They Will Make War on the Lamb (9/22/24)

Main Verses: Revelation 17:14 **Key Verse**: Revelation 17:14

'**Takeaway**': Though the world regularly attacks followers of Jesus with its trials & temptations, we are called, in light of Jesus' victory, to not give up & not give in.

Getting Started: Have you ever wanted to give up on something?

READ Revelation 17:14 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

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- Who is the Lamb? What is he going to do? Why?
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Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

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- But Jesus is always with us & will help us. In light of his victory over sin & death we should not give up or give in, but rather we should follow Jesus & share his light with those around us.
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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God. Thank him for Jesus. Thank God that Jesus is always with us & will always help us to make good choices, especially when life is hurtful & hard, & the world wants to draw us away from Jesus. Ask him to help you to follow him & learn from him every day.

(Elementary) Talk to God. Thank him for Jesus. Thank him that thru faith in Jesus, Jesus is always with us, helping us (especially when life is hurtful & hard, & the world wants to draw us away from Jesus). Thank God that because of Jesus's victory over sin & death we too can have victory over sin. Ask him to help you to follow him & share his light with those around us. Have you surrendered to God's loving leadership in your life? If you feel him calling you to surrender to him, you might want to pray in this way: **Admit** you are guilty of living a me-centered life instead of a God-centered one. **Believe** that Jesus is your only hope for forgiveness, freedom, & forever with God. With your whole heart & being, **commit** yourself to following Jesus' loving leadership. If you pray this, or have questions about what it means, talk to a trusted adult in your life about it.

