



TWOS

DATE(S)

May 2013

SERIES TITLE

God's Story

LESSON TITLE

A Dream of Heaven

OBJECTIVE

Kids will learn God's plan to create a place where there is no pain, sadness or crying.

BIBLE STORY

Read: "Jesus is Coming!" (pages 504-508) in The Beginner's Bible.

The story of John's dream of a new heaven and a new earth. Revelation 1:1-2, 21:2-4

God is love. 1 John 4:8

tips/schedule

This is a recommended schedule. You can adjust, but do make time for the lesson and the activity!

15 minutes	Check-in and play time
5 minutes	Clean up toys
5 minutes	Lesson/story time
10 minutes	Prayer and snack
10 minutes	Lesson activity/craft
5 minutes	Song time
10 minutes	Play and clean-up time

* We have those industrial bubble machines for a reason! Use them to help kids acclimate in the first 5-10 minutes.

* Try asking for clean up help specifically, "Hey Declan, can you please put the doll away?" You'd be surprised how much they want to help.

leader PREP

In May, we're going to learn about John's vision (revelation) of a new heaven and a new earth. Luckily for us working with this young age, the child's bible version of Revelation is not nearly as detailed and focuses on the beauty of what will be upon Jesus' return. If you read Revelation prior to the lesson, it may help to focus on a note my Bible shared, "Look for a combination of warnings and encouragements-alternating challenge and hope. Also notice the picture of the ruling Christ, his divine attributes and his heavenly glory."

KC ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAILY breakout



checkIN / checkOUT

As you check in kids, be sure to ask parents if their kids are potty-trained or are working on it. And so you know - if there is an "accident," we've got some clothes available to send them home in.

large group HEADS UP



small group INSTRUCTIONS

QUESTIONS

The goal of our activities is to provide experiences to help the kids grasp the concept for the month.

ACTIVITY

- May 4-5, 2013
- May 18-19, 2013

Today we are going to color a picture of the earth to remember that one day is going to give us a new earth with no crying, no pain and no sadness. Yeah!

Supplies needed:
Earth coloring sheets and crayons

- May 11-12, 2013
- May 25-26, 2013

Today we're going to act out what it will be like on the new earth. So let's start by pretending to cry. Is there crying in God's new earth? NO! Now let's pretend we have a boo-boo and say, "Ow!" Is there pain in God's new earth? NO! Now let's pretend we are sad. Is there sadness in God's new earth? NO!

Supplies needed:
Ability to act out (dramatically!) these situations:
Pretend to cry.
Pretend to be sad.
Pretend to have a "boo-boo"/"owie".

large group SCRIPT

SPECIAL notes

We're using "The Beginner's Bible" for all of our stories.

If you'd like to read another kid version of this story, The Jesus Storybook Bible does a great job. "A dream of heaven" is the title of the story, starting on page 342.

presenter TIPS

- Try to have the kids sit down at the tables for the story - no toys or snacks! Other volunteers can help you get the kids sitting down with chairs pushed in. They can also help redirect kids who are getting up.
- Feel free to pause, use voice inflections or voices - remember being animated helps them listen!
- You can ask questions during the story, too!

SCRIPT

Hold up the Bible and ask, "Does anyone know what this is?" That's right! It's a Bible. And the Bible is a very special book because God gave it to us. And the best part...It's all true!

Do you ever have a dream when you are sleeping? I do – and today we're going to hear a story about a man who had a dream where Jesus told him what heaven and earth would look like someday.

Read: "Jesus is Coming!" (Pages 504-508). Use big gestures and feel free to move around to show how God's glory will be all around us! The Jesus Storybook Bible talks about "walls of jewels" and "sparkling cities"

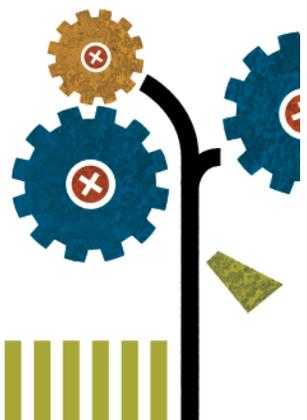
QUESTIONS - Have the kids repeat the answers with you.
Who had the dream about the new heaven? JOHN!
Who is coming to live with us forever someday? GOD!

Let's say thank you to God. "Dear God, thank you for loving us SO much. We are so glad that you made this beautiful world for us to live in and that someday you want to make it even more beautiful! Amen."



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PREP needs



small group supplies

- May 4-5 AND May 18-19, 2013
Earth coloring sheet and crayons
- May 11-12 AND May 25-26, 2013
Nothing but imagination of the storyteller!

large group supplies

The Beginner's Bible

a/v needs

Kids' Club Music CD

special room set-up

None

connect questions

Who had the dream of a new earth? JOHN

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In May, we're learning about how an angel showed John the dream of a new heaven and a new earth – one with no more sadness or crying. John wrote a book about this dream and shared it with others so they would know that God was coming to live with his people forever.

