

ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION GUIDE

WE BELIEVE: THE FUTURE

VERSE:

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." JOHN 3:16

Use this guide to help you discuss each of the We Believe Truths in more detail.

QUESTION 1: What is the most important thing about the future?

JESUS IS COMING BACK (JOHN 14:1-6)

1. Look at verse 1. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do? *(He told them not to be troubled but to trust in Him.)*
2. What did Jesus say He was going to do? *(He will leave to prepare a place for them and then He will come back and get them.)*
3. Look at verse 6. Who is the only way to the Father? *(Jesus. We need to trust and follow Him.)*

QUESTION 2: What will Jesus do when He comes back?

HE WILL FULFILL PROPHECY, DEFEAT HIS ENEMIES, AND RULE FOREVER (REVELATION 19:11-16)

1. When Jesus came to earth the first time, He came as a baby and a servant. How will His return be different? *(Everyone will know who He is right away without a doubt. He is coming back this time as the all-powerful conquering King.)*
2. How is Jesus described in these verses? *(He is a mighty warrior leading an army, a fair judge, righteous and true.)* Does this sound different than the way you normally think of Him? How?
3. What do these verses say He is going to do when He comes back? *(He is going to judge fairly, fight a good war and win, defeat His enemies and rule everything. He will be King of kings and Lord of lords.)*

QUESTION 3: What happens to us in the future?

ALL PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS WILL BE WITH GOD FOREVER (REVELATION 21:3-7)

1. How do these verses describe the future with God? What will God do for His people? *(God will live with His people. He will wipe away every tear and there will be no more death, sorrow, crying, or pain.)*
2. How can we be with God forever? What choice do we need to make? *(Hint: Check out John 3:16. We can choose to believe in Jesus and accept His free gift of salvation.)*
3. Talk about why Jesus' return can give us hope for today if we trust in Him. *(When we accept God's free gift of grace we can know for sure that we get to be with Him forever. No matter what, nothing can separate us from Him. This world is broken and can be really hard but eternity with God will be perfect and last forever.)*