

# GOD IS MAKING ALL THINGS NEW

## THE STORY: NEW CREATION

### 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

### FAMILY DEVOTION: A NEW HOME

God promises to make things new and He will one day. One day, He will make the earth new and it will be the forever home of all those who believed in Christ while on earth.

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- While John was exiled to the Island of Patmos, he had a vision of what would happen at Jesus' return. Part of John's vision was of the new heaven and earth. God promises to make all things new when Jesus returns to the earth to gather His redeemed people.
- When God makes all things new, there will be no more sin in the world. The new heaven and earth will be perfect and all of God's redeemed people will live in them with no sorrow or heartache.

**Christ will rule over the new heaven and earth.**

*"And He who was seated on the throne..."*

- God is the Sovereign Ruler over everything now. He has always been and will always be. There is nothing outside of His control or reign. When sin entered the world, God's perfect world was broken. According to God's plan, this world is ruled by sin, though it is not more powerful than God. The sinfulness of man continues to reign in this life as God allows it.
- One day, when Christ returns, bringing with Him the new heaven and earth, sin will be no more. Christ will take His right place as Lord and King over all things. There will be no more sin or brokenness.

**The promise of all things being new is trustworthy.**

*"...Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."*

- What God promises to do, He does, always. God never breaks a promise, nor does He say something is going to happen and it does not happen. God is in control of everything and nothing is outside of His power or what He allows. When God promises to make all things new, He will make all things new.
- God has promised that one day Jesus will come back to the earth and usher in the new heaven and earth. The present heaven and earth will no longer be as Christ begins His eternal rule on the new earth with His redeemed people.

**BIBLE STORY: REVELATION 21**

*The New Heaven And Earth*

**Opening Illustration:**

Bring in craft supplies, such as beads, jewel stickers, and glitter glue. Give the preschoolers a picture of the earth and help them decorate it with the beads, jewel stickers, and glitter. Tell them that when Jesus returns, He will bring with Him a new heaven and earth because God is making everything new.

GOD IS MAKING ALL  
THINGS NEW**BIG IDEA: A NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE COMING.<sup>1</sup>****Our current world will be made new when Christ returns.**

- The world we live in now is not our forever home. One day, this world will pass away and be replaced with a new and better earth. Our world now is plagued by sin and death. This sin causes us great sorrow and pain and leads us to despair at times.
- One day, when Jesus returns, the world will be made new. Those who have been redeemed will live on the new earth with Christ forever. Our world now will be no more and the new earth will be our home.



Give each preschooler a coloring sheet of the earth. As the preschoolers color their earth, talk with them about how God is making all things new and one day, He is going to make the earth new.

**Jesus will bring the new heaven and earth with Him when He returns.**

- John's vision while he was exiled on the Island of Patmos was one of Jesus' return. John saw the new heaven and earth coming down from heaven. Jesus, who was seated on the throne in heaven, declared that He was making all things new.
- Jesus reigns now in heaven and when He returns to gather His redeemed, He will reign on the new earth forever. Jesus' return will usher in eternity for all those who have saving faith now. The new earth will be perfect and will be the dwelling place of God and redeemed man.

**Life will be free from sin when Jesus comes with the new heaven and earth.**

- The new earth will be sinless. It will no longer be broken by man's sin. It will be new and full of life that will last forever. Because the new earth will be free of sin, there will be no death. God will wipe away every tear from His redeemed people. They will feel no more sorrow or pain because God will have made everything new and as it should be.

*Who will bring the new heaven and earth? (Jesus will return one day and bring the new heaven and earth with Him.)*

1. Revelation 21:5: One day, Jesus is returning and bringing with Him a new heaven and a new earth.

GOD IS MAKING ALL  
THINGS NEW**BIG IDEA: A PEOPLE MADE NEW FROM EVERY TRIBE, TONGUE, AND NATION IS COMING.<sup>2</sup>****Man's sinfulness will not be a part of the new heaven and new earth.**

- In Revelation 21:3, God says that His dwelling place will be with man when He returns with the new heaven and earth. Because God will make His dwelling place with man on the earth, we can know that the earth will be without sin, which mean that man will have no sin.
- When God makes all things new, man will no longer battle his sinful flesh, but instead, man will have a glorified body with no flesh nature. All sin will be done away with and only God and His redeemed will live on the new earth.



Gather the preschoolers into a group. Give each group a picture of a different people group or nation. Talk with the preschoolers about how God is going to gather all of His redeemed people together when Jesus returns and brings the new heaven and earth.

**God's redeemed will be gathered from all over the earth.**

- God's redeemed people are not just one ethnicity or race. His gospel has gone out all over the world and there are believers almost everywhere. God's people are made up many different cultures, people groups, and tribes.
- One day, God will gather all of His people together as one. All those who have been redeemed will gather together as His redeemed and united people. God's redeemed will serve and worship Him when Jesus returns and makes all things new.

**Christ will dwell among His redeemed.**

- Now, when a person has saving faith, God dwells with them by sending His Spirit to live inside of every believer. When Jesus returns and unites all of His redeemed people, He will live among His people on the new earth.
- Jesus will live on the new earth and rule with His redeemed people forever.

*How will God's people be different when He makes all things new? (His people will be gathered from every tribe, tongue, and nation.)*

2. Revelation 7:9: One day God will gather His people together into one group—His redeemed people.

GOD IS MAKING ALL  
THINGS NEW**BIG IDEA: NEW WORSHIP THAT IS HOLY AND UNDIVIDED IS COMING.<sup>3</sup>****Man's worship will be made pure when Christ returns.**

- Because our worship is tainted by sin, we do not worship God with a pure heart. Even when we have saving faith and have been redeemed, we still battle our flesh natures until Jesus returns and we receive our glorified bodies.
- When Jesus does return with the new heaven and earth, our worship will change. We will no longer have worship that is corrupted by our sinful flesh or the brokenness of this world. Instead, our worship will be exactly what it should be—focused on the Lamb of God who saves the world from its sin.



Gather the preschoolers together in a group and sing worship songs with them. Talk with them about what our worship will look like when Jesus returns and makes all things new.

**Man's worship will be undivided.**

- Now when we worship, our minds are distracted by the cares and concerns of life in this broken world. We often worship things other than Christ. We may worship ourselves, or creation, instead of worshiping the one true God. Our worship is divided because we battle our flesh nature.
- When Christ returns, our worship will be undivided. We will no longer battle our flesh nature. Instead, we will be completely focused on Christ and worship Him with undivided and totally devoted hearts.

**Man's worship will be eternal.**

- Now our worship does not last forever because we are easily distracted by life on this earth. Because our focus isn't entirely on Christ, our worship doesn't last. We often find ourselves worshiping God only at certain times instead of endlessly.
- When Christ returns and makes all things new, our worship will be eternal. One day we will worship God forever and ever. We will not be concerned about anything other than God's glory and showing Him the worship and honor He deserves.

*How will our worship change when Christ returns? (Our worship will be holy and undivided because we will not be distracted by the things of this world.)*

3. Revelation 19:6-7: One day our worship will be holy and forever.

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## HOOKS

**Guess The Objects**

Place the following objects in a bag: rocks painted gold, jewels, beads, etc. Allow the preschoolers to place their hands inside the bag of objects, grabbing one, and trying to guess what it is. Pull the object out of the bag after they guess. Ask the preschoolers if the object is something that will be used to build the new earth, such as gold and jewels. Once every preschooler has a chance to pull out an object, remind them that God is making all things new and one day Jesus is returning with a new heaven and new earth.



- When Jesus returns, He will bring a new heaven and earth with Him.
- The new earth will be made with things we think of as precious and rare now, such as gold, jewels, etc.
- One day Jesus will bring the new earth with Him and those who have saving faith will live with Him on it.

**Earthly Balloons**

Blow up several balloons. Tie one balloon after you blow it up. Hold the other balloon closed with your finger. Slowly release the air in the balloon not tied. Tell the preschoolers that this balloon is like our earth now—it is slowly decaying and dying. Show the preschoolers the tied balloon. Allow them to hold and play with it. Tell them one day, Jesus will return with a new earth that will last forever.

**A New Worship**

Gather the preschoolers together. Lead them in a prayer asking God's Spirit to help them have saving faith and to worship God forever. Remind them that one day our worship will be undivided and holy.