



**Mustard Seed Lesson Summary for May 20, 2007
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“God in Our Midst”

GOLDEN TEXT- "There shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 22:5).

Revelation 21:9-10, 22-27

9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

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22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it.

25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

26 And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it.

27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 22:1-5

1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

TEACHER'S NOTES ON THE LESSON

At the beginning of Revelation 21, John made the general statement that he saw the heavenly city descending. Beginning with verse 9, the apostle described in some detail just what it was he saw.

He seems to have been impressed by the beauty and magnitude of the city and by the fact that familiar things such as the temple, light from the sun and moon, and the evil results of sin were absent. He noted the people who will be there—those whose names are in the book of life. Throughout the account he stressed that God Himself has chosen to dwell with His people.

And here is the greatest marvel of all: It pleases God to be where we are. He actually wants to live with His created beings around Him. How can this be? The answer can only be because of His great love for us—something the human mind can never fully grasp (cf. Eph. 2:4).

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

Teach that God will live with believers in their eternal home.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

1. The heavenly city will be a place of beauty.
2. Certain things that are in this world will not be present.
3. God Himself and those who believe in His Son will live there.

PLANNING VISUAL AIDS

For Telling the Lesson, make flash cards reading "place," "things," "people," and "God." Take a diamond or clear crystal, several multicolored pins or necklaces, and a string of pearls (or pictures of them).

For Helping to Remember, each child will need crayons and two sheets of white paper cut in half. You will need a stapler.

BEGINNING THE LESSON

Ben put a pair of socks in his suitcase. "I like it when we go to Grand-ma's house," he told his mother. "I like the barn and the horses and the swing and the dogs and the swimming hole and—"

Mom smiled. "So what is best about being at Grandma's house?"

"Oh, Grandma is there," Ben said right away. "That is the best part."

We learned last week that Jesus' friend John got to see God's city coming down from heaven. Would you like to know what will be best about being in that city? Well, today we shall find out.

TELLING THE LESSON

First, an angel called to John, saying, "Come here." He took John to a high, high mountain. From there he could look out and watch the city coming down. He saw what the place will be like. (Display "place" flash card so that you can refer to it later.) He saw what things will *not* be there. (Display "things.") And he saw what people will be there. (Display "people.")

What a beautiful place it was! (Point to "place.") It was sparkling all over, even brighter than a diamond. (Show diamond ring or clear glass jewelry.) It was big and square and had a great, high wall all around it. At the bottom of the wall were colored stones, much bigger than these. (Show multicolored jewelry.) Three gates were on each side, and each gate was made of one huge pearl. (Show pearls.) The whole city was gold—even the street.

What a beautiful, beautiful place to be! (Point to "place.")

Then John noticed that some things he was used to seeing here on earth were not there. (Point to "things.") There was no temple to pray in. There did not need to be. God Himself was there. (Display "God.") Jesus was there for people to talk to. He was living with His people.

The city did not need the sun or the moon to give it light, either. No one had to use a candle or turn on the light. No night ever came to that city. It never got dark. You see, where God is, there is always light. God says He Himself is going to be in that city someday, living with His people. (Point to "God.")

Now John was used to seeing something else on earth that he did not see anywhere in God's city. He was used to seeing sadness and hurting and dying. But nothing like that will ever get into God's city to spoil it, for God will be there. (Point to "God.")

His people will be there too-the boys and girls and grown-ups who believe Jesus died so that their sins could be taken away. (Point to "people.") They will be with Him forever, happily doing what He has planned for them to do.

Just think-the God who made everything wants to live with us! That is the best part of the heavenly city: it will be God's special home. His throne will be in it. He will rule there as King, and all His people will be with Him.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE

So what can boys and girls do to get ready for living with God in His city? First, believe He sent Jesus to die for you, if you have never done that. Thank Him for loving you so much. And start making Him happy by doing the things that please Him today.

HELPING TO REMEMBER

Help each child fold his two sheets of paper in half. Staple them to make a four-page book. On the cover have the children print "My Home with God." On the inside pages they should draw the place (the golden city), one thing not needed there (sun or moon), and some people (believers in Jesus).

EXPLAINING THE GOLDEN TEXT

"There shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 22:5).

God says Jesus' people will have a special city to live in someday. Perhaps some of your primaries are afraid of the dark. Comfort them with the fact that in heaven there will be no darkness. No one will ever need to turn on a lamp or light a candle in that place. The whole city will be full of light because God is there. Those who believe in Jesus now will be like kings then. They will live and rule with Him forever.

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S C S E A E A H Y T A G J D U
A W T E T C Y A D B M O Y W N
R A X T V S E R V E B D V C O
W I I W H E S T E M P L E B O
J R I I S G N D Y T I C G R M
W G U A T S I B A C Z U T I Q
Y Q V S R W J N M E G B B D T
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D N E F L I I T H N R E Z X K
J Y E E F O J G C O E B R O P
A X L H S S H E N I V H O O J
M E L A S U R E J T I B C M F
G Y X M O S K L T A R L I F E
X V N Z D O D U W N D L E D D

BOOK
DAY
GLORY
JERUSALEM
MOON
REIGN
SEE
SUN
WIFE

BRIDE
FACE
GOD
LAMB
NATIONS
RIVER
SERVE
TEMPLE
WRITTEN

CITY
FOREHEADS
HOLY
LIFE
NIGHT
SAVED
SEVEN
WATER

26 of 26 words were placed into the puzzle.

God in Our Midst Solution

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+ + S E A E + + + + A G + + +
+ + T E T C Y A D + M O + + N
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W + I + H E S T E M P L E B O
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(Over, Down, Direction)

BOOK(12,13,NE)
BRIDE(14,5,S)
CITY(12,6,W)
DAY(9,3,W)
FACE(4,1,SE)
FOREHEADS(15,13,NW)
GLORY(12,1,W)
GOD(12,2,S)
HOLY(7,12,NW)
JERUSALEM(9,13,W)
LAMB(11,1,S)
LIFE(12,14,E)
MOON(15,6,N)
NATIONS(10,15,N)
NIGHT(8,8,NW)
REIGN(5,8,SE)
RIVER(11,14,N)
SAVED(5,6,SW)
SEE(5,12,NW)
SERVE(6,4,E)
SEVEN(3,2,SE)
SUN(4,8,SW)
TEMPLE(8,5,E)
WATER(1,5,NE)
WIFE(6,8,SW)
WRITTEN(1,7,NE)

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