SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLICAL REFERENCES FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2026

MATTHEW 24:36 - But of that day and hour knoweth no *man,* no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

MARK 13:32 - But of that day and *that* hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

TITUS 2:13 - Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

ROMANS 11:33 - O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable *are* his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

II TIMOTHY 2:15 - Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

II THESSALONIANS 2:1-12 - Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and *by* our gathering together unto him,

2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come,* except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

2:5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

2:6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let,* until he be taken out of the way.

2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

2:9 *Even him,* whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

2:11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

2:12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

MATTHEW 24:29-31 - Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

THE RAPTURE IN CONTRAST TO THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

RAPTURE	Aspect	SECOND COMING OF CHRIST
Before the Tribulation period, marking the end of the Dispensation of Grace (II Thes. 2:1-12)	**Timing**	**After the Tribulation period** (Matt. 24:29-31)
Event is imminent—signs have ceased and do not precede His coming (I Cor. 15:50-52)	**Signs**	**Event associated with signs, times, and seasons** (Matt. 24:3-51)
Private event, known only to believers (I Thes. 4:16-17)	**Nature**	**Public event, visible to all** (Matt. 24:29-30; Rev. 1:7)
To take the Church, the Body of Christ to Heaven (II Cor. 5:1-2; Phil. 3:20; I Thes. 4:17)	**Purpose**	**To establish Christ's Kingdom on earth** (Matt. 25:31; Dan. 7:13-14; Rev. 20:1-6)
The Body of Christ (Tit. 2:13-14; Phil. 3:14-21)	**Participants**	**Elect gathered into the Millennial Kingdom** (Matt. 24:25-31; Ezek. 37:11-14; Dan. 7:18)
In the air (Believers meet Christ in the clouds) (I Thes. 4:13-17)	**Location**	**On the earth (Christ returns to the Mount of Olives)** (Zech. 14:4-9; Acts 1:10-11)
Believers are judged at the Judgment Seat of Christ (Rom. 14:10; I Cor. 3:13-15; II Cor. 5:10)	**Judgment**	**Judgment of Israel and the nations on earth** (Matt. 25:31-46)
Believers are taken away, leading to a time of Tribulation and God's wrath (I Thes. 1:10; 5:1-11)	**Impact on the World**	**Christ's reign brings peace and righteousness to the earth** (Isa. 9:6-7; Zech. 6:13; Hag. 2:9)
A private event for the Church, occurring before the Tribulation	**Key Distinctions**	***A public event, marking the end of the Tribulation and the beginning of Christ's millennial reign***