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The imagery in each of these chapters is spectacular. John, in typical apocalyptic form colorfully + flamboyantly caricatures, Satan, world government and false religion. To those living upon the earth, these everyday institutions may seem docile and have an appearance of normalcy, yet from God's perspective, they appear dragon-like, beastly and lethal.

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Read this passage out loud together as a group/family before asking any of the below questions.

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1. On at least five occasions in ch. 12, the dragon is seen as waging war/attacking and persecuting and ultimately having his purposes thwarted. Identify each of them and discuss them.
2. Paul the apostle states in 2 Cor. 2:11 "so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; we're not ignorant of his designs. (tactics)" What are some of the tactics the dragon uses in your life to attack you.
3. Identify what they are and spend some time praying that God would give you victory

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