

GOD IS MAKING MY HEART NEW

REVIEW - NEW CREATION

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS MAKING MY HEART NEW

Ezekiel 11:19; 36:26; John 7:38; Acts 4:32; Romans 6:17; 10:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17

BIBLE VERSE: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

BIG IDEAS

- God offers new life.
- God offers peace instead of worry.
- God offers hope instead of hopelessness.
- God offers love instead of selfishness.
- God offers joy instead of emptiness.

BIBLE STORY: LUKE 5:1-11 (JESUS CALLS HIS DISCIPLES), MATTHEW 16:15-19

When we are in Christ, we are a new creation. God is continually working in us through His Holy Spirit to make us more like Jesus. He is making us new. We see an example of this in the Bible with the disciples. At the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry, He calls several men to follow Him and to be His disciples, including Peter. Throughout Jesus' ministry, we see Peter grow as he walks with Jesus, and ultimately God makes Peter be the start of His church. Like Peter, when we are in Christ, we are made new.

STORY: NEW CREATION

Part of the beauty of the gospel is that God does not just rescue us from the power of sin, but He is also making everything new. God offers new creation to those who place their faith in Jesus. This newness comes in two ways. The first is that by breaking the power of sin, Jesus is making men and women into brand new people with new identities. Second, God is not only making people new, but He is also going to make a new heaven and a new earth for us to live on and worship Him in.

BIG AIMS



KNOW

Every child should know that:

- God is giving His people new hearts



FEEL

Every child should feel:

- Peace and joy because of who God is



DO

Every child should:

- Talk about how God gives us a new heart



WANT

Every child should want:

- To experience new life in Christ

FAMILY DEVOTION

Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. Use this guide and devotion to support, reinforce, and review concepts learned throughout the past weeks and to test your child's understanding and memory of these truths.

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"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

Christ gives new life to those He redeems.

- Christ is the Creator of life and the giver of new life.
- Those who have been redeemed through His work on the cross are made into new creations.
- His death on the cross defeated sin and death and offers a new way of living to those who follow Him.
- He washes away the sin of man and replaces it with His righteousness.

Christ takes away the sin of the world.

- Our hearts are made new when we repent and follow Christ.
- We are no longer held captive by our sin.
- Because Christ has paid our sin debt and set us free from sin, we no longer have to sin.
- We have Christ's Spirit inside of us guiding us and empowering us to not sin.
- We can resist sin after we have repented and believed in Christ.
- Christ fully paid for the sin of the world. Those who trust in Him have their sin debt marked as paid in full.

As we follow Christ, we become more like Him.

- At salvation our hearts are made new and we receive the Spirit of God.
- Through God's Spirit, we are able to follow Christ.
- We can obey God's Word through the power of His Spirit.
- His Spirit works daily to continue making us more like Him.
- This makes us new creations in God.

BIBLE STORY: LUKE 5:1-11**Opening Illustration:**

Provide the children with several narrow strips of different colored paper cut to 1" x 8.5". Help the children use the strips of paper to create a story paper chain. Have the children draw pictures of God's story of redemption. Help them think through key aspects of God's story beginning with creation and ending with Jesus' promised return. The children should write or draw an aspect on one strip of paper and then connect the strips together in order with tape or staples. Remind them that the story of the world is God's story. He created man and all things for His glory.

Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. The Big Ideas in Guide 9 are the Big Truths that were learned in Guides 4-8. Use this week as an opportunity to review and reinforce these truths. For further study, information, or resources, refer back to Guides 4-8.

BIG IDEA: GOD OFFERS NEW LIFE.

BIBLE VERSE: GALATIANS 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

See Guide 4 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD OFFERS PEACE INSTEAD OF WORRY.

BIBLE VERSE: PHILIPPIANS 4:5-7

"Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

See Guide 5 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD OFFERS HOPE INSTEAD OF HOPELESSNESS.

BIBLE VERSE: 1 PETER 1:3

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,"

See Guide 6 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD OFFERS LOVE INSTEAD OF SELFISHNESS.

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 15:12-13

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

See Guide 7 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD OFFERS JOY INSTEAD OF EMPTINESS.

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 15:11

"These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

See Guide 8 for more information on this Big Idea.

HOOKS

**Straw Fishing**

Play a game in which the children use plastic straws to move paper cut outs of fish from the table to a bowl or container. After you play several times, lead the children in a discussion about how Jesus called the disciples and made them fishers of men.



- When Jesus called the disciples to follow Him, He changed their lives.
- They stopped being fishermen and started sharing the truth about Jesus with others.
- God also changes the disciples' hearts. He made their hearts new.
- When we experience salvation, our lives change and our hearts change. God is making our hearts new.

**Musical Fish**

Play a game of musical fish, using a toy fish or a paper cut out of a fish. The person left holding the fish gets to name one way to bring God glory with our lives. After playing several times, lead the children in a discussion about how our lives and our hearts changed when we experience God's salvation.



- When we experience God's salvation, our hearts are made new and we begin to seek God's glory and not our own.
- God makes us new and our desires change to match His.