

GOD OFFERS THE PROMISE  
OF A NEW BODY**BIG TRUTH: GOD OFFERS THE PROMISE OF A NEW BODY**

Romans 8:23; 1 Corinthians 15:42-44; 2 Corinthians 5:1-5; Philippians 3:20-21

**BIBLE VERSE: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:53-54**

*"For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.'"*

**BIG IDEAS**

- God created us to live for eternity.
- Sin leads to death and death comes to everyone.
- Jesus defeated sin and death and rose again with a new body.
- Every believer will receive a new body one day without the effects of sin.

**BIBLE STORY: LUKE 24:36-53**

After Jesus' resurrection, He appeared to His disciples, revealing His glorified body. Jesus' resurrection from the dead means that He rules over death. It also means that those who believe in Him will receive glorified bodies that are not subject to death and disease. We will be like Him when He returns.

**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 is making all things new

**Every child should feel:**

- Wonder at how God takes the brokenness of creation and makes it new

**Every child should:**

- Thank God for fixing what sin has broken and making a new creation

**Every child should want:**

- To see creation be made new by God

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## CREATED FOR ETERNITY

Use pipe cleaners and beads to create infinity symbols. Place the beads on the pipe cleaners and twist them into the figure eight shape. God is our Creator, and He created us all for eternity.

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

Luke 24:36-53.

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

When Jesus died on the cross and was buried, his disciples gathered together in a room where they had often met. They were sad and confused. They didn't yet understand the meaning behind Jesus' death, and they hadn't heard that Jesus had risen to life again. As they were sitting together, Jesus appeared to them suddenly. They were so shocked they thought He was a spirit. Jesus wasn't a spirit. He had risen to life in His glorified body. The disciples touched Jesus and saw the scars from the cross. They knew that He had indeed come to life again. He promised them that a Helper would come to them. He would send His Spirit to be with them always. He also showed them that they, too, would rise again in glorified bodies. Those who follow Jesus will receive new bodies after His second return to earth. His followers will receive glorified bodies that do not feel the effects of sin and death. Jesus' resurrection defeated sin and death. When He returns, everyone who followed Him will be resurrected to a new life in a new body with Jesus.

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

- Where were the disciples when Jesus appeared to them? (They were together in a room.)
- What did they think Jesus was at first? (They thought He was a spirit.)
- What did Jesus show them about Himself? (He showed them that He was now in His glorified body.)



As a family, memorize 1 Corinthians 15:53-54 by creating a scavenger hunt in your house. At different places throughout your house, place a card with a few words of the verses. Once your child has found all the words, put the verses in order and say it several times to help your child memorize it.



Take your child on a trip to your local recycling center. Talk with your child about how the old stuff is made into new stuff. For example, an old, empty box of cookies may become a new box. Talk with your child about how those who believe in Jesus as their Savior will have new bodies because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.



Spend some time showing pictures from your childhood. Talk with your child about how we all change and grow old. Eventually, we will all die, unless Jesus comes back in our lifetime. Remind your child that those who believe in Jesus will have new bodies that are no longer affected by sin and death.



Draw an outline of your child on a poster board or large piece of paper. Help your child color the outline to look like him or her. Next, help your child draw pictures of or write the different things that our bodies are affected by now, such as injuries, sadness, etc. Talk with your child about how those who follow Jesus will receive new bodies that aren't affected by sin and death.

Spend some time as a family writing down praises to God. Praise God for making the old new and giving us new lives and new bodies through Jesus.