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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

"In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

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

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AN ETERNAL HOME

Use a shoebox and craft supplies to create a new earth diorama. The diorama should show how sin will not affect the new earth. Animals will get along. There will be no sickness or pain. God's glory will shine forever. The new earth is eternal and perfect.

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

Revelation 21-22:5.

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

John was a disciple of Jesus. He had followed Jesus faithfully during Jesus' earthly ministry. When Jesus ascended into heaven, John, along with the other disciples, faithfully preached the gospel to the people. Because John preached the gospel, he got into trouble and was eventually exiled to the island of Patmos. This was supposed to be a punishment for John, but while he was on the island, God gave John a revelation about the future when Jesus returns to gather His followers together. John's revelation was an incredible vision of how life will be when Jesus returns. As Jesus was preparing to leave the earth, He promised His followers that He would return for them and that He would prepare a home for them. John saw this new home in the vision he was given on the island. The new home will be perfect and without sin. There will be no sun because God's glory will shine always, driving out the darkness forever. No one will get sick or feel pain. No one will ever die again. Because the new home will have no sin, there will be no sorrow. God offers everyone this new home through Jesus. When we repent and believe in Jesus, we are promised this new home in eternity.

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

- What did Jesus promise His followers before He left the earth? (He promised to return for them and that He was preparing a home for them.)
- What is not in the new home? (Sin is not in the new home which means there is no sickness, pain, or death.)
- How can we know that our eternity will be in the new home? (When we repent and believe in Jesus, we can know that our new home will be with Him.)



As a family, memorize John 14:2-3 by writing the verses on small pieces of paper and hiding them throughout your house. When your child finds the verses, say them out loud together. Keep playing until all the hidden verses are found.



Make ice cream sundaes one day this week. Make sure the ice cream is really frozen when you scoop it. Show the scooped ice cream to your child and tell him that it's not melting yet. Let your child choose the toppings he wants and then wait a few minutes to allow the ice cream to begin melting some. Tell your child that our home now is like the melting ice cream. It has sin in it which means that it is dying, but the home Jesus is preparing does not. The new earth will be without sin and will never die.



Create a scavenger hunt of things that will NOT be in the home Jesus is preparing, such as pain, sickness, death, fighting, etc. Once your child finds all the things on the scavenger hunt, remind him that the new home will not have sin. Without sin, there will be no pain, sickness, or death.



Place water into two clear containers. Use different liquid food dyes and an eyedropper to place drops of food dye into one of the containers of water. Allow your child to place the food dye in the container using the eyedropper each time she names something that is a result of sin in our world today. Tell your child that the clear water container is what our new home will be like.

Spend some time as a family praying and thanking God for offering us a new home free from sin.