



3rd -5th

May 18-19, 2013

DATE

Re-Creation

LESSON TITLE

Revelation 21-22 (Pg.1400-1402)

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus will re-make a perfect world!

MAIN POINT

schedule

Hang out with kids (10 minutes): Ask kids about their week. Get kids into groups and play games together.

Large Group (30 minutes): Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group. And don't be afraid to redirect kids who aren't!

Small Group (20-30 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. *If you all have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.*

tips

As kids enter the room, welcome them by name. It will make them feel known and like they belong.

check-in/out

As parents enter the room, encourage them to check out the "murals" (large pieces of paper) at each small group and ask their kids what they're drawing.

large group heads up

We're talking about the perfect world God will one day re-create for his whole family. If you get a chance, watch "God's Story: Re-Creation" at CrossroadsKidsClub.net before the weekend begins. Then pray about ways you can talk about it with kids.



instructions

Goal: to excite kids about the world Jesus will re-create for God's whole family.

Why? God gave us a picture of this world in order to give us hope for the future—and he told us some pretty amazing parts of it. But it will be SO MUCH better than the most incredible world we can imagine right now (1 Corinthians 2:9).

Tip: After the small groups wrap up today's activity, there are instructions for each group to share with the whole room. Coordinate how you plan to do this ahead of time!

small group

CONNECT

1. What's the best part of your week? (If you've already connected before large group, move directly to question #2.)
2. If you had to tell us ONE thing you want in a perfect world, what would it be? (It can be a cool invention or animal or something intangible, like "world peace." Whatever kids say. Remind them that God's world will be even *better!*)

REVIEW THE STORY

1. God doesn't tell us everything about the new world, but what are some of the things he promises us? (Pass out the **paper with an image from "God's Story / Re-Creation."** Start with the image at the top and go around clockwise.)
 - a. Person looking happy (we get new bodies that don't hurt anymore and are strong)
 - b. Scared face (there will be no fear)
 - c. Thinking about a thumbs down (we'll *forget* everything bad that's happened to us)
 - d. People holding hands (everyone there will be a part of God's family)
 - e. Hearts (everyone will treat each other with love)
 - f. Sad face (Jesus will wipe away all our tears)
2. Circle the one that makes you the most excited. (Ask kids to share. Ask them *why* they are most excited by a particular promise.)
3. Let's read the whole passage of the picture God showed John. At the bottom of your paper, write down one other thing that makes you excited. (Read Revelation 21:9-22:5 Pg.1400, ask kids to write, then share. Ask them why they chose to write down a particular detail.)
4. Who is God going to re-create this world for? (EVERYONE who wants to be a part of his family; everyone who believes Jesus is the rescuer and follows him)
5. Does anybody remember WHY God told us about the new world? (he wants us to get excited for it and hope for it, even when things are hard in this broken world)

ACTIVITY

The Bible says we can't even begin to imagine what the new world will be like. But let's all work together and imagine the coolest world we can think of.

- Tear off a **long piece of paper** and give kids **markers**. Let them create—they can invent new things or draw pieces of the world you've already discussed together (from the Bible).
- After everybody's drawn, share with each other.

***Then pray together, thanking God that he gave us a picture of the perfect world. Tell him how excited we are to see it one day!**

SHARE AS A GROUP

Each small group should choose 1 person to share their group's mural with the room. Then all the small groups should share.

Extra time? If you still have time, grab a group game and bring it to your table. Or re-watch "God's Story: Re-Creation" together.

special notes

God gave us a picture of the world he'll re-create in order to give us the hope we need to get through the brokenness of this world. Reflect that hope to kids!

presenter tips

Since we're talking about the end of God's Story (Re-Creation), we're also revisiting the beginning to remember how God first created everything (perfectly!) and how we can ALL be a part of his story and enjoy the amazing (perfect!) world he'll re-create for his family.

script

Hi, friends! Welcome to Kids' Club. It's great to see you guys today. Especially because today, we're going to talk about one of the most exciting parts of God's Story. But *first*...we're going to talk about movie trailers. (Pause.) That's right, movie trailers. Who in here likes to watch movies? (Let kids respond.) Me, too.

INTRO: MOVIE TRAILERS

And who knows what a movie trailer is? (Let kids say: a preview to show us what the movie is about). Yep, that's right! It tells us about movies that are coming out soon. Raise your hand if you've ever watched a movie trailer or preview. (Let kids respond.)

Well, today, we're going to start large group by watching a trailer for a movie coming out next month. As you watch, I want you to see if you can figure out what the movie will be about.

Video: Trailer for "Monsters University" (about 2 minutes)

Alright, what do you guys think that movie will be about? (Let kids say: a monster who's not very scary but learns how to scare people.) Great job! And what are some of the things that will happen in the story? (Let kids give details from the trailer.) Yes, good observation.

Now, this trailer was about two minutes long...the movie will probably be two hours. Does anybody know what will happen in the other hour and fifty-eight minutes or so? (Let kids say no or give guesses.) I don't know either! Nobody does, unless they've seen the movie.

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TODAY'S STORY IS LIKE A TRAILER

Well, there's a reason why we're talking about trailers. See, today's story is kind of like a trailer for God's family. Remember how God gave a guy named John a picture to share with others? Well, it was a picture that gave us a preview of what God has planned for everybody in his family!

We're going to watch a video about it. As you watch, see if you can figure out what God has planned for us!

Video: God's Story / Re-Creation

Wow, so what does God have planned for his family? (Let kids say: a new, perfect home where there's no wrong things, everybody is happy, Jesus is king, everything is made of jewels, etc.!) Yes! And it's going to be amazing!

In fact, there are so many good parts, it's hard to imagine! Let's think about what excites us the most! **Turn and tell a friend which part of the new world makes you most excited.** (Let kids tell a friend; then let a couple of kids share.) Yeah, those all sound pretty awesome!

Now, why do movies make trailers? (Let kids say: to get people excited about seeing it) Yes, they want people to know how GREAT their movie is going to be. And God showed John a picture of his plan, so that everybody in God's family—including you and me—can get excited about what God has for us.

THE REAL STORY WILL BE EVEN BETTER

But remember, just like movie trailers, the picture only shows us *parts* of what will happen. We can't know the whole story until we see it for ourselves! And really, Jesus told us that it's going to be WAY better than we can ever picture in our minds! In I Corinthians 2:9, the Bible says:

SLIDE: I Corinthians 2:9: It is written, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has known what God has prepared for those who love him."

That means maybe there's colors we've never seen... or animals we've never thought of... or fun things to do that we can't even make up on earth! Basically, imagine the most perfect world you could possibly think of using the picture God gave us...and then KNOW that the world Jesus re-creates will be even BETTER than what is in your head!

WE CAN ALL BE A PART OF THIS STORY

REVIEW: CREATION AND THE FALL

(Show picture of the timeline.) The coolest part is, this trailer can be for everybody.

Remember, in the very beginning of God's Story, God created the whole world (point to the **beginning of the timeline**) and the very first humans, Adam and Eve. There was nothing bad in the world. No sickness, no sadness, no death...only happiness, peace and joy. It was perfect.



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BUT THEN...something awful happened. A snake—the devil—tricked Adam and Eve into thinking that God didn't *really* love them. So they disobeyed God. And all the wrong things in the world began. Now we all disobey God, too...and we live in a world with pain and sickness and sadness...and sin (bad choices).

REVIEW: THE RESCUE

(Change your tone again.) But guess what? God loved Adam and Eve anyway! Even though they disobeyed God. Even though they messed up. And he loves US, too! He wants all of us to be close to him even though we make bad choices.

(Point to the ***middle of the timeline where it says "Jesus"***) So God planned a special rescue—and sent Jesus to Rescue ALL of us—from all the wrong things in the world. Jesus died as a punishment for every wrong and awful thing that has ever happened on earth. Because Jesus died, we can be close to God—and a part of his family.

REMINDER: TODAY!

And that brings me to the BEST part (point from Jesus' Rescue to the ***end of the timeline***). Mary Magdalene, Paul, Silas, Timothy and other people who followed Jesus (point to those names on the timeline) got to be a part of God's Story.

And guess what? WE can be part of God's Story—right here on this timeline—because this last part (***point to Re-Creation on the timeline***) hasn't happened yet! We've only seen the trailer. So anybody who believes in Jesus' Rescue can start following Him right now, and one day will be part of that amazing, perfect world Jesus will re-create for God's whole family.

WORSHIP

We're going to talk more about the new world in small groups. But for now let's stand and sing to praise Jesus that he's going to make this perfect city for us to live in!

Music Video: Crazy Love (Amber Sky dance video—just have fun with it!)

Song: You Come in A Hurry (hand motions and lyrics will be on screen)

PRAY

Ask somebody to come and thank God for the new world. Then, ask God if he has anything he'd like to say to us today. Spend a couple minutes listening.



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PREP needs



small group supplies

Markers

- 1 Adventure Bible per small group (Pg.1400-1402)
 - Per kid: 1 God's story image of God's promises (jpeg in curriculum folder—please print in color)
 - Per room: several rolls of white paper (something akin

to <http://www.amazon.com/Alex-Paper-Roll-White-12/dp/B00000JH4Y> or <http://www.dickblick.com/buy/product/150666-art-paper-rolls-blick-white-utility-paper-roll.html>; enough so that each small group can tear off a large piece)

large group supplies

Adventure Bible (Pg.1400-1402)

a/v needs

1. Video: Monsters University Trailer (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODEPHkWSg-U>; please cut off last 20 seconds, so the clip is the first 2:17 only)
2. Video: God's Story: Re-Creation
3. SLIDE: I Corinthians 2:9: It is written, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard,

no mind has known
what God has prepared for those who love him.

4. Image: timeline (jpeg in curriculum folder)
5. Song: Crazy Love (K-5 song slides)
6. Worship Video: You Come in A Hurry

special room set-up

None

connect questions

Tell me about the new world Jesus will re-create.
Why did God tell us about the coming world?

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In the Bible, God gives us a picture of the perfect world he will re-create for his whole family. And it's going to be far more incredible than we can even imagine! Ask your kid about some of the cool things God told us about it. You can also read about it together in Revelation 21-22, or watch a video about it on CrossroadsKidsClub.net.