



ANTICIPATE HIS RETURN



Skill

Anticipate His Return is longing to see the King return; to envision the end of this Age and thirst for eternal life in the New Zion without pain or death.

Design

Anticipate His Return (heaven celebration) > A group of worshippers dancing in celebration illustrates the heavenly throne room gathering of a great multitude from every tribe, tongue, nation, and people praising Yahweh and the Lamb. The **sketch** is a woman walking with Jesus illustrating the growing excitement we share of being face-to-face with our Savior and Friend forever.

Story

Throne Room Vision (Revelation 7:9-17)

This story demonstrates Anticipate His Return as a kingdom skill because we clearly see Jesus' Matthew 24:14 prophecy fulfilled. The gospel has been faithfully proclaimed to every tribe, tongue, nation, and people, the end of this Age has come, and a family reunion of all Yahweh's children from every generation are gathered around the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit joining in joyful celebration with the angels, elders, and four living creatures.

Scriptures

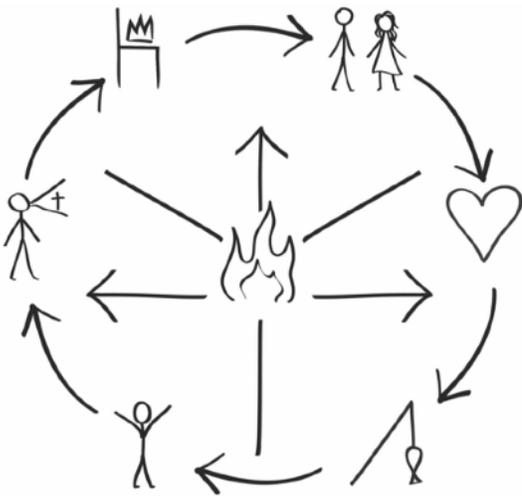
Revelation 7:17 > For the Lamb who is at the center of the throne will shepherd them; He will guide them to springs of living waters, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Revelation 21:3-4 > Look! Yahweh's dwelling is with humanity, and He will live with them. They will be His people and God Himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will no longer exist; grief, crying, and pain will exist no longer, for they have passed away.

Lesson Summary

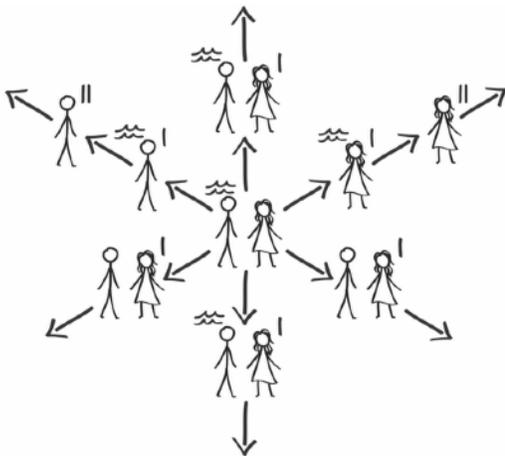
Anticipate His Return involves a growing weariness with this world and an accelerating excitement for what is to come. We all get discouraged and overwhelmed, but our Lord has planted inside of us an unquenchable fire of hope in the eternal glory waiting for us in the next life (2 Corinthians 4:16-18). Even when everything falls apart and all seems lost, we have hope; an anchor for our souls piercing the darkest night with a bright light inviting us to safety and security in our Lord (Hebrews 6:17-20). Our King is coming soon, and He is faithful to give everyone abundant grace until His return (Revelation 22:20-21).

Gathering Guide



- Holy Spirit (fire): Let the Spirit guide your meeting.
- **Step One** (back arrow): Last week questions.
- Abide (worshipper): How did you abide last week?
- Harvest (witness): Whom did you share with?
- **Step Two** (up arrow): Discover this week's skill in Scripture as you discuss the Bible story.
- God (throne/crown): What do we learn about God?
- People (man/woman): What do we learn about people?
- Practice: Practice telling this week's story in groups.
- **Step Three** (forward arrow): Next week questions.
- Abide (heart): How will you abide?
- Harvest (fishing): Whom will you share with?

Generations Map



- People of Peace (people/arrows): Draw your disciples and their disciples. Share recent stories of how you and your team are engaging lost people.
- Baptism (waves): Update your map with those who have been baptized. What is the next step for each disciple who still needs to be baptized or become a baptizer by experience?
- Generations (number lines): Update your map with generations. How can we pray for this movement?