



# Jesus Will Return for His Church

## MAIN IDEAS

- Jesus is like a bridegroom and the church is His bride.
- Human marriage is meant to help us understand the special relationship that Jesus has with His church.
- Jesus will someday return for His church so that we might be with Him forever.

## MEMORY WORK

*“In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?<sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”—John 14:2-3*

## SCRIPTURE FOR THE LESSON

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| 1) Revelation 19:6-9a | 3) 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 |
| 2) John 14:2-3        | 4) Ephesians 5:25-27       |

## AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

Read the Scriptures listed above and talk about the reality of Jesus returning for His church. Ask: *Are you looking forward to Jesus’ return? Why or why not? How do you think that a real bride gets herself ready? (Consider sharing your own wedding day experience with your child.) How should God’s people be preparing for Jesus’ return? How should you be preparing?*

Have your child recall an exciting event he or she has experienced. Next review Revelation 19:6-9a. Point out that the celebration described here will be millions of times more thrilling than anything else. Read and talk about Psalm 16:11. Ask: *Why would being in the presence of the LORD bring fullness of joy? Is anything or anyone greater than God? What is the “path” that leads to enjoying God forever? [trusting in Jesus]*

Read and talk about 2 Peter 3:9 and ask: *Why does it sometimes seem as if Jesus will not return? Do you have doubts? Why or why not? If you do, can you look to other promises that God has made and then fulfilled? Can He be trusted to keep all His promises? Why? If you are not yet trusting in Jesus, what is He giving you time to do? Why must a person repent and believe? What does it mean to “perish”? How should these truths motivate us to pray for others and share the good news of the gospel?*

## ACTIVITY

Look up the passages listed on the page and fill in the missing words. Then decorate the page to make it look as special as possible.

# Revelation 19:6-9a

**†** Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the \_\_\_\_\_ of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of \_\_\_\_\_, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the \_\_\_\_\_ reigns.

<sup>7</sup>Let us \_\_\_\_\_ and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the \_\_\_\_\_ has come, and his \_\_\_\_\_ has made herself ready;

<sup>8</sup>it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure”—for the fine linen is the \_\_\_\_\_ deeds of the saints.

<sup>9</sup>And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are \_\_\_\_\_ to the marriage supper of the Lamb.”

