

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS MAKING EVERYTHING NEW

Isaiah 65:17; 66:22; Habakkuk 2:14; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8:23; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 3:12

BIBLE VERSE: REVELATION 21:5

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

BIG IDEAS

- God offers a new creation.
- God offers a new relationship.
- God offers the promise of a new body.
- God offers the promise of a new home.
- God offers the promise of a new eternity.

BIBLE STORY: REVELATION 21

God has made a way for His people to have new life in Jesus, and that is good news for us! And that is not where the story ends. God has also promised that one day He will make everything new. Now, even in Christ, we experience pain and loss and sadness because we still live in a world broken by sin. But one day, God has promised to make a new heaven and a new earth where there will be no more sadness.

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:**

- New creation is the promise that God is making all things new

**Every child should feel:**

- Hope that God is fixing creation

**Every child should:**

- Talk about the gospel story using creation, fall, redemption, and new creation

**Every child should want:**

- To be made new through faith in Jesus

REVIEW

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.

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

Revelation 21:1-27

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

In Revelation 21, John has a vision of what the new heaven and the new earth will be like. This will happen when Jesus returns. John sees that there is a new city, and he sees many beautiful things about the city and how it is made. It shines like jewels because it has the glory of God. The city is very large and is made of pure, clear gold. Its foundation and walls are built with beautiful jewels and gems, and streets are made of gold. It doesn't need a sun, because it gets light from the glory of God. John hears the voice of God promising that He is making all things new. God promises that in this new city, when all things are made new, that there will never be anything bad or sad anymore. We will never cry or experience pain again. We will never experience death again. There will never be anything evil there. God promises that in this new city, He will live with His people and He will be with them forever. God promises that we can trust His words, because He is the beginning and the end. He is the one who gives us life.

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

- What does God promise in Revelation 21:5?
- Why do we need a new creation?
- What are some of the things that Revelation 21 tells us that the new creation will be like?
- What will be the best part of the new creation? (God will dwell with His people)



As a family, memorize Revelation 21:5 by creating a jigsaw puzzle from the verse. Write the verse on a sheet of paper and then cut the paper into pieces to make a puzzle. Help your child put the puzzle together and then say the verse out loud several times.



Help your child draw a picture of some of his or her favorite things from creation, such as bugs or flowers. Talk with your child about how all of creation was made to bring God glory.



At the beginning of the week, promise something to your kids that you will do at the end of the week. At the end of the week, keep your promise and talk with your child about how we can trust God's Word because He always keeps His promises.



Spend some time this week praying as a family and asking God to help your family glorify Him in all that you do. Ask God to help your family live with excitement and expectation for the new creation.