

John's Vision

Many Christians were punished for being followers of Jesus. John, the fisherman who had been Jesus' friend when he was alive on Earth, was arrested by the Romans and sent away to live on the small island of Patmos.

John was old now, and although the island looked lovely when the sun shone and ripened the grapes on the steep hillsides, it was hard to live there alone. He could not see his friends or meet with other Christians to worship Jesus with them. In spite of his troubles, John still loved and followed Jesus.

One day as he was praying, God spoke to John. He heard a voice ring out behind him like a trumpet.

John turned round and saw Jesus standing close by, surrounded by seven golden candlesticks. His face shone like the sun and his whole body blazed with light. In his right hand he held seven stars. John fell down at his feet.

"Don't be afraid" Jesus said. **"I am the One who was there in the beginning and I shall still be there at the end of time. I was dead but now I am alive for ever."**

His voice flooded the quiet island like the roar of a foaming waterfall.

"These seven stars and seven candlesticks stand for the churches in seven places. I have a message for each church. Write down everything you hear and see".

So John wrote it all down.

Party Time!! Jesus will return!!

Theme Jesus will come again!!

Games Choose the games that you think your group have enjoyed most during the past 5 weeks!

Memory verse Jesus said, *"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."* Revelation 22 v 13

Introduction Walk the walk. Lay a piece of rope or string along the floor and get the children to carefully walk along it. If they step off they must go to the end of the line and start again! Then get them to do the same but with a leader holding their hand. How much easier that is! Jesus wants us to walk with Him then we will not go off the wrong way.

Story John's Vision. From Revelation chapter 1. Use the story in the resources section.

Application Over the last 5 weeks we have been learning about how Jesus showed us how to live a good life! Re-cap over the themes. No-one said it is an easy life and often we struggle to keep on track. But, Jesus has promised to always be with us!! Yes, He will be coming back one day! Then all the people who believe in Him and follow Him will be very happy! Just like a party!!

Prayer Thank God for sending Jesus. Thank Jesus for always being with us and for promising to come back one day.

Resources There is a copy of the story in the resources section.

Song Choose a few popular songs from the past weeks and have a boogie!