



# Authorised Mess — REVELATION

## Your details

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Bible book	Revelation
Theme of session	What have we got to look forward to?/The biggest (and longest) party ever
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## Session details

Categories of activities to get a mix	Activity name	Instructions	Resources needed	Reason for doing this activity
Younger participants	The tree of life	Get everyone to cut out leaf and fruit shapes from the coloured paper. Make a hole in the leaf or fruit and secure to the tree with a paper clip or glue.	Leaf and fruit templates, coloured paper (shades of green plus other colours), pens and pencils, scissors, paper clips, glue, large tree outline on paper or some branches (without leaves) tied together in a pot.	Talk about the tree of life, which was in the Garden of Eden. When Jesus comes again, he will bring us into the garden with the tree of life, so that everyone who is sick or weak or troubled can be healed (Revelation 22:2).
Older participants	Mirror ball	Make a ball by blowing up a balloon and covering it with paper mache—also attaching a string to hang it from for the celebration. Once dry, glue on foil/reflective mosaic squares.	Balloon, newspapers, flour/water, reflective mosaic squares/foil squares, string, glue. To make paper mache, see: <a href="http://www.best-preschool-games.com/paper-mache-recipe.html">http://www.best-preschool-games.com/paper-mache-recipe.html</a> .	Talk about how God is planning the best party ever, with a new set of songs that everyone is going to join in singing—and dancing too.



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Girls	Beauty salon	Pamper time! Get the soft music on and sit back in a comfy chair while the resident beauty experts go to work in transforming you into the wonderful creature of God that you are.	Make up, nail kit, mirror, make-up brushes and so on.	When Jesus comes back, we will receive a new body, which will be glowing with health and reflect God's love. We won't need beauty salons anymore, because we will all be bathed in God's love.
Boys	Sick!	Bandage everyone up as if they are sick or have broken something. Use the make up/face paints to enhance the effect (maybe with some gaping wounds). There will be a chance to remove the bandages and for mass healings in the celebration.	Bandages, make up, face paints.	Life when Jesus comes back is going to be different. We will all be given new bodies which won't grow old or break down. There will be no more sickness or disease. Everyone will be well all the time.
Word-based	You're invited!	Create a VIP invite to the biggest party ever. Make it from Jesus to someone you know who you would like to see there. Then give it to them.	Cards, felt tip pens, glitter, stick-on jewels, cut-out party images, glue.	Jesus is going to have the biggest party ever, but people can only come if they are invited. That's part of the job Jesus has left us to do. Who do we want to be there with us?



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Food-based	Fruit salad	Get everyone to help cut up some fruit to make a fruit salad.	Lots of different fruits (the more exotic the better), child-friendly knives, chopping boards, big bowls, hand gel, paper towels.	Jesus wants us to eat with him (Revelation 3:20). We'll be able to do that when Jesus comes back to earth. It's going to be the greatest party ever. Having a celebration now can show us a little about what that party will be like.
Explores global aspect of faith	World party	Fix the map of the world to the centre of the display board. Get everyone to chose a picture of someone, attach a piece of ribbon to their picture and then fix it to the board using the ribbon to connect the person in the picture to the place they come from on the map.	Large map of the world, flipchart or notice board, images of people from around the world cut out from magazines or newspapers, strips of ribbon, glue/Blu-Tack.	Revelation 7:9 talks about every 'nation, tribe, people and language' standing before the throne and praising God and Jesus.



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Opens up great art	We'll be there!	Get everyone to cut out a picture of themselves and stick it on the banner.	Digital camera and printer or pre-printed photos, glue/Blue-Tack, large banner with the words 'We'll be there'.	Talk about how we can look forward to the time when heaven comes to earth and we can be with Jesus and live in peace and love, the way God always intended it to be. Even if things are hard in our lives, we know we have a future we can all enjoy.
Quiet	Candle making	Get everyone to produce a candle of their preferred shape and aroma using a candle making kit. Once the wax has hardened a bit, light the candles and put on a tray all together to use in the celebration.	Candle making kit, matches, large tray.	When Jesus comes again, there will be no sun, because all the light will come from God (Revelation 22:5), which reflects his love for us. Lighting a candle can remind us of that love.
Really messy	Chocolate fountain	Dip the fruit/marshmallows on a skewer or fork into the melted chocolate. Yummy!	Chocolate fountain, chopped up fruit and marshmallows, wooden skewers or plastic forks.	Living with Jesus will be like being in paradise. We will have everything we need. There will be no more want, or hunger. We will have the best of everything—especially God's love. Talk about what that will be like.



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## Celebration suggestion

### Song ideas:

- ✿ Ishmael's *Party Time!* DVD. For more details, see <http://www.ishmael.org.uk/itspartytime.php>.
- ✿ 'I'm gonna jump up and down' by Doug Horley.
- ✿ 'I'm forever in your love' by Doug Horley.
- ✿ 'Great great brill brill' by Doug Horley.

Talk about what it will be like at the greatest party ever:

- ✿ No more sickness (remove people's bandages).
- ✿ Living in God's light (light the candles made in the activity).
- ✿ People from around the world will be there, all joined together (show the annotated world map made in the activity).
  
- ✿ Who can we invite to this party? (Show a VIP invite card made in the activity.)

Jesus gave us the book of Revelation—the last book in the Bible—to encourage us when things in our lives are hard—to give us something better to look forward to—and it's all possible through Jesus' death on the cross. But Jesus also wanted us to share that good news of our future with him, as well as tell others so that they can come to the party too. It's going to be so good—we won't want anyone we love to miss it. Let's pray for the people who we would like to be there with us.

## Meal suggestion

- ✿ Party food: cocktail sausages, cheese & pineapple chunks, crisps, sandwiches, fizzy drinks.
- ✿ Fruit salad and chocolate fountain (made in the activities).  
(Get into the party spirit by playing some music and giving out party hats and poppers.)

## Faith in Homes suggestion

- ✿ Light the candle you made.
- ✿ Look at the light and remind yourself of all the good things that God has prepared for us when he comes to bring heaven to earth.
- ✿ Pray a prayer to say thank you to God.
- ✿ Pray for someone you would like to be at God's party too.



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## **Primary School RE idea**

Find pictures of people from different parts of the world and show where they come from on a map of the world to highlight how everyone is invited to the party that Jesus has planned for us at the end of time.