

## ***THE TRIBULATION AND THE MILLENNIUM***

Objects to have: A drawing of a book; Your Bible.

The Lesson: (Put your illustration of a book up on the bulletin board or the flannel board.) We're going to let this picture stand for a book in the Bible. (Pick up your Bible.) You know that in this one book, the Bible, are many books. There are sixty six books in the Bible. Each book of the Bible has a name. The last book of the Bible is named Revelation. What is the last book of the Bible named? Revelation. In the book of Revelation God lets us know many things that are going to happen in the future.

Two week ago, we learned that one day we will meet the Lord in the air. We call that the rapture. Then we learned that there will be a first resurrection. While we who have asked Jesus into are heart, are in Heaven with Him, something will be going on down here on earth. They that will be left behind, will go through a very hard time on this earth for seven years. This time is called the tribulation. The first part of the time that they are left behind, things here won't be super bad. There will be a time when Jewish people who had not accepted Jesus as their Saviour will stop to think about Jesus. Thousands of them will be saved. There are going to be two preachers who will preach on the earth; many Jewish people who hear these sermons will be saved. That will be a good thing that will happen during the first part of the tribulation, but the last part of the 7 year's will be horrible.

We cannot imagine how horrible they will be. There will be WAR such as we have never know before. So many people will be killed that blood will flow like water in the streets. There will not be enough food for people to eat; there will be FAMINE on the earth. People will go hungry. There will be EARTHQUAKES. Buildings will crumble and fall; the earth will open up and people and cars and buildings will fall into the great big holes that the earthquake will cause. HAIL AND FIRE, mixed with BLOOD, will absolutely ruin trees, bushes and vegetables that people will have growing in their gardens. Almost half of the water in the seas will turn to BLOOD. Can you imagine wanting to get a drink of water, and having blood come out of the faucet? Can you imagine wanting to go wading in a pond of water, and looking down to see that the water is not water, but that it is blood. That won't happen to any of us here, if we have trusted Jesus as our Saviour. While we are with Jesus in Heaven, none of these other things will happen to us either. On the earth there will suddenly be a horrible DARKNESS. Great big bugs, called LOCUSTS will swarm all over everything. Horrible looking HORSES will come up out of Hell to kill. People who have not accepted Jesus as their Saviour will be covered with BOILS. Such awful sores will be on these people while we are having a wonderful time with Jesus in Heaven. Then the earth will become completely DRY and burned by the sun. Have you ever seen hailstones? There will be HAILSTONES such as we have never seen. These hailstones will weigh one hundred pounds. What a horrible time it will be during the TRIBULATION. I am glad that I am saved. I am so glad that I asked Jesus to be my Saviour. I know that I will not be here on earth during the tribulation. You don't want to be on earth during the tribulation either, do you? Only those who have asked Jesus to be their Saviour will be with Jesus.

After the tribulation, there comes a special time on this earth. Jesus will come back to earth. He will be riding a white horse. We will come back to earth with Him. We will be riding a white horse. As we come, we will see Jesus as a warrior, as a soldier, as the most powerful soldier with the most wonderful weapon that anyone can

imagine. Jesus will be the All-Powerful Victor. He will kill with His sword all the people who have taught bad things. He will kill all the nations' kings and presidents who have fought against Jesus' ways and Jesus' people. Guess what is going to happen to Satan, the devil, Jesus is going to tie him up with chains and throw him into a pit. Jesus then will become King of all the earth.

Jesus will rule on this earth. We will rule with Him. Jesus will give all of us jobs to do. We will be in charge of cities and states and countries here on earth. We will have our wonderful bodies that can go any place, and do anything that Jesus wants us to do.

Shut your eyes for a minute . Can you see a big lion. Now open your eyes. We would not go up and pet that lion; he might tear us apart with his great big teeth. After we come back to earth with Jesus, you could put a rope around the lion's neck and you could lead him like a big dog. No poisonous snakes will ever again hurt anybody. No tigers will be fierce; a little lamb will be able to lie down right next to the lion and the lion will not hurt the little lamb.

Shut your eyes again. Can you see a desert a huge place all filled of sand, a boiling hot sun, a place where there is no water and where there are no trees! Now open your eyes . After we come back to earth with Jesus, there will be no more desert. The deserts will have beautiful blooming flowers and grass and there will be rivers and streams through the deserts. Every place on earth will be beautiful and clean.

Shut your eyes once more. Can you see a crippled person, can you see a blind person, can you see a deaf person? Now, open your eyes again. After we come back to earth with Jesus there will not be a crippled or blind or deaf person again on the earth. People will also live many more years than they do now. Of course we who have come back to earth with Jesus will never die again.

Do you know how long the time will last when we are on earth with Jesus after coming back with Him? It will last for one thousand years. Do you know how long 1,000 years is? If a person counts to 100, that takes a long time. You would have to count to 100 ten times in order to get to 1,000. That 1,000 years with Jesus has a name it's named The Millennium. What does "The Millennium" mean? Yes, it means the thousand years when we are going to rule the earth with Jesus. That will be a wonderful time, that is, for those of us who have asked Jesus to be our Saviour.