

**BIG TRUTH: GOD MAKES ME HIS FOREVER**

*John 17:3; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 1:3-4, 11; 1 John 5:20; Jude 1:21*

**BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 5:21**

*so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**BIG IDEAS**

- God offers eternal life.
- Every person will spend eternity somewhere.
- Eternal life comes through saving faith.
- Eternal life exists for eternal worship.
- Eternity changes the way we live today.

**BIBLE STORY: REVELATION 5**

Revelation 5 tells of John's vision of what the new heaven and new earth will be like. The Lamb who was slain opens the scroll, and thousands upon thousands of voices cry out in worship of the Lamb and His worthiness. When we are in Christ, we will worship Him for all of eternity because He is worthy and because He has made us His people.

**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**

**Every child should know that:**

- God gives eternal life



**Every child should feel:**

- Hope for eternal life in Christ



**Every child should:**

- Understand the importance of living today in light of eternity



**Every child should want:**

- To live with God forever

**REVIEW**

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.

**DISCOVER IT:** (Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)

Revelation 5

**THINK ABOUT IT:** (Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)

While John was exiled on the Island of Patmos, he had a vision about future events. One part of his vision revealed the throne room in heaven. Someone seated on the throne had a scroll sealed with seven seals in his right hand. Around him were elders and living creatures. John saw a strong angel call out who is worthy to open the scroll. No one in heaven, on earth, or under earth was found worthy to open the scroll. John wept loudly because no one was found worthy when one of the elders told John to weep no more. Standing before John was what looked like a Lamb who had been slain. The Lamb was found worthy to open the scroll and to break the seals. He opened the scroll and the elders and living creatures fell down in worship of Him. John heard what sounded like thousands upon thousands of voices crying out in worship declaring the worthiness of the Lamb to open the scroll. Jesus is the Lamb of God and only He is worthy to open the scroll. God's story has always been a story of redemption. Jesus has always been God's Redeemer sent to the earth to save mankind. God's story is eternal and all of God's people will worship Him forever in eternity.

**TALK ABOUT IT:** (Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)

- Who was found worthy to open the scroll in heaven? (The Lamb who was slain was found worthy to open the scroll.)
- What is God's story? (His story is the redemption of mankind.)
- What do we know about the life God offers to His children? (God offers eternal life)

**KNOW**

As a family, memorize Acts 2:23-24 by creating a matching game from the verses. Write each word of the verse on index cards twice. Take turns making matches and saying the verses out loud.

**DO**

Role play the scene in the throne room in John's vision as a family. Talk with your child about how God's people will spend forever worshiping Him always because He is the Lamb who was slain for the sin of the world.

**FEEL**

Help your child create a storyboard showing the main points of God's redemption story. Use a large piece of paper or a poster board to create your storyboard. Use markers or magazine pictures to place pictures on your storyboard. Remind your child that God's story has always been a story of redemption. His people are His people forever.

**WANT**

Help your child create a comic strip showing God's story of redemption for mankind. Remind your child that God's story is forever and has always been the redemption of mankind.

Spend time this week praying and thanking God for sending Jesus to be the Redeemer forever.