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Isaiah 11:6-10; 65:17-25; Matthew 25:41-46; John 10:28-30; Romans 6:20-23; 1 John 5:11-13; Revelation 21:1-4

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."

BIG IDEAS

- God created us to live for eternity.
- Only those who place their faith in Jesus have eternal life.
- The hope of eternal life is eternity with God.
- Those who are given eternal life are known by their fruit.

BIBLE STORY: MATTHEW 7:15-27

Through Jesus, God made a way for those who repent and believe to have eternal life with Him in heaven. Not everyone in this world will follow Christ, only those who have placed their faith and trust in God's Son, Jesus. When we build our lives on the only solid foundation, Jesus, our reward is spending eternity 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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THE WISE MAN AND THE FOOLISH MAN

As a family, decorate two boxes. One box should say “Foolish Man” and the other one should say “Wise Man”. Write down wise and foolish actions on small pieces of paper and place them in plastic eggs. Place the eggs throughout your house and have your child hunt for the eggs. When she finds an egg, have her decide which box the action belongs in and place it in the correct box. The wise man built his house on the rock, and we can too when we have saving faith in Jesus.

DISCOVER IT: *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*
Matthew 7:15-27.

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

During one of Jesus’ most famous sermons, called the Sermon on the Mount, He taught people about the importance of building your life on the solid rock. Jesus first warned His listeners to watch out for false prophets, or people who pretend to follow Jesus, but inside don’t genuinely believe in Him. He shared a story about a wise man who was building a house. The wise man chose a solid rock to build his house on, and it withstood the storm. Another man, a foolish man, built his house in a sandy place. When the wind and rain came, the house didn’t stand because it did not have a firm foundation. Jesus is the firm foundation that we should build our lives upon. When we do build our lives on Jesus, we have eternal life with Him. We know we have eternal life because we bear fruit, or do works that are like Jesus. We act like Him and love like Him. Jesus is the solid rock that we should build our lives on because He is forever, and we can have eternal life with Him.

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

- What did the wise man build his house on? (He built his house on a solid rock.)
- What did the foolish man build his house on? (He built his house on the sand.)
- What should we build our lives on? (We should build our lives on Jesus because He is the solid rock.)



As a family, memorize John 3:16 by dividing the verse into sections and saying each section several times.



Use glue and craft sticks to help your child build a house. Use markers to decorate the house. As you build the house, talk with your child about how we should build our lives on Jesus because He is a sure foundation that lasts forever.



Create a scavenger hunt for your child that involves looking for different types of fruit. After your child completes the scavenger hunt, talk with him about how we bear fruit when we are followers of Jesus.



Take your child to your local park or playground. As your child plays, point out the different structures that were used to build the playground. Talk with your child about how important it is to build things on a solid foundation. Remind your child that our lives should be built on Jesus because He is the solid rock and everlasting.

Spend some time as a family praying and thanking God for offering us an eternity with Him.