

hopekids



Four[Five- May 31

Bible Story: Heaven • *Revelation 21:3-5*

Bottom Line: God will make everything right in the end.

Conversation Starter: What do you think heaven will be like?

Monthly Memory Verse: *Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up.* • Galatians 6:9 NIV

What You Do:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive
- Have a couple students be door greeters, a couple more help with communion in the big church and a few more to volunteer to stay and help with the littles once we finish in the elementary room.

I took out the activity time before lesson because so, any students are passing out communion or door greeters.

Instead, spend this time playing games with the students or talking to them about how their week went.

This is the get to know your students time.

9:05/10:50 Leave for the Elementary Room

9:45/11:30 Leave for the Merge room

Communion

What You Do:

First - have one of the students pass out communion once everyone is seated.

Discuss communions and the importance of taking it and have one of the students pray.

Heavenly

What You Need:

- Butcher paper
- Coloring supplies

What You Do:*Before the Activity:*

- Place the butcher paper on the floor.
- On the far-left end, write, “CREATION (Everything Was Good).” Draw a simple picture of a garden or the world.
- On the far-right end, write, “NEW CREATION (Everything Is Made Right).” Draw a simple scene of the new earth with the New Jerusalem (a shining city) in the background.

During the Activity:

- Explain that this is the beginning and end of the big story God has been telling in the Bible.
- Ask kids to think about the stories they’ve learned in church. What are some of the big moments that have happened between the beginning and the end?
- Encourage kids to work together to draw pictures or write key words on a timeline to fill in the middle of the story. (e.g., Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Jesus’ birth, Jesus’ death and resurrection, Paul’s journeys, etc.)

What You Say:

“Look at this incredible timeline! When you see it all laid out, you can see that God has been working on His plan for a very, very long time. There have been hard parts and sad parts, but the story has always been moving toward that amazing ending.

“We are part of this story, right here in the middle. So what does this mean for us? It’s so important for us to remember that we’re living in the middle of the big story God is telling!

“This is a summary of the big story God is telling: God created everything, but people broke their perfect friendship with God, and sin entered the world. Still, God has been writing a story of redemption all through history, and He proved it by sending His own Son, Jesus, to break the terrible curse of sin so we could be close friends with God again. And the story will conclude when Jesus comes back to make everything right, and God will be with us all the time!

“God has always been faithful, so we can know that He’s going to make everything right in the end. And because we know the ending, we can have hope. We can persevere through the hard things right now, knowing that **[Bottom Line] God will make everything right in the end.**”

[Make It Personal] (Share a kid-friendly story of how thinking about your future as a Jesus-follower helps you in the hard times in the middle of the story. You could share something like: “When I’m going through a really hard time, it helps me to zoom out and look at this big timeline. It reminds me that my current struggle is just one chapter, not the whole book. It helps me remember that God is in control of the whole story, and He’s working toward that beautiful, perfect ending.”)

Please take time to Pray!

Ask:

- If you were John, exiled on an island and suddenly seeing Jesus in glory (that’s what John records in the beginning of the book of Revelation), how do you think you would feel—and why do you think Jesus started by saying, “Do not be afraid”? What does that tell you about Jesus’ heart toward us?
- God promised to wipe away every tear, end all pain, and make everything new. How does that future hope change the way you face hard things right now? Why might God want us to hold onto this picture?
- Revelation shows a world where God finally lives with His people again—like in the Garden of Eden. What do you think it will be like to see God face-to-face? How does that idea shift the way you think about heaven?
- John saw things that were beautiful, confusing, and sometimes scary. What does that teach you about trusting God, even when you don’t understand what He’s doing?
- If you really believed that God will make everything right in the end, how might it change the way you respond to sadness, unfairness, or disappointment today? What choices would look different?