

# The Master Knocks (9/11/22)

**Main Verses:** Revelation 3:20

**Key Verse:** Revelation 3:20

**'Takeaway':** As we wait for Jesus to come back to our world, let's celebrate the amazing fact that Jesus can come into our hearts before that, even today!

**Getting Started:** Have you ever gone to someone's house and knocked on the door? How did you feel when they opened it? What would you think if they didn't open it?



**READ** Revelation 3:20 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- Who is Jesus talking to here?
- Why is Jesus knocking on the door? Is it a real door?
- What does He mean when he says "if anyone hears my voice and opens the door?" What does that mean?
- What do you think "I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me[.]" means?

Elementary:

- What do you know about the first few chapters of the book of Revelation? Who is Jesus talking to here?
- Does "If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me." remind you of any of the things Jesus said in the gospels? (John 10:4, Luke 12:36, John 14:23)
- What is Jesus telling the church at Laodicea? Why is He knocking at their door?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

Toddler/PreK:

- Jesus is knocking at the church's door because they thought they no longer needed Him. He is trying to get their attention.
- They don't realize how bad their (sinful) condition is; but even so, Jesus is ready and willing to help them if they turn back (**repent**) to him, and if they **listen** to and **obey** him.
- If they don't return to Jesus, they will face judgment.

Elementary:

- The church at Laodicea had turned away from Jesus, thinking they no longer needed him.
- Hot water and cold water each have helpful uses. When the Bible describes them as being "lukewarm" it means they are useless, and not acceptable to God.
- Jesus knocks at the door as Master of the house, expecting his servants to respond immediately and welcome his entrance. He is ready and willing to help them return to him.
- Jesus is calling the church to repent of their sin and turn to him.
- If they welcome Jesus by repenting of their sin, he will come in and have a close personal relationship with them (the picture represented by coming in and eating with them).

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God; thank him for his church. Thank God for loving us enough to try to get our attention & correct us so we can return to him & his goodness. Thank God for his amazing provision thru his Son, Jesus, who loves us & died for us so we can know God.

(Elementary) Talk to God & thank him for his church. Thank God for lovingly correct us when we stray from him, **so that** we can return to him & his goodness. Thank God for Jesus, who died on the cross for our sins & rose again on the third day, taking the penalty for **our** sins so we can know & love him. If you haven't invited Jesus into your heart, talk to him about it, & follow the sound of his voice. Admit you are a sinner, that you haven't followed him. Thank Jesus for his rescue thru the cross **so that** you can now be welcomed into his home, & him into yours, as you surrender your life to his leadership & follow him. If you talk to Jesus about this, or have more questions about this, talk to a trusted adult about them.