engage in the discussions below for each age group.**



### Pre-School

- Daniel chose to follow God by praying and worshiping God even when others told him he couldn't. How do you show others you follow God?



### Elementary

- Have you ever been asked to do something that you worried you would not be able to do?
- God wants us to trust in Him with all things. What stops you from trusting fully in God?



### Students

- Do you delight in evil (*following the way of the Dragon*) or oppose it?
- Do you find that you reject God's teachings and align yourself with Babylon (*the Dragon*)?

## PARENTS

**This week, pray that your child(ren) will choose to follow God and reject the ways of the Dragon.**

# WEEK 9 REVELATION

## THE DRAGON AND THE LAMB

This describes the opposition that the seven churches were facing from Babylon. The Dragon (*Satan*), attacks a woman and her child, representing Jesus and His people. But the child, Jesus, defeated the Dragon (*Satan*) through His death, resurrection and ascension to Heaven, and the Dragon is thrown to the earth in anger. In response to his defeat, he then goes to war with God's people. This is the situation in which we live! The Lamb has defeated the Dragon, but the Dragon is at war with us every day and has many different strategies to try and deceive us.



**Read Revelation 12:1-17 as a family before you talk with your kids then engage in the discussions below for each age group.**



### Pre-School

- Daniel chose to follow God even though he could have been thrown to the lions. Have you ever had a time when you had to choose to follow God even when it was hard?



### Elementary

- God calls us to speak truth. Do you say you follow God but speak lies to those around you? What or who prevents you from speaking truth?



### Students

- In what ways is the Devil trying to derail you from being the Child of God you are supposed to be? What do you need to do about it?

## PARENTS

**At dinner this week, try this game. Have everyone take turns telling 2 things that happened that day (or week) that were TRUE and then tell 1 thing that happened that is a LIE. Try to stump each other. See if your family can tell the difference between the truth and a lie. Follow the game with this thought: It is important that we learn how to distinguish between truth and lies so when Satan is trying to deceive us, we can be ready.**

# WEEK 10 REVELATION

## BABYLON & THE NEW JERUSALEM

John is encouraging us that when the might and power of the nations – even the might of Babylon, has turned against us as God’s people – we should look ahead to that moment in time when suffering will be on the evil powers that come against followers of Jesus. As a follower of Jesus, you will be persecuted, and face attacks, but remember that God has already won!



**Read Revelation 18:1-24 as a family before you talk with your kids then engage in the discussions below for each age group.**



### Pre-School

- The sneaky snake will try anything to get you to follow him instead of the One True God. How do you say “no” to the sneaky snake?
- God wants us to choose to follow Him. How do your friends and family know you follow God?



### Elementary

- When people show you respect, how does that make you feel?
- When people disrespect you or someone else because of what they believe, how does that make you feel?



### Students

- Following the way of the Lamb instead of the way of the Dragon will make you different from your friends and family. Sometimes, you might feel like an alien or stranger to them. What does it mean to be a stranger or alien in this world?

## PARENTS

**Each day, pray for your child(ren), that they will find their identity in Jesus. Pray that they will know they are children of God, and they will have the courage to live like Him.**

# WEEK 11 REVELATION

## THE WHORE & THE BRIDE

This section describes the song of worship and praise to God for His salvation and vindication and that justice is now coming to its fulfillment. This section is setting the stage for the final battle.



**Read Revelation 12:1-17 and 19:6-10 as a family before you talk with your kids then engage in the discussions below for each age group.**



### **Pre-School**

- What do you think Heaven will look like?



### **Elementary**

- The Bible is God's story, but it is also your story. Share with your parent or another adult your faith story. How did you come to know God?



### **Students**

- What does faith in God look like?
- Do you know any hypocrites? What do they do or say that makes them one?
- Are you a hypocrite?

## **PARENTS**

**This week, share your faith story with your child(ren). How did you come to know God and what is God teaching you? What do you do to keep your relationship with Him strong?**

## **“I WANT TO REMEMBER THAT ONE!”**

Did one of your kids say something during the devo that you don't want to forget? Here is some space for you to write it down. Write down anything you can think of as well. Write, draw, whatever! Capture those thoughts!

# HELPFUL TOOLS FOR FAMILIES

These tools are available at [www.jacobswellchurch.church](http://www.jacobswellchurch.church)

## ALWAYS AVAILABLE

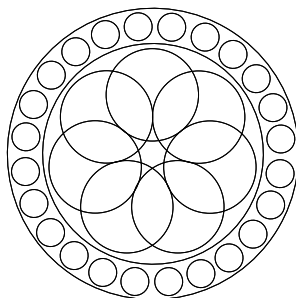
- **JW Kids Parent Pages/Devotionals**
- **JW Students Devotionals**
- **Parent Cue App** [www.theparentcue.org](http://www.theparentcue.org)
  - Blogs, Podcasts, Activities - FREE!
- **RightNow Media**
- **Online Ministry** (JW Kids Lessons)
- **Resource Center** (Buy New Resources)
- **Resource Library** (Borrow Resources)
- **Prayer** (Under Care Tab on Website)
- **Student Life Podcast** (New Each Week!)
- **Family Dedication**
- **Baptism Classes** (Online and In-Person)
- **The Hub** (JW Students Space: Before and After Services)
- **Small Group/Pods** (1st - 5th & JW Students)
- **Play Group** (2nd Thursday from 9 - 11am)
- **Support Groups** (See List Under Care Tab on Website)

## FAMILY EVENTS/TBD

- **Senior Send-Off** (May 2022)
- **Summer Camp** (Summer 2022)
- **Splash** (Summer 2022)
- **College Fair** (Fall 2022)

## COMING SOON

- **JW Family Resource Page on Website**



## **FAMILY GUIDE TO REVELATION**

This family discussion guide is designed to create conversations about what we are learning at church and in our own spiritual growth. Use this guide around the dinner table, on the go, or even after you attend church.

This is a tool to help you incorporate spiritual practices into your lives and help you grow spiritually as a family.