# REVELATION GOD IS IN CONTROL OF ALL THINGS

# **FAMILY CONVERSATION GUIDE**

# THE THEME

God wants us to KNOW Him so that we can GO for Him.

# **APRIL MEMORY VERSE**

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12 ESV

# APRIL CHALLENGE VERSE

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you... Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27 NIV

# **APRIL 28 - LIFE APPLICATION**

Jesus wants us to listen to His voice and obey Him.

#### **NOTE TO PARENTS**

**Scripture: Revelation 9:13-21** 

In the **Book of Revelation**, John, the disciple loved by Jesus, is given words and visions of heaven and Jesus, and prophecies about the End of Times. Remind your family that **God has a plan**, is over all things, knows all things, and He is with us through all things. Please read the scripture and listen to the sermon, in person or online, before discussing with your family.

In this week's message we will look at **Revelation 9:13-21,** the **Sixth Trumpet Judgment.** Even though bad things will happen in the world during the End Times, and we are able to know about them, we will not have to worry. God has a plan to take us to heaven to be with Him before all of this even happens! It is called the Rapture. Therefore, Christians and their believing kids should never have to worry. **Please emphasize God's great love for us.** That's why Jesus came to the earth to save us! But he also wants us to know about the End Times and the signs He has given us.

## **REVIEW**

Before discussing this week's scripture, go back to **Revelation 8:6-9:12** for a quick review of the **first five of the Seven Trumpet Judgments.** 

- **The First Trumpet Judgment**: Fire, hail and blood falling to the earth. The trees and crops are destroyed. This means there will be a shortage of food, and famine.
- The Second Trumpet Judgment: A great fiery mountain is thrown into the sea. This could be a meteor entering the earth's atmosphere. One third of the sea becomes blood (sea creatures dying) and one third of the ships are destroyed.
- The Third Trumpet Judgment: A great star from heaven (probably a comet) named "Wormwood" explodes and falls into the fresh waters and makes them bitter and poisonous to drink. Many would die because of this.
- The Fourth Trumpet Judgment: One third of each of the heavenly bodies (sun, stars, moon, etc.) are darkened causing the world to become cold and dark.
- The Fifth Trumpet Judgment: Satan is allowed by God to unleash some imprisoned, evil angels from the Great Abyss, causing 5 months of pain on people, though they will not die from this. More people will be saved by

believing in Jesus as a result of this.

**Why will God judge the world?** (The people of the world have rebelled against Him and disobeyed Him - ignoring His great love for them and choosing evil over good.)

## **DISCUSS**

1. What happened after the sixth angel blew his trumpet? (The voice of God called from His altar in heaven, commanding the sixth angel to release the four evil angels who were imprisoned at the great river Euphrates.)

**FYI:** This is the place where the Garden of Eden was, where the first sin occurred, where the Tower of Babel was, and also where Israel's enemies lived the Assyrians and then the Babylonians. From this place the evil demons were released!

- 2. The four evil angels released many more demons on the earth, to kill a third of the people. In **verse 16**, John heard the number twice 10 thousand times 10 thousand. **How many would that be?** (Let your children guess and then use your calculator: 200 million more demon.s)
- 3. John described the demons as well as he could. They were like nothing he had ever seen! See **verses 17 and 18**.
  - · They were mounted on what seemed like horses
  - · They wore breastplates the color of fire and sapphire and of sulfur
  - The heads of the horses were like lions' heads, and fire and smoke and sulfur came out of their mouths
  - Their tails were like serpents with heads
  - Their power is in their mouths and in their tails, and they kill a third of mankind with fire, brimstone, and sulfur. After those who die in the Fourth Seal Judgment, probably **one half of the people on earth have now died.**
- 4. See verses 20-21. What happened after this to the others who were left? Did they decide to repent of their sins and accept Jesus as their Savior? (No they did not repent of all of their sins and immorality, and they continued to worship demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk.)

## **Main Point from our Pastor, David Chadwick:**

These people who refused to repent were like Pharaoh in Egypt. God brought similar kinds of judgments on him and Egypt for not letting the Israelites go to the Promised Land. Pharaoh kept hardening his own heart with every judgment

until God finally totally hardened it completely and caused the final judgment of the first born son's death. Pharaoh is a great example of what this will look like globally in the Great Tribulation. The people on earth will have chances to repent and choose Jesus, but every time they continue to reject Him, their hearts will be more hardened. **What can we learn from this?** 

When we have done wrong things, and the Holy Spirit shows us that we have sinned, we need to repent. Otherwise, every time we refuse to do so, our hearts become more hardened to obeying God.

### **PRAYER**

Dear Jesus, we have learned that God hates sin and there will be judgment for those who don't repent. We also know that You love us and want what is best for us. Help us to repent when we have done wrong, and turn to You for forgiveness and a new chance to live life the way You want us to! In Your Name we pray, Amen.

## **FAMILY CHALLENGE**

Go outside and challenge your family to see who can get to the "finish line" by following directions. This is not a race, but the goal is to follow directions. Have everyone line up and start walking when you say "go."

One parent will be the "voice" that everyone has to listen to, and they have to obey that voice. If they don't, they are out of the race (sit down). Eventually, if they follow directions, they end up back with you and they have won! Here are some examples of directions you can give:

- · Go Straight.
- · Stop! River ahead! Turn right.
- Go straight again.
- · Stop! Fire in front of you. Turn left.
- · Go straight again.
- · Stop! There's a bear in front of you. Turn around and come toward my voice.
- · And so on until your voice leads them back to you.

After doing this once, try with everyone again. Hopefully they have learned to listen better to your voice! **Ask:** How is this like the people on earth who refuse to listen to God's voice?