

LESSON PLAN

Date: _____

Title: THE ANTICHRIST Key Verse: Rev 13:8

Text/Story: Rev 13:1-18; 14:9-11

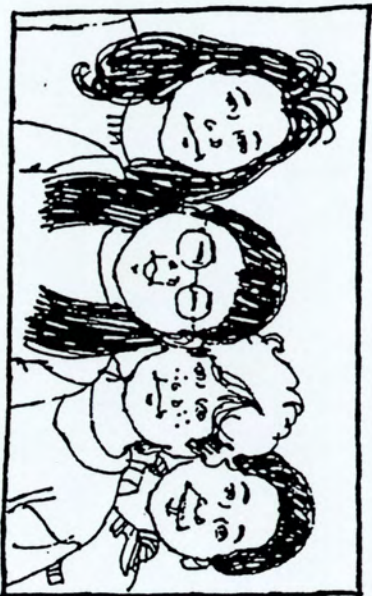
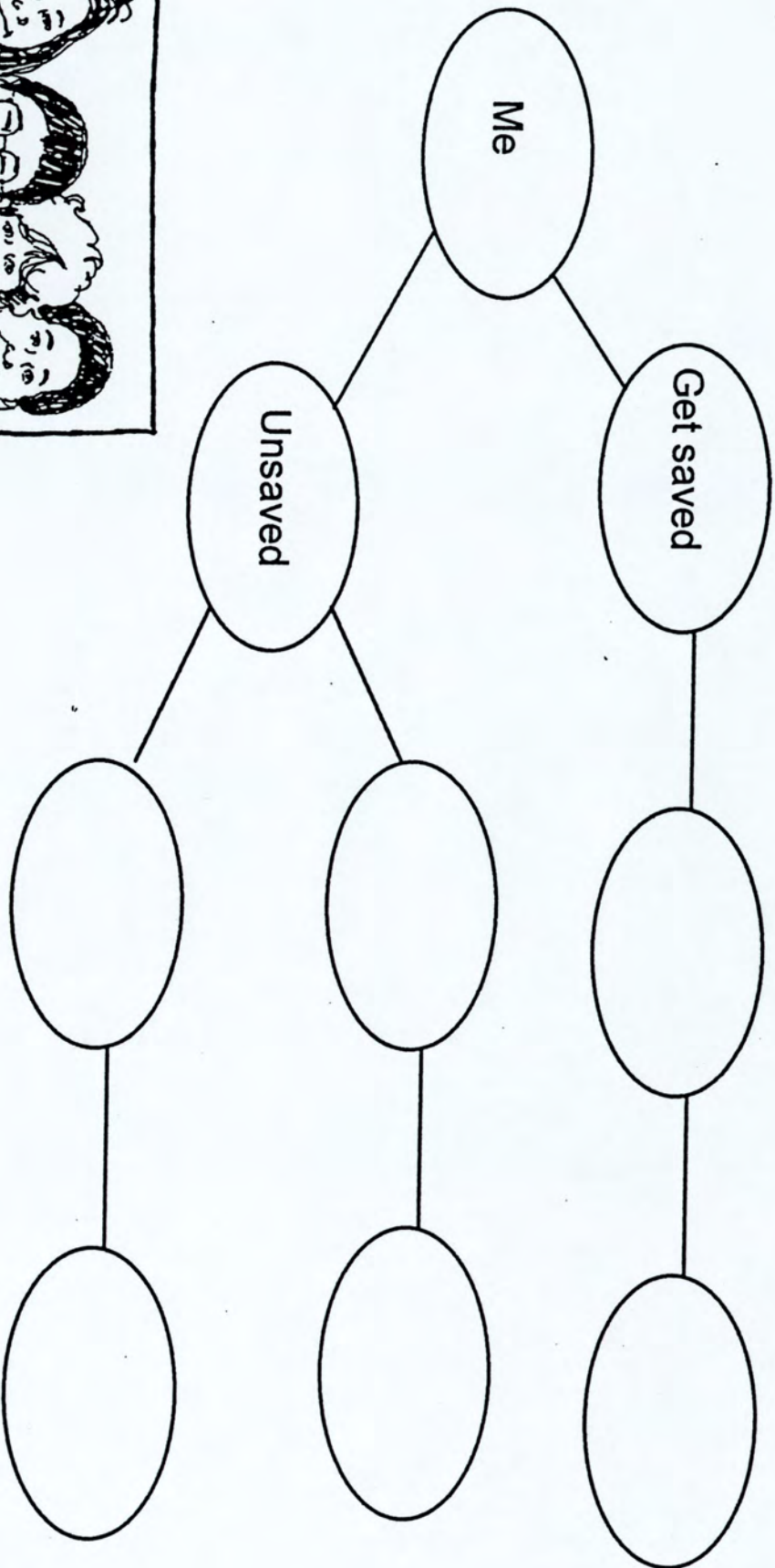
Main idea: The Antichrist will be revealed during the Tribulation and will cause those who are not written in the Book of Life to take the mark which will lead to their eternal damnation.

Time	Activity	Description
	<p>Pre-Lesson:</p> <p>'Opposites' Chart</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce the person of Antichrist by discussing his name: the prefix 'anti-' means against or opposite of--he's the opposite of Christ • Make a two column chart on poster paper of chalkboard: on the left-hand side label CHRIST and on the right-hand side label ANTICHRIST • With the class, make a list of characteristics and teachings of Jesus in the left-hand column (e.g., truth, holiness, humility, love etc.) • In the Antichrist column, have the class come up with the opposite word to each of those listed down in the Christ column (e.g., truth-lie, holiness-wickedness etc.)
	<p>Lesson:</p> <p>The Mark of the Beast</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show a variety of items that have bar-codes and magnetic strips on them • Discuss how this technology may be later used to mark every person on earth with information imbedded in a part of the body for the purpose of identification • Read the text that tells about the power behind this scheme (i.e., the Antichrist) • Discuss the consequences of taking the mark
	<p>Post-Lesson:</p> <p>Decision Tree</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand out Decision Tree worksheet • Review the two choices they have: get saved or stay unsaved; emphasize that our decision has certain consequences • Discuss what will happen as we make the choices • Fill in the bubbles in the tree

The Antichrist

DECISION TREE

What if you choose not to get saved? Start at the left bubble, decide what happens when you choose to get saved and if you don't, and write the result/consequences in the bubbles provided in 'branches' of the tree. Words you will use: raptured, take mark of beast, refuse mark, Marriage Supper with Jesus, eternal punishment, killed.



THE ANTICHRIST Additional Activities

Organize your class into groups of three or four. Give each group a sheet of newsprint and a marker pen. Ask them to find as many facts as they can about the Antichrist from the text. Regroup the class and summarize the findings. You may wish to award a small prize to the group which had the most comprehensive list. (Make your own list ahead of time!)

CHRIST vs. ANTICHRIST

In the 'Christ' column, list down key words/phrase that describe the character and teachings of Jesus. To find out what the Antichrist is like, for each key word/phrase for Christ, write its opposite in the 'Antichrist' column.

CHRIST	ANTICHRIST



The Mark

(Knock at door. Tony, sitting by distraught wife, Susan, gets up to let Dave in.)

Tony: Come on in, Dave.

Dave: You two ready to go? *(Susan is looking down, holding a closed, well-worn Bible in her hands)*

Tony: Ah, yah, I think so...Susan's having a hard time with it.

Dave: Why? You know I've been wanting to ask you why you two have waited so long. What's the point? You've emptied your savings, you don't have hardly anything to eat, and I have to give you a ride to the Center because you don't even have enough gas in your car to get there yourself.

Tony: Um, yah, I appreciate your giving us a ride...

Dave: Don't mention it. That's not my point. I just want to know why didn't you go in for your initiation and get your mark right away like the rest of us. *(Susan begins to weep quietly)* Hey, Susan, you worried about your pretty face being scarred or something? *(Points to forehead)* Look, it's invisible! Besides, you can have it on your hand if you prefer. What's the hangup.

Susan: *(holding up her Bible, speaking in an anguished voice)* Because we're Christians! We know what that mark means.

Dave: Christians? Christians?? Hah! If you two are Christians, how come you didn't disappear with the rest of those trouble makers?

Tony: Well...we wanted to...but...we weren't as serious about our faith as we should have been. We figured we had plenty of time...

Susan: We blew it. We didn't press in and get what God had for us. We didn't really make Him first in our lives. And now...*(begins to weep again)*

Dave: Life goes on, kids. You better get with the program or things are going to get rough for you. Seems to me like you better make the best of it. I see from that picture that you've got a couple of kids. You need to be thinking of them, you know.

Tony: Our children...*(Susan buries her face)*...they disappeared.

Dave: Sorry to hear about that. Well, anyway, you've got to carry on. We better get going. The last initiation session starts in about half an hour.

Tony: Ya, um...Just what is involved in the session.

Dave: Haven't you been reading the mailings? You listen to their talk on this fantastic New Age we've entered into, and then you take the vow of total allegiance to Our Leader. Then some other secret things go on that I can't tell you about, and after that you go to another area and get your mark. Then you'll be one of us! believe me, I thought the New World Order was a great thing when it came to fruition, but my initiation was the greatest thing that ever happened to me. What an experience of light and peace! Listen, you won't regret it.

Tony: I know you are right. Susan...

Dave: And hey, did you know they're offering a \$4,000 bonus for you stragglers? Just came out in the paper today!

Tony: *(brightening)* Really? Susan, we better go...We really don't have any choice.

Susan: *(Looking at her husband with an empty gaze, still clutching her Bible)* But, Tony, it says that if we do, there'll be no hope for us...

Dave: Oh, brother! Is that a Bible? Is that where you read that? Forget that nonsense! Here, give me that thing. *(Reaches for Bible, Susan pulls it close to her)*

Tony: *(In a distant tone)* She won't let it out of her hand. She carries it everywhere. Funny thing is, she never reads it. She's afraid to, I guess. Come on honey, we've got to go. *(Susan looks at her husband with an almost startled look, and then slowly, almost robot-like, rises to go)*

Dave: Good girl! Believe me, this will be the best experience you've ever known! It'll make you forget the past for good!

(As they head out the door, Susan stops. looks at the Bible in her hands, looks at her husband and Dave, and then drops it on a table inside the door. They leave.)