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## OPENING PRAYER



*Remind students that confession is the divine solution for sin in the life of God's child. Denial, excuses and placing blame on others will not get us back in fellowship. Allow a few moments for confessing sin, then open class with prayer.*

*Dear Heavenly Father, we ask that Your Spirit teach us as we examine Your Word. Help us learn principles for living in a manner pleasing to You. We thank You for loving us and for providing everything we need to live within Your plan. May we take advantage of the equal privileges and opportunities available to Your children. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*

## REVIEW

*Review is more extensive than usual. Be prepared, but review only according to class needs.*

## Vocabulary

### Satan's counterfeit trinity

*Satan is the great copycat. He copies God and God's activity. His masterpiece is a counterfeit Holy Trinity.*

### Satan - the dragon. REVELATION 12:7-13.

*As the leader of the unholy trinity, Satan counterfeits God, the Father.*

### Antichrist - the Beast out of the sea. REVELATION 13:1-10.

*In the middle of the Tribulation, Satan indwells the beast-dictator, Antichrist (the beast out of the sea). Antichrist is the human, Gentile dictator of the Revived (and Revised) Roman Empire who gives himself, willingly, to Satanic possession in the middle of the Tribulation. Antichrist pretends to be the Savior of the world, Satan's counterfeit Christ. He is Anti-Christ, "instead of Christ".*

*Antichrist becomes the King of the West, the world's most powerful dictator. He signs a false peace treaty with the false prophet, the leader of Israel, at the beginning of the Tribulation. He is a forceful, persuasive speaker and a political*



*and military genius.*

*Antichrist is a master of religious deception. He has a remarkable ability to perform miracles, signs and wonders. He is crafty, sly and skilled in using emotions to enslave people. He appeals to man's fascination with power and religion. (Terrorism develops from religion and emotionalism. We see this growing in our culture, today. When there is no truth in the soul, men will believe blatant lies.)*

*Antichrist is the most brilliant man of his day: he is arrogant, has no sense of humor and cannot laugh at himself. He possesses no loyalty even toward his staunchest supporters.*

### **False Prophet - the beast out of the earth. REVELATION 13:11-18.**

*The False Prophet is the human, Jewish, religious leader. He always points to Antichrist just as the Holy Spirit points to Jesus Christ. He is the beast out of the earth, a Jew from the tribe of Dan and the dictator of Israel, probably the High Priest. He is the religious motivator during the first half of the Tribulation. He is anti-Christ in the sense of being "against" the true Christ. He is Satan's counterfeit Holy Spirit.*

*Next, we see the members of Satan's unholy trinity involved in a horribly wicked activity.*

### **Summary of the pauses in the seal and trumpet judgments.**

*Place symbols for the individual pauses on the classroom board as each is mentioned. Review symbols for the first pause. Add symbols for the second pause. Leave both sets displayed as you teach the pause in the Goblet judgments.*

*Remind class that the pauses in the seal and trumpet judgments were welcome, informative reports of a pleasant nature and were a relief from the horrible reports of judgments. We called them "Pauses that Refresh".*

### **Two subjects were addressed in the seal's pause.**

**First:** *introduced between the Sixth and Seventh seals was a group of 144,000 Jewish Witnesses. God sealed and protected these witnesses to serve as evangelists during the first half of the Tribulation. In the middle of the Tribulation, the 144,000 witnesses ran to the hills when the idol of Antichrist was set up in the temple. They will live through the entire Tribulation and go into the Millennium alive. They are sheep at the separation of the sheep and the goats. (REVELATION 7:3-7)*

**Second:** *a progress report on the martyrs in Heaven under the altar was delivered. One group of martyrs was introduced in Chapter 6. In that scene, Tribulation martyrs cried out for vengeance against their cruel murderers. In the pause between the Sixth*

*and Seventh Seals, we saw those martyrs joined by a second group. The first group's prayers for justice were answered. (REVELATION 7:9-17)*

### **Three subjects were addressed in the trumpet's pause.**

**First:** *a strong angel came from Heaven. The angel, clothed with a cloud, wore a rainbow cap and carried a little book. He was a very high-ranking angel representing Jesus Christ (REVELATION 10:1-11).*

*The book in the angel's left hand spoke of the Word of God and God's judgments. The angel lifted his right hand to heaven and swore, recognizing God's Sovereignty. The angel commanded John to eat the little book and prophesy, again (REVELATION 11:1-2). When the apostle John ate the little book, according to instructions, he found it tasted like honey, but became bitter in his stomach. God's Word is sweet to the believer, but bitter when considering the destiny of the unbeliever.*

**Second:** *John was directed to measure the temple and determine its value. John obeyed the command and found the temple was worthless in God's sight (REVELATION 11:1-2).*

**Third:** *the third subject covers the activities of two supernatural witnesses. Old Testament characters, Moses and Elijah, return to life to proclaim the gospel. They fill the office of evangelist vacated when the 144,000 Jewish evangelists flee to the hills in the middle of the Tribulation. God protects the two witnesses until they fulfill their purpose (REVELATION 11:3-12).*

*God allows Abaddon, the leader of the demon army from the abyss, to kill Moses and Elijah when they complete their second tour of duty. Their bodies remain on a street in Jerusalem while the world engages in a wild, frenzied celebration. It is Satan's counterfeit Christmas.*

*Satan and his followers celebrate the death of men proclaiming truth. Christians celebrate the birth of the One who is the truth. After three days, (Jesus was in the tomb three days and three nights). God brings Moses and Elijah back to life and receives them into Heaven.*

*END OF PREPARATION FOR STUDY OF THE PAUSE IN THE SEVEN  
GOBLET JUDGMENTS.*

# I. SEVEN GOBLET JUDGMENTS

## A. PAUSE IN THE GOBLETS

*Add symbols for the pause in the Goblet judgments to the large, classroom timeline as you teach each one. Display symbols for God's Trinity and Satan's unholy trinity and refer to them as needed. It will be helpful if students refer to their Timelines while considering the Goblets' pause.*



### 1. PREPARATION

Seven Goblet (or bowl) judgments have already been taught. We call them “goblets” because **the wrath of God pours from heaven for unbelievers to drink.** Although it is possible to drink from a bowl or vial, it is more logical that something consumed by drinking is poured from beverage containers. The term “goblet” reminds us that unbelievers “drink” the wrath of God. Those who shed the blood of God's people are given drinking water which has turned to blood (**REVELATION 16: 3, 4**, the Second and Third Goblet judgments). Martyrs who cried for vengeance (**REVELATION 6: 9-10 & 8: 3-5**) watch from Heaven as justice pours upon and is consumed by those on earth who murdered them.



### 2. SIXTH GOBLET

**REVELATION 16:12** And the sixth angel poured out his bowl upon the great river Euphrates; and its water was dried up, that the way might be prepared for the kings from the east.



The Sixth Goblet evaporated the Euphrates River (**JEREMIAH 51:36**) preparing the way for the Eastern coalition of forces to cross over and join other nations of the world in attacking Jerusalem.

*Display the dried up Euphrates River symbol.*

*Display symbol of the sixth Goblet Judgment on the time line. Allow enough room for all seven goblets, but remember, the Goblet Judgments occur close to the end of the Tribulation in quick*



*succession. They are the final progression or view of Tribulation judgments.*



### 3. SEVENTH GOBLET

*Remind students of the seventh Goblet judgment from the previous lesson. Read the final verses of Chapter 16 to the class.*

**REVELATION 16:17-21** And the seventh angel poured out his bowl upon the air; and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, "It is done." And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder, and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it and so mighty. And the great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.



*Point to the spot between the Sixth and Seventh Goblet.*

- a. True to God's structured presentation of the three sets of judgments in the Tribulation, there is a significant pause between the Sixth and Seventh goblets.
- b. God pauses in the report of each judgment to give related information for the reader's benefit. In that respect, the Goblet Judgments are no exception, but the pauses in the other judgments were a relief from the description of judgments and therefore, were refreshing to those studying.
- c. The pause in the Goblet judgments may not be particularly refreshing. However, it supplies knowledge and insight into Satan's reasons and methods for stirring up and carrying out his evil plans. In that respect, the information is useful. This pause is fully covered in four short verses, but oh, what those four verses contain.

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## B. THREE CROAKINGFROGS

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*Display the three croaking frogs symbol.*




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### 1. MEANING

*We have already met three evil characters: the dragon, the beast and the false prophet. They form Satan's counterfeit Trinity. Verses 13 through 16 describe the evil activity of the unholy threesome.*



**REVELATION 16:13** And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet three unclean spirits like frogs.

**VERSE 14** ...for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.



**VERSE 15** Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his garments, lest he walk about naked and men see his shame.

**VERSE 16** And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.

#### a. The unholy trinity.

*Display the unholy trinity symbol.*

All three members of the unholy trinity are involved in the activity described in these verses.



- 1) The dragon is Satan, God the Father's counterfeit.
- 2) The beast out of the sea is Antichrist, Dictator of the Revived Roman Empire, the king of the West, Jesus Christ's counterfeit.
- 3) The "False Prophet" (speaking of the second beast, the one out of the earth) is the Holy Spirit's counterfeit. He is the religious leader of

the Jews, probably the High Priest of Israel.

### b. The Word, “spirit”.

Coming out of the mouths of these three creatures are three spirits, referred to as *unclean*. Combine the descriptive word, unclean, with the fact that all three creatures are Satanic and we can be certain these are demon spirits. What are these demon spirits like? They are “like” frogs.



*The picture frames could be used here to demonstrate frog-like characteristics.*

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## 2. WORDS AND PHRASES



*Amplify and explain words and phrases from the four verses.*

### a. The frogs come out of the mouths of the dragon, beast and false prophet.

Conspiracy involves the use of mouths, because a lot of “chatter” goes into mapping out plans. Those involved in a conspiracy get together secretly to plot unlawful acts. Wagging tongues set up this conspiracy and organize the evil behind it. That is what the mouth symbolizes.



*Display the symbols of “wagging tongues”.*

### b. The three spirits are unclean.

1) “Unclean” (VERSE 13) speaks of impurity. It does not refer to unfaithfulness within Christianity, but the absolute impurity of Satan’s counterfeit anti-God, religions.

2) Religion is a phony system that mimics God’s system. It is the Devil’s counterfeit claiming spiritual credit or relationship with God is earned by human good works or merit. If we have learned nothing else in this study, we have established that a relationship with God is available only by faith in Jesus Christ, without whom we are lost.



*Teacher should read the following chapters in the Old Testament. Choose verses to read to class, if helpful. DEUTERONOMY 17 describes God’s opinion of evil and religion. PSALM 96 describes the effects of God’s kingdom related to the wicked. PSALM 2:1-3 describes the great conspiracy.*

### c. Spirits.

Notice, the word “like” does not appear before the word, “spirits”. These are spirits. On the other hand, the word, “unclean” does appear before the word, “spirits”. Unclean spirits are demons. The next verse confirms their demonic identity. It says “for they are spirits of demons” (VERSE 14).

### d. “Like” frogs.

1) The word, “like” does appear before the word, “frog”. It does not mean three “yucky” frogs leap out of the evil creatures’ mouths, but directs us to consider what frogs are “like” so we can better understand. Whatever comes from the mouths of the three satanic spirits has characteristics typical of frogs.

2) What are frogs “like”? Mostly, frogs are grotesque and ugly. Most people think of them as thriving in filthy cesspools, certainly not something to place in our mouths while they are alive. Frogs live in murky, dark places hidden away from revealing light.

3) Frogs generally come from places that have a bad odor about them. When people believe the public lie, the whole land begins to smell. The world becomes a slimy cesspool during the Tribulation.

4) Frogs usually make a lot of noise: they croak a lot. The dirty, backstabbing talk of the unholy trinity is vicious and evil. The noise continues as masses of people accept the public lie and engage in spreading it to deceive others. Lies encourage the conspiracy of evil fostered by Satan and his cohorts.

5) In the past, it was hard to imagine those in power fooling the citizens of the United States with outrageous lies, but we see it today in massive proportions. The media even help promote public lies by telling them over and over again. Imagine how it will be when the power of Satan encourages repetitious lies to foster hatred of Israel! Satan has always been in the lying business. He is the number one expert liar.

GOD IS THE TRUTH ~ SATAN IS THE LIE.

### e. Performing signs.

Leaders of the conspiracy are able to counterfeit miracles. Miracles

appeal to people's emotions and cater to religious needs. Some of the spectacular wonders may be tricks, but Satan has the power to perform wonders that impress people.

**f. News of miracles goes out to the kings of the world.**

1) Much like the night echoes with the sounds of frogs, miracles help promote worship of Antichrist. Lies promoted by Satan and news of his miracles, spread throughout the world.

2) Included in the series of lies fostered by the unholy trinity may be the lie that Antichrist has been restored to life after being killed. Lies draw followers to Antichrist and stir up hatred of Israel.

**g. To gather them together for war.**

“To gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty” refers to Armageddon. Armageddon is a campaign named after its most important battle. The campaign ends with the battle on the plain of Armageddon (**REVELATION 16:16**). The public lies fostered by the evil, unholy trinity cause the nations of the world to gather against Israel.

h. To dig deeper into the cause of the final great World War, consider the following: people accept falsehoods easily when a vacuum exists in their souls, because of rejection of truth. The vacuum eagerly sucks lies into the emptiness.



**HOSEA 4:6** My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge (*about God and His Word*). **Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being my priest** (*the equivalent of a Client-Nation*). **Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.**

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## **C. CONSPIRACY AND THE PUBLIC LIE**

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**a. The unholy trinity conspires to lie about Israel.**

The unholy trinity lies about Israel to make all the nations of the world hate the Jewish people and destroy them. God made many specific promises to Israel. If Satan can get rid of the Jews, it will prove God is

not able to keep His promises. **Of course, this will never happen.**

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## 1. CONTENT

- a. We can only speculate about the content of the public lie, but we can see a trend today and can anticipate its ultimate purpose.
- b. The Tribulation brings about the greatest anti-Semitism (hatred of Jews simply because they are Jews) the world has ever known. Lies about the Jews stir up hatred and cause the nations of the world to wage war against Israel. In the Tribulation, the public lie originates from the organized conspiracy of three evil sources. (three demons from the mouths of the unholy trinity), a well organized system of evil which has been growing throughout the ages.

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## 2. ANTI-SEMITISM

- a. God is not pleased when the world hates His people. God warns the world about anti-Semitism. God is the God of Israel; the Jews are His chosen people.

**EXODUS 3: 6 He (God) said also, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.'**



- b. God warns that He will curse those who persecute Israel. In the end, God destroys the nations who align themselves against His people.

**GENESIS 12: 3 And I (God) will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse.**




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## 3. THE GOSPEL

Satan is behind the last world war in history. The underlying cause of the war is lack of truth in the souls of men. Satan creates and uses the public lie, which he knows men who reject truth will easily believe. He uses lies to gather the nations of the world in one, last desperate attack against Israel. Those who believe Jesus Christ died for their sins and rose again will not be sucked into Satan's war of desperation.




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## 4. LIES IN AMERICA, TODAY



*Satan's lies began in the human realm as far back as the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve believed his lies and the human race has been deceived ever since. It is God's truth (God is Truth) versus Satan's lies. (Satan is the lie.) Today, America is in danger of becoming a slave to lies. We do not know exactly what lies Satan will use to accomplish his goal in the Tribulation, but some examples of the public lies used successfully today are listed here. Teacher may skip to the statement that "Freedom (with responsibility) is our most valuable commodity" or may use as little or as much of the following as desired.*

**a. Gun control will stop crime.**

We are being taught that private possession of guns is bad. It is a masterpiece lie. Guns do not kill people. People kill people and sometimes they do it with guns. Take the guns out of law abiding citizens hands and only criminals will have guns. Then, law abiding citizens cannot protect themselves. The solution is to have strict laws and penalties against those who commit crimes with guns and strictly enforce those laws.

**b. War can be outlawed. Keep peace at any cost.**

- 1) The teaching that goes along with this is insidious. Some of the most popular are: destroy our nuclear weapons and make agreements with other countries swearing not to make any more nuclear weapons. Support the world peace movement. Compromise with terrorists, be tolerant and negotiate with them. Believe every oath they swear and give them another chance even though they have never honored any promise they have ever made.
- 2) The most spectacular peace movement of all time occurs in the first three and a half years of the Tribulation. We have rapidly been moving toward the thinking behind it since World War II.
- 3) Get rid of the military, talk, negotiate do not be prepared for war, because being prepared implies that we are suspicious. Change the hearts of terrorists by loving them and letting them run into our buildings and kill thousands of our people because they hate us and don't have the life style we have. We must not do or say anything to offend them. Never mind that their governments spend their money giving families of suicide bombers millions of dollars instead of encouraging them to educate themselves. It is (of course) America's fault that they are poor and not the fault of their rich, greedy, evil

leaders who deliberately keep them in bondage so they will never be free.

**c. Equality can be legislated.**

1) Contrary to this teaching, equality cannot be legislated. People are not all alike. (Equality is found only at the foot of the cross.) Forcefully removing wealth from those who work and bestowing it upon those who will not work destroys initiative. Our country is quickly moving into a full system that penalizes those who work hard. We are told not to allow too much success. We are taught to *force* (the key word, here). successful people to support unsuccessful people. This system kills individual incentive. Hard workers eventually cease to exist. Early in American history this system was attempted and, very quickly, one group began to depend on the other group to supply their needs. It didn't take long for the providers to realize they were being used. They quit working, too. The experiment was a miserable failure.

2) Why work if it will be taken from you and given to the one who will not work? Why not be one who receives? It is an attitude that eventually kills all initiative. Only those at the top of government will thrive because they will pass laws to take from people and give to themselves. Power will rule and freedom will be gone! Our country seriously entertains this attitude today, but our precious country did not start out that way.

**d. Marriage does not work and the family unit is unimportant.**

“There is no reason to honor the divine institution of marriage” is a steadily growing attitude in our country and indeed in the world. Satan promotes the idea that Marriage is for weaklings. Destroy marriage by any means. If men are steadfast in marriage, they will love their families and desire to defend them, protect them, fight for them and teach them God's Word. Satan fears loyalty, stability and consistent thinking. Those traits build good character. The truth is, marriage works, but individuals involved in marriage must work to make marriage successful. Rewards from the corporate witness of a good marriage are infinitely wonderful.

**e. The government can do a better job of regulating, training and educating children.**

This thinking contributes to the destruction of the family unit. Take children away from parents and allow the government to educate and

train them. This mind set is already functioning well in our educational system. It explains the dramatic change in thinking in the past two generations. Young people are educated to challenge their parents and to adopt the thinking of those who wish to destroy our country.

**f. The whole world should be under one government.**

1) This is the one world government promoted at the tower of Babel. God hates it. (God expressed His hatred of it at the tower of Babel. God established many nations as His Divine plan to discourage the accumulation of too much power in one human being.) Satan encourages ridicule of patriotism. He declares that loving your country is intolerant and that it offends other nationalities when you love your own country.

2) Discourage strong beliefs of any kind. Spread the lie that strong beliefs are bigoted and intolerant. Encourage everyone to be open to all ideas without making up their minds about anything because being positive might hurt someone else's feelings. Convince the masses that the truth is not important, but how they "feel" is all that matters and there is no right and wrong.

3) Promote the idea that all religions worship the same God.

4) Allow the press to control people's thoughts. Don't challenge their claims. If a lie is told often enough, even if it can be proven to be a lie, people will believe it because they have heard it so often. If the press repeats it enough, people will accept it.

5) Promote the destruction of freedom in the name of security. Educate the masses to value security more than freedom. Make people believe that getting along with each other and physical survival is more important than fighting for what is right.

FREEDOM (WITH RESPONSIBILITY) IS OUR MOST  
VALUABLE COMMODITY. ONLY UNDER FREEDOM  
ARE MEN AT LIBERTY TO PRESENT THE GOSPEL.

**g. The criminal should have more rights than the victim.**

If the criminal says he's sorry, he should not be punished. If he had a bad childhood, he should not be blamed for killing others and cutting

them into little pieces. The idea of catering to emotions instead of thinking is promoted. If this idea becomes dominant, Communism, Socialism, Humanism and other “isms” will thrive. People, today, believe Democracy is the best form of government. America is not a Democracy. America is a representative Republic, Can we keep it?

A REPUBLIC IS THE RULE OF THE BEST PART OF THE PEOPLE.

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## 5. SOLUTION

KNOWLEDGE OF GOD’S WORD IS THE ONLY SOLUTION.

- a. What is the solution to the public lie? In the Tribulation, the solution will not be used. Satan will accomplish his purpose and all nations will gather against Israel.
- b. The solution: God’s children must have knowledge of God’s Word.
- c. God honors the nation that honors Him and gives that nation special “Client-Nation” status. That nation receives the right to spread the gospel and glorify God. When the group of knowledgeable believers becomes too small within a nation, God must remove their Client-Nation status. When this happens, God still protects His individual children.

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## 7. MEMORY VERSE

**EPHESIANS 6:10-12** Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of his might. Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.”




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## 8. PARAPHRASE

*God has provided the power and strength His children need to fight against Satan’s forces if they will make use of His provisions. In that way we are able to resist the devil’s solicitations to go against God’s*

*plan. When we recognize we are fighting against the organized forces of evil and darkness, we know we must rely on the power of Almighty God and His righteous forces of light from Heaven.*

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## 9. CONCLUSION

It is of utmost importance that God's children study God's Word and grow to maturity. We must study regularly because every word out of the mouth of God has great importance and meaning for our lives and for our country's ability to hang on to its Client-Nation status.



**JOB 23:12 I have not departed from the command of His lips; I have treasured the Words of His mouth more than my necessary food.**

BELIEVE GOD AND HIS WORD AND BE AN INVISIBLE HERO TO YOUR COUNTRY.

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**9. SONG:** *"Old Demons Never Die". Words and music in Student Songbook.*

"Old demons never die, they don't fade away,  
They only leave one soul to try another soul, today.  
If you've trusted God's own Son, they can't live in you,  
But if you don't believe God's Word, you'll think their words are true!"

*And-or: last verse: "The Star Spangled Banner", Great Hymns of the Faith, p.528.*



### CLOSING PRAYER

*Thank You, God, for Your Holy Word, because it is exactly what we need to protect us from buying into deliberate lies. We recognize that we are helpless without You. We have one life to live and to make it worthwhile we need to live in Your will and plan. When we know the Truth, the Truth makes us free. Thank You, Father, that we can study Your Word and that Your Spirit guides us into truth away from the lies of Satan. Thank You for young people who love Your Word. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.*



