

GOD OFFERS THE PROMISE OF A NEW HOME

STORY: NEW CREATION / YEAR: KINGDOM

BIG TRUTH: GOD OFFERS THE PROMISE OF A NEW HOME

Isaiah 11:6-10; 60:19-21; 65:17; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 14:2-3

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BIG IDEAS

- Jesus is preparing a home for the adopted sons and daughters of God.
- God’s home has no sickness, pain, or death because there is no sin.
- God’s home does not need the sun.
- God’s home reflects His glory.

BIBLE STORY: REVELATION 21-22:5

John’s vision of the new heaven and new earth reveals the perfection that is the future home for every believer. No more sin, sorrow, or death because sin will not exist in the new earth. The light of God’s glory will replace the sun and every believer will live free of sin in perfect communion with God.

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

FAMILY DEVOTION: AN ETERNAL HOME

Those whom God has adopted as sons and daughters will live with Him in their new home. The new home is everlasting and without pain and sorrow. Sin will be no more in this eternal home and all will live forever, praising the one true God.

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Heaven is God's home.

- As Jesus is preparing for His death on the cross, He tells His disciples that His home is in Heaven.
- Not only does He tell them His home is in Heaven, but He shares with them the good news that there is also room for His followers in Heaven.
- Though God is present everywhere, His home is in Heaven.
- Heaven is God's creation and the place He chooses to call His home.

Jesus' followers will live with Him in His home.

- When Jesus ascended after His resurrection, He ascended into His home, Heaven.
- He comforted His followers by telling them that He was going to prepare a place for them to live with Him.
- This place is His home and it will be His followers' home too.
- Those who repent and believe in Jesus will live for all of eternity with Him in His home.

Jesus will come again and take His followers with Him.

- When Jesus ascended into heaven, His followers were left here on earth to do His work.
- Jesus promised to return for all of those who have become His sons and daughters.
- His return will usher in the new heaven and new earth and will mean that His followers will then live in their new home with Him.
- Jesus did not leave this earth without the promise of returning for those who believe in Him.
- One day, He will return and carry all of those who have repented and followed Him to their new home to reign with Him forever.

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The New Earth and the New Heaven

Opening Illustration:

Give each child a large piece of paper or poster board and markers or colored pencils. Ask the children to create a comic strip that tells of the many things that God offers us, such as salvation, a new home, love, the opportunity to serve Him, eternal life, etc. Talk with the children about how God offers us a new way that is better than our sinful way.

GOD OFFERS THE PROMISE
OF A NEW HOME**BIG IDEA: JESUS IS PREPARING A HOME FOR THE ADOPTED SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD.¹****Those who have repented and believed in Jesus are adopted as sons and daughters into God's family.**

- When we repent of our sins, or turn away from them, and believe in Jesus, we are no longer separated from God.
- We are washed clean of the sin that once separated us from God.
- God brings us into His family as His sons and daughters.
- We have privileges as sons and daughters.
- We are His family.



Help the children understand what a home is by showing them pictures of different homes. Talk with them about who lives in a home and how a home usually represents a family like our future home in Heaven represents God's family.

Jesus not only paid our sin debt, but He is preparing a home for us.

- Jesus came to the earth and paid our sin debt.
- Because He was perfect and sinless, our sin debt is wiped clean.
- When we believe in Him, we no longer owe our sin debt.
- Jesus ascended into heaven after His resurrection and promised to return again to gather all of His followers together in their new home.
- Jesus is preparing our home for us.
- We can trust in His promise to return and take us to our new home because His Word is always true.

*How are we adopted into God's family? (When we repent and believe in Jesus, we become God's sons and daughters.)
What is Jesus preparing for God's sons and daughters? (He is preparing an eternal home for them.)*

1. John 14:3: Jesus left earth and promised that He would prepare a home for His followers.

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OF A NEW HOME**BIG IDEA: GOD'S HOME HAS NO SICKNESS, PAIN, OR DEATH BECAUSE THERE IS NO SIN.²****Sin causes sickness and pain.**

- Before man first sinned, there was no sickness or pain.
- Life was perfect on the earth because man's heart was without sin.
- Sickness is a result of the fall of mankind.
- After man sinned, the world began to die. Man began to die a physical death.
- Sickness is part of the curse of the sin of man.
- Pain happens because of man's sin.
- Before man first sinned, there was no pain. Life was perfect on earth.
- After man sinned, pain was part of everyday life.



Give each child a blank piece of paper and markers. Ask the children to draw a picture of how the new earth will be different from the old. Remind them that the new earth will no longer have sin in it.

Death is the consequence of sin.

- The wage of sin is death.
- Everything began to die after man first sinned.
- Death was the wage or consequence of sin determined by God.
- Death brings about much sorrow and pain.
- Death would not be if it were not for sin.

God's new home is without sin.

- God's new home doesn't have sin.
- No one with sin will enter God's new home.
- Those who have rejected Christ will not live in His new home in eternity.
- Because there will be no sin, there will be no sickness, no pain, and no death.
- Man will not feel the sorrow that is felt on earth.
- Man will feel eternal joy and completeness because he will be living with God in perfect harmony.

How will God's new home be different from earth now? (There will be no more sin, so there will be no more death, sickness, or pain.)

2. Isaiah 65:17: *In the new heaven and earth, the former things will no longer be. There will be no more sickness, pain, or death.*

GOD OFFERS THE PROMISE
OF A NEW HOME**BIG IDEA: GOD'S HOME DOES NOT NEED THE SUN.³****God's glory is everlasting.**

- God is righteous and holy always.
- He is perfect in all things and in everything He does.
- His glory is described as bright, shining light.
- It is eternal.

God's glory is brighter than the sun.

- God's glory is described as magnificent light that fills every space.
- His glory is so magnificent that man cannot see it fully here on earth.
- God's glory outshines the sun.
- In God's eternal home, there is no need for the sun because God's glory will be on full display.

God's glory drives out the darkness.

- Darkness does not exist where there is light.
- Darkness is symbolic of sin in this life.
- When God's glory is on full display, the darkness will cease to be.
- In God's home, there is no darkness because God's glory is always present.

Why does God's home not need the sun? (God's glory is always present in His home and His glory drives out the darkness.)



Turn the lights off and ask the children to find dark places in the room. Turn the lights on and talk with the children about how the dark places disappear when the light hits them. Remind them that in God's home, there is no darkness, so there is no need for the sun.

3. 1 John 1:5: *There is no darkness in God because He is the light.*

GOD OFFERS THE PROMISE
OF A NEW HOME**BIG IDEA: GOD'S HOME REFLECTS HIS GLORY.⁴****All things are made by God for His glory.**

- God is the holy Creator of all things.
- Everything comes from God and is made for Him.
- God created man and woman in His image to reflect His glory.
- Man and woman were created to bring God glory and to enjoy Him always.
- Heaven and earth were made for God's glory, too.
- When man sinned, the perfect creation broke as sin entered the hearts of every person.



Bring in a mirror. Pass it around so each child can look at his reflection. Talk with them about what it means to reflect something. Tell them that God's home reflects His glory because it shows His glory to the world.

Because there will be no sin in God's home, God's glory will be on full display.

- Sin caused a separation between God and man.
- Sin broke God's perfect creation and caused death to enter it.
- When Jesus returns and carries His people to their new home, there will be no more sin.
- There will be no more death and separation from God.
- Man will have a perfect relationship with God again.
- God's glory will be on full display because there will be no more sin.
- God's home reflects the goodness and holiness of God in every way.

Why is God's glory on full display in His home? (There is no sin in God's home.)

4. Isaiah 60:19-21: *There will be no sun in the new earth because God's glory will be on full display.*

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HOOKS



Sinless Beanbag Toss

Bring in two containers and two beanbags. Divide the children into groups. Have the teams compete against each other to see who can toss the beanbag into their respective container first. The team member to get the beanbag in the container first gets to name one sin that is not in God's home, such as lying. Once every team member has a chance to play, remind them that God's home is without sin. Because it's without sin, there is no pain, sickness, or death.



New Home Versus Old Home Match Game

Create a match game by drawing pictures of descriptions of our present earth and descriptions of the new earth. Make two of every picture. Have the children take turns trying to make a match. When a match is made, ask the children if the picture describes earth now or the new home Jesus is preparing. When all the matches have been made, talk with them about how Jesus is preparing a home for His followers that is perfect and without sin.

