Family bible study lesson plan

The Origins Of Easter

Jesus had to die in order to pay the price to redeem the earth and man from the tyranny of Satan. By faith we accept his death as payment for our sins, God then includes in the package of Justification that we also are resurrected with Christ, therefore citizens of heaven and untouchable by the Adversary (Sanctification) and provides the Holy Spirit as an enforcer of HIS will.

The Good News Of The Resurrection

Jesus is the "first-fruits" of the resurrected, meaning he is the first of many to come. On the day of his ascension, he told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the promised Holy Spirit who would guide and protect them because he was going to prepare a place in heaven and he would come back for those that believe in him. He was then taken into heaven to claim his throne and we await his coming back, known as the Rapture.

The Snatching Away Of The Saints

Jesus and the Apostles told us many times that there would come a time, and no-one knows exactly when, that he will remove the believers out from the troubled times, just like he did with Abraham's nephew Lot in the story of Sodom and Gomorrah.

The 7 Letter To The Churches

Jesus dictated letters to 7 churches, in modern day western Turkey, by the hand of the Apostle John. In these letters he described himself as something the Church needed, reported what was good and bad with them, how to fix it, and an encouragement to overcome the worldly ways. The order the letters are in; and the troubles the churches are having, is the same as the history of the Christian Church in general. We can learn a lot from that.

The 7 Seals

Jesus is depicted in the Book of Revelation, after the 3rd chapter, as being in heaven and in charge. The events described in the opening of the seals on the scroll describe the general history of the time between Jesus' ascension and his coming at the Rapture. The 6th Seal describes the time of the removal of the Church, and the 7th Seal changes the focus of God's attention back onto HIS chosen people, the Jews; and the earth dwellers who don't or won't believe in HIM. The Body of Christ, the Church, is not involved in the events of the Book of Revelation after chapter 6.

The Return Of The King Of Kings And Lord Of Lords

Jesus is shown to be riding a white horse, radiating power, and in the lead of a tremendous army in Revelation 19. He imprisons his enemies and sets up a kingdom of truth and love that lasts for 1000 years with those that died for being true to his name being resurrected to be with him.

The White Throne and the New Beginning

Jesus has one last fight with The Deceiver, and judgement is made from the Great White Throne of God upon all the souls that have ever lived on the earth; that haven't been judged already by the Rapture, or the 1st resurrection. The universe will be remade even better and we will all live eternally "happily ever after" in the presence and family of God our Father.

I have tried to introduce the main points of our Christian faith, keeping it interesting [I hope] to about a 12 year old, while introducing the Old Testament concepts that are the foundation of our faith, and the precepts of modern Christianity [such as Justification and Sanctification, Holy Spirit and the Rapture].

I want the readers to realize that "in Christ" they are something new and special. While there is a lot of chaos going on all around us, we have a giant rock in the turbulent river to stand on, and there is hope for the future.

The Word of God, in the manifested form of Jesus and the written word, is our guide for getting through this life. All we are asked to do is believe in Jesus and give up selfishness. We can do that.

If this "study" inspires further exploration, I recommend the Bible Study of the Book of Revelations on the <u>AlleluiahChurch/Bible study</u> web site, to join in local church studies, or to just go on YOU TUBE, and search out teachers as the Spirit leads you.

With Love and Hope,

May God bless you.