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WITH THE EDGE

December 5 – 1 John 4

Re-read 1 John 4:21

John makes it clear, if we say we love God, we also must love other people. We are not supposed to be angry and rude with one another. If we truly love God, we will show love to others. How can you show love to someone close to you today?

December 6 – 1 John 5

Re-read 1 John 5:13

In verse 13, The Apostle John shows us one of the main purposes of this letter. He wants his readers to know for certain that God will do what he says. What are some promises that God made that he will fulfill in the future? How does it make you feel to know that God ALWAYS keeps his promises?

December 7 – 2 John

Re-read 2 John 6

In the Apostle John's second letter, he wants the people to live in a loving way. Love means more than a feeling. If we love God, we will act it out in the way we live. Verse 6 tells us that we need to obey the commandments of God in order to love him. What are some commandments that are hard for you to obey? What would help you obey God more today?

December 8 – 3 John

Re-read 3 John 11

There is a lot in our world that we can “imitate,” or copy. There are a lot of people that we can try to act like. Who do you try to be most like? What does it mean to act in a godly way? Who are some people you want to be like? (think of your small group leader, teacher at church, parent, siblings?)

December 9 – Jude

Re-read Jude 17

All over the Bible, the reader is being told to remember the promises of God often. Jude talks about people in the Old Testament who faced false teachers, like the ones of Jude’s day. What does being a false teacher mean? What are some things that Bible says about God that the world doesn’t believe? Are there lies about God that you hear at school, in movies/TV, or on your sports teams? How can or should you respond when you hear lies about God?

December 10 – Revelation 1

Re-read Revelation 1:13-17

The book of Revelation is a vision from Jesus that was given to the Apostle John. John was used to seeing Jesus as a human, and when he saw him in all his glory, he was surprised by his appearance. This is what Jesus looks like today. He is full of his glory. How does this description change the way you think of Jesus?

December 11 – Revelation 2

Re-read Revelation 2:4-5

Jesus is speaking to the church in the city of Ephesus. He makes it clear that he wants people to remain faithful to him. He wants them to continue to love him the way they once did. Do you love God more now than you ever have before (because you have learned more about him)? How can you love God more this week?

December 12 – Revelation 3

Re-read Revelation 3:15-16

Jesus has some harsh words for the Christians in Laodicea. He admits that what they are doing isn't really bad, but not really good either. Jesus wants them to be doing the BEST things, not just avoiding the worst things! How can you choose to do the best thing today with your family and friends?

December 13 – Revelation 4

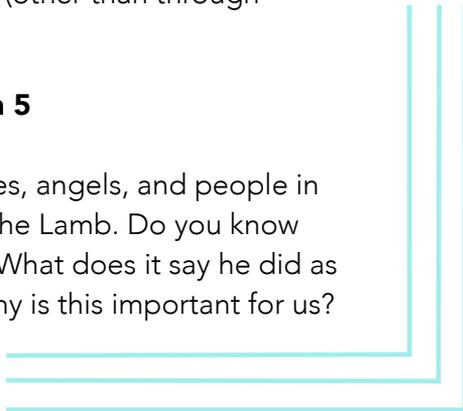
Re-read Revelation 4:11

In heaven, there is a lot to be amazed by. The throne of God is magnificent and creatures seem to be difficult to describe. But all the attention in heaven seems to be directed at one person. That person is God. They all worship him. What does it mean to worship someone or something? What do people in the world worship? How do you worship God? How can you worship God today (other than through music)?

December 14 – Revelation 5

Re-read Revelation 5:9-10

At this point, all the creatures, angels, and people in heaven are praising Jesus, the Lamb. Do you know why he is called the Lamb? What does it say he did as the Lamb for all people? Why is this important for us?



December 15 – Revelation 6

Re-read Revelation 6:17

This chapter describes seven waves of punishment that God will inflict upon Earth. Verse 17 sums up the entire chapter. It also tells us something about God's power. It asks a question: "Who can stand?" When it comes to God, no one can stand against him. God hates sin, and punishes it here. What is one sin you need to stop doing? What specifically will help you do that?

December 16 – Revelation 7

Re-read Revelation 7:9

Jesus will save people from all over the world. He will save many different kinds of people, even some that we would never imagine he could. Who are some non-Christians in your life that you are afraid God may not save? This verse should remind us that God can save anyone! Make a decision today to pray for that person.

December 17 – Revelation 8

Re-read Revelation 8:1

In heaven, all eyes are on Jesus because he is full of glory and power. When we understand this, it can change the way we view ourselves compared to God. How does it make you feel, knowing that God is full of power and glory? Happy? Fearful? Both? Why?

December 18 – Revelation 9

Re-read Revelation 9:20

Even while Jesus punishes the earth, people are stubborn. They want to live the way they want, and don't care about God. Why do you think it is hard for people to give up doing things their way (the Bible calls that way sinful)? What sin do you have that is hard to give up? What steps can you take to help you obey God more, showing your love for him?