

GOD MAKES ME HIS FOREVER

REVIEW - NEW CREATION

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:

- Understand the importance of living today in light of eternity



Every child should feel:

- Hope for eternal life in Christ



Every child should want:

- To live with God forever

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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The consequence of sin is death.

- In our sin, we are dead.
- There is nothing that a dead person can do to save themselves.
- When we are in this dead spiritual state, sin reigns over us, or has power over our lives.
- On our own, we cannot do good apart from the grace of God.

Life comes by the grace of Jesus.

- The grace of God sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins.
- Jesus' death on the cross in our place makes a way for us to be righteous, or made right, with God.
- When we are in Christ, sin does not reign in our lives anymore.
- Instead, grace reigns in our lives.
- In Christ, we are shown grace upon grace.

We can have eternal life with God through Jesus.

- This grace is what allows us to have eternal life.
- The best part about eternal life is not that it lasts forever, but that we will be with God.
- Jesus has made a way for us to be with God again, and when we trust in Him, we can be with God forever.

BIBLE STORY: REVELATION 5**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 ETERNAL LIFE.

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

See Guide 4 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: EVERY PERSON WILL SPEND ETERNITY SOMEWHERE

BIBLE VERSE: MATTHEW 25:46

"And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

See Guide 5 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: ETERNAL LIFE COMES THROUGH SAVING FAITH

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 3:14-15

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life."

See Guide 6 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: ETERNAL LIFE EXISTS FOR ETERNAL WORSHIP

BIBLE VERSE: REVELATION 19:5-6

"And from the throne came a voice saying, 'Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him, small and great.' Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of the mighty thunder, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.'"

See Guide 7 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: ETERNITY CHANGES THE WAY WE LIVE TODAY

BIBLE VERSE: COLOSSIANS 3:2-4

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory."

See Guide 8 for more information on this Big Idea.

HOOKS

**Glory Collage**

Give the children a blank piece of paper and old magazines. Ask the children to create a collage that shows the glory that will be revealed in Heaven. Lead the children in a discussion about how God's people will worship Him forever.



- Forever exists for the worship of God.
- When God's people are His forever, they will worship Him forever perfectly.
- The worship of God's people will be perfect in Heaven because all things will be perfect forever.

**Worship Songs**

Give the children old newspapers, or hymn books and a blank piece of paper. Ask the children to create their own worship song by cutting out words and phrases from the newspapers and hymn books. Allow the children to share their songs and then lead the children in worship songs to God. Remind them that God's people will worship Him forever.

