

THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

Objects to have: A cut—out rainbow; Five paper crowns; Your Bible.

Introducing the lesson: I wonder whether you have you “rememberers” with you this morning. Let’s remember some of the things that are going to happen some day. Let’s remember what is written here in the book of Revelation in our Bible (show the children the location of Revelation). Some excitingly wonderful things are written here in the book of Revelation. Some horribly terrible things are also written here. The very good and the very bad things that we read about in the book of Revelation are really going to happen some day. God the Holy Spirit told a man named of John what to write when John wrote the words that are in the book of Revelation. Some day Jesus is going to come back from Heaven; He will come as far as the clouds. There will be a shout! There will also be the sound of a trumpet. Jesus will come from Heaven. At that very same time some people’s bodies will come up from the graves. Whose bodies will come from the graves? Yes, only those who have asked Jesus to be their Saviour. The living part of these people who have already died will get back into bodies that will be made brand new as they come up from the graves. As they come from the graves, the people who are alive on the earth and who had asked Jesus to be their Saviour, will get new bodies, too. Then all who will have their new bodies will rise from the earth to meet Jesus in the air’ No need for space ships! We will just rise from the earth to meet Jesus.

I say “we,” because I have asked Jesus to be my Saviour. When Jesus comes from Heaven, I will rise to meet Him in my new body. Guess who are going to be left in their graves and who are going to be left on earth? People who had not asked Jesus to be their Saviour. How sad a time it will be for these people! What a terrible time there will be on earth while we are with Jesus in Heaven.

What are we going to do with Jesus in Heaven? Yes, we are going to have a feast. It will be like the fanciest wedding reception that anyone can imagine. We will have such a good time with Jesus.s

The Lesson: How many of you have seen a rainbow? (Display your rainbow. Discuss the colors and the beauty of the rainbow.) When we’re with Jesus in Heaven, we are going to see the prettiest rainbow that ever could be seen. It will be around the throne.

You know who sits on thrones—Kings and queens. No ordinary king will be sitting on the throne around which will be this beautiful rainbow. Jesus will be sitting on the throne. All of us who love Jesus will be there, looking on Jesus as He sits on the throne. Jesus will call for the books. He will call for the record books — report books. Students get report cards in school, don’t they? The report cards let the parents know how the children are doing in school. The report books in Heaven have written in them the good they have done. (Pick up the crowns. You could use children to help you enact the following.) They will receive some crowns if the works which they have done as Christians were well pleasing to Jesus. Jesus will say, “I am sitting on the Judgment Seat. He will be the Judge of whether a Christian is deserving of crowns which He has for them. Jesus will ask, “Has that person lived a separated Christian life? Did they drink liquor, smoke cigarettes, dance, read dirty books and magazines, attend movies, dress like a Christian, talk like a Christian, act like Christian?” He will look and see if that person lived a separated life; he did not do any of these bad things. Jesus will say, ‘Here is a crown for living a separated Christian life. The person will happily take that crown. Jesus will say, “Has that person suffered for Me? Did it cost him something to be a Christian? Did people laugh at him for living for Me? Did they get angry with him for living for Me? Did that person get hurt just because he was living for Me?’ anybody who truly lives for Jesus will have to suffer in some way. Jesus is going to say, “Did he over come sin and Stand fro me?” (Present the first crown.) [1 Cor. 9:25;]

Jesus is looking to give more crowns away. “I am looking for those who have been looking for those who have watched for me to come.” “Were you anxious to see Me?” Have you been looking? Are you hoping for Jesus

return? “I am looking in the records and have found those who were looking for me.” (Give them the second crown) [2 Tim. 4:8].

Jesus is going to think more about the record of the person who is standing in front of Him. “Did you go soul winning? Did you tell other people how they can be saved?” That person can testify that he really was concerned about getting other people saved so that they can go to Heaven. Jesus will look around; there will be people in Heaven whom that person has led to the Lord. Jesus will say, “You may have this third crown. You have been a soul winner.” [1 Thes. 2:19] at person gladly takes the third crown.

“One thing that was very important,” Jesus is going to say, is whether you were faithful. If you had a job to do, did you do it? Were you in Sunday school and church every week? Did you always remember that you were a Christian? Were you faithful?” Jesus is going to see that person was faithful. Jesus says, [James 1:12] ‘Here is the fourth crown which you have earned.’

Jesus, the Judge on His throne is going to ask one more question: “I am looking for a Pastor who has been faithful. Pastor have you been faithful?” He will give a crown to the Preacher who have stood for truth, the Pastor who feed the people well the Word of God. He will look through the records for the Pastor who has given a good oversight of the church the Jesus has put him over. “Pastor here is your crown.”

The Christian who will be standing in front of the Judgment Seat of Christ will be so happy. He will be so happy that he worked hard to live for Jesus. He will be so glad that everyday and many times a day he had prayed, “Dear Jesus, please help me. Help me to do right today. Help me to say the right things. Help me to live for You today.” For the Christian hold his rewards — his crowns — in his hands, he is going to be so glad that he tried hard to please Jesus.

Then the Christian is going to remember. The Christian is going to remember, “I do not deserve these crowns -. not really. Many times a day, everyday, I had to tell Jesus about something wrong I had said or done and ask His forgiveness; many times a day I had to ask Jesus for His help. I do not deserve these crowns. Jesus deserves them for helping me while I was living on earth.” The Christian is then going to want to give his crowns back to Jesus. In fact, all the Christians will throw their crowns back and let them drop at Jesus’ feet.

What a happy time that will be! What a happy time when we are all with Jesus. Who will be with Jesus? Yes, only those who have asked Him to be their Saviour. Have you asked Him?

Let’s learn our Bible verse: “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power.. .’ Revelation 4:11. (Be sure to teach the Bible verse from your Bible.)