

WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2023



TALK TOGETHER

WHAT IS THE MOST AMAZING, DELICIOUS DESSERT YOU HAVE EVER HAD? DID YOU KNOW WHEN WE GET TO HEAVEN, IT WILL BE BETTER THAN ANYTHING ON EARTH?

In heaven, God plans to restore His creation. That means all the broken parts of Christian's lives will be fixed. There will be no more sadness, mourning or death. We will get to live with God for all eternity. And when we trust in God's forgiveness through Jesus, we get to experience this eternity! It will be better than anything we can imagine because we will be with God who loves us so much.

In the book of Revelation, the Bible tells us more. **Let's find out by reading Revelation 21:18-27!**



TALK TOGETHER

Family conversations with God's Word.



MORE TO EXPLORE

Discover how this conversation fits into God's Big Story.



THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.



COLORING PAGE

Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.



THE WALL WAS BUILT OF JASPER, WHILE THE CITY WAS PURE GOLD, LIKE CLEAR GLASS. THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE WALL OF THE CITY WERE ADORNED WITH EVERY KIND OF JEWEL. THE FIRST WAS JASPER, THE SECOND SAPPHIRE, THE THIRD AGATE, THE FOURTH EMERALD, THE FIFTH ONYX, THE SIXTH CARNELIAN, THE SEVENTH CHRYSOLITE, THE EIGHTH BERYL, THE NINTH TOPAZ, THE TENTH CHRYSOPRASE, THE ELEVENTH JACINTH, THE TWELFTH AMETHYST. AND THE TWELVE GATES WERE TWELVE PEARLS, EACH OF THE GATES MADE OF A SINGLE PEARL, AND THE STREET OF THE CITY WAS PURE GOLD, LIKE TRANSPARENT GLASS.

AND I SAW NO TEMPLE IN THE CITY, FOR ITS TEMPLE IS THE LORD GOD THE ALMIGHTY AND THE LAMB. AND THE CITY HAS NO NEED OF SUN OR MOON TO SHINE ON IT, FOR THE GLORY OF GOD GIVES IT LIGHT, AND ITS LAMP IS THE LAMB. BY ITS LIGHT WILL THE NATIONS WALK, AND THE KINGS OF THE EARTH WILL BRING THEIR GLORY INTO IT, AND ITS GATES WILL NEVER BE SHUT BY DAY — AND THERE WILL BE NO NIGHT THERE. THEY WILL BRING INTO IT THE GLORY AND THE HONOR OF THE NATIONS. BUT NOTHING UNGLEAN WILL EVER ENTER IT, NOR ANYONE WHO DOES WHAT IS DETESTABLE OR FALSE, BUT ONLY THOSE WHO ARE WRITTEN IN THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE.

REVELATION 21:18-27

Wow! Did you catch what the gates will be made of and what the streets will be paved with? Each gate will be made from a single pearl, and the streets will be paved with gold! Amazing!

Inside the city walls, all believers and God will be together! God's presence is so magnificent that there won't be a sun and moon. God, Himself, will be our light!

In heaven, all things will be made new. In heaven, we will be restored. In heaven, we will live with Jesus — forever. **And God's Big Story will go on for all eternity.**



GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING
GOD CREATED
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,
AND SIN PASSED TO
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN
YOU AND ME.

REDEMPTION



THOUGH ALL OF
US ARE SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL
COME AGAIN.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE:

REVELATION

This week's verse comes from the book of Revelation. Revelation falls under the categories of apocalypse and prophecy. Jesus inspired Revelation and shared its contents with John, who wrote down what was shared with him. This book talks about the last days of the earth, God's judgment on sin and a believer's final destination: heaven.

OT-NT CONNECTION

Even in the Old Testament, before Jesus came to Earth and died and rose again, people were looking forward to heaven. The Old Testament prophet Isaiah talked about God defeating death forever. **Let's read about it in Isaiah 25:8. (Also read Revelation 21:4.)**

- What phrase is repeated in both Old Testament and New Testament verses?
- Are you looking forward to heaven?

ARE THERE WAYS FOR PEOPLE TO GO TO HEAVEN OUTSIDE OF ACCEPTING SALVATION?

No! Jesus came to Earth and died and rose again for the sins of the world to create a way for us to be restored to God and spend eternity in heaven. Asking Jesus to be your Savior is the only way for a person to be saved. **John 14:6**

WILL I BE AN ANGEL IN HEAVEN?

No. Angels (or hosts of heaven) are separate creations of God (**Nehemiah 9:6**). They are not something humans transform into. This is a common misunderstanding. In **Hebrews 12**, angels are listed separately, along with saints (saved humans), as being present together in the New Jerusalem (heaven).

JOURNAL

Based on what you learned in this lesson about heaven, find a quiet place and write a poem about heaven. You could talk about the precious stones on the foundation, how God will be the city's light or something else!

READ



Heaven is the exciting final destination of anyone who accepts Jesus as their Savior! Read **Revelation 22:1-5** for additional information about heaven.

★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

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♥ MEMORIZE

AND HE WHO WAS SEATED ON THE THRONE SAID, "BEHOLD, I AM MAKING ALL THINGS NEW."

REVELATION 21:5

Q: HOW WILL GOD RESTORE HIS CREATION?

A: HE WILL MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.

FIND

This week's verse is found in the book of Revelation. Help your child find the book of Revelation. Is this book in the Old or New Testament? How many chapters are there?

SHARE

Tell your kids about a time when you experienced something undesirable; but instead of dwelling on that, you thought about your future in heaven. Did it change your attitude? How?

WATCH



Help your child learn their verse by watching this week's Memory Melody video!

PRAY

DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR MAKING A WAY FOR US TO BE WITH YOU. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WE LIVE WITH YOU IN HEAVEN FOREVER. AMEN.

PAINT

The Bible describes lots of precious jewels that will be in heaven. Pick out four to five rocks with your younger child and help them paint them into "precious jewels"!

FIND

Take your younger child out during both the day and the evening and have them find the sun and the moon. (Remind them not to stare at the sun so they don't hurt their eyes!)

Explain that on Earth, humans depend on the sun and moon for light. In heaven, those won't be needed because God will light up the city!

RESEARCH

Look up four of the different types of precious stones mentioned in this passage and show them to your child.

Help your child write down what they look like, their color and your child's favorite thing about each one.

SING



Listen to this playlist throughout this series to celebrate God's Big Story!

SCAN HERE TO LISTEN WHEREVER YOU ARE!



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