

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS MAKING ALL THINGS NEW

Isaiah 66:22, Isaiah 65:17, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 8:29, 2 Peter 3:13, Romans 8:23, 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

- A new heaven and earth are coming.
- A people made new from every tribe, tongue, and nation is coming.
- New worship that is holy and undivided is coming.

BIBLE STORY: REVELATION 21

John, while exiled to the Island of Patmos, has a vision of the new heaven and earth. In his vision, he sees that God will make all things new by ushering in a new earth that no longer has sorrow, pain, and sin in them. Those who have believed in Christ will live forever with God in this new earth.

THE STORY

The Story is the good news of the gospel. All of Scripture tells the Story of God the Father’s work to redeem a people from the power of sin through God the Son so that they might live for His glory through the power of the Holy Spirit. During this series we will explore the four main movements of the Story of God, and our response to the life-altering Gospel Story!

BIG AIMS**Every child should know that:**

- God is the author, subject, and hero of the gospel story
- Salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone

**Every child should feel:**

- Brokenness over the depth of our sin against God
- Joy in Jesus, our Savior and King

**Every child should strive to:**

- Describe the gospel message through Creation, Fall, Redemption, and New Creation
- Memorize the Bible verse each week

**Every child should want:**

- To study the Bible so that they can better understand God’s story of redemption
- To share the gospel story with those who are separated from God in their sin

A NEW LIFE

Take a walk with your child through your neighborhood or local park. Talk with your child about how life will be different when Jesus returns and brings the new heaven and new earth. Keep a list of things that you see that are affected by sin and brokenness of the world.

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

Revelation 21.

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

God always keeps His promises. Whenever He says He's going to do something, He always does it. When Jesus returned to heaven after He rose from the dead, He promised that He would make all things new one day. God promised His people that one day, Jesus would return with a new heaven and earth. One of Jesus' followers, John, was exiled to the Island of Patmos. While he was there, God gave him a vision of what the new heaven and earth would be like. John saw Jesus returning to gather His redeemed people and He brought with Him a new heaven and earth. The new earth will be perfect and eternal. The new earth in John's vision was made with precious jewels and gold. The new earth will not have sin like our world does now. Because there will be no sin, there will be no more death. This means that God's people will not feel any sorrow or pain because God will wipe away all their tears and they will only feel the joy of being in God's presence forever. Jesus will live with His redeemed people on the earth and life will be wonderful and joyous always.

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

- What is the purpose of God's church? (The church's purpose is to make God known in the world by sharing the gospel and caring for one another.)
- How did the early church fulfill its purpose? (They shared the gospel boldly and cared for one another faithfully.)



As a family, memorize Revelation 21:5 by having the children break the verse into small sections to memorize. Memorize small sections and then put the verse together.



Read Revelation 21 together as a family. Talk with your child about what will happen when Jesus returns. Discuss how the earth will be made new and what will change for God's redeemed people.



Use watercolors to paint a picture of the new heaven and new earth. Talk with your child about how Jesus will return and make all things new.

Spend time as a family researching different nations and cultures. Talk with your child about how God's people from all over the world will be gathered together when Jesus returns.



Choose several worship songs to sing. Discuss as a family what our worship now is like. Think through and discuss how worship will be made new and what it will be like for it to be eternal.

Spend time praying with your child this week. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your child to saving faith and to help your family live for the new life to come and not just this present life.