



# Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup>

May 24-25, 2014

DATE

Re-Creation

LESSON TITLE

Revelation 21

WHERE TO FIND IT

One day, God will create a perfect home for his family.

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**Connect Time (15 minutes):** Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

**Large Group (30 minutes):** Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

**Small Group (15 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 kids check-out, remind them to show their parents what they created—and explain WHY they were creating things!

## 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](http://CrossroadsKidsClub.net) before the weekend begins. Then pray about ways you can talk about it with kids.



## connect time

**GOAL:** *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

### **WHAT IF WE COULD CHANGE THE WORLD?**

- Divide the kids into groups of 6-10
- Give each group a **large, tear-off sheet of paper**
- Draw a line down the middle
- On one side, have kids draw things they want to **ADD** to the world
- On the other side, have kids draw things they want to take **OUT** of the world
- Then ask kids about the best and worst parts of their weeks (relate those to the poster: for example, maybe we'd **ADD** more birthday parties but take **OUT** getting sick)

**Then, before you head into Large Group, remind them of your expectations for their behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.**



## 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. But it will be SO MUCH better than the most amazing world we can imagine right now (1 Corinthians 2:9).

**Tip:** If kids are having a hard time inventing something they'd like in the new world, ask them about their favorite things in this world. Try to get them to build off of that.

## small group

### REVIEW THE STORY

**\*The kid with the beanbag should answer the question.**

1. Who did God show the picture to? (A guy named John, but he wanted John to share it with everyone in God's family!)
2. Who gets to live in the perfect world? (All of God's family!)
3. What are some of the things God promises us about the new world? (Pull out the **image of one of the frames in "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 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 of our tears.)
4. The best part is, we will live *with* God! What do you imagine that will be like?
5. Does anybody remember WHY God told us about the new world? (He wants us to get excited about it.)
6. Share your favorite part and go around, letting each kid share his or hers (or have them share with at least one other person).

### ACTIVITY: CREATE YOUR FAVORITE PART!

- Their job is to create something to remind them of their favorite part of the world God promised us. They can use the picture for inspiration, or create something totally different. They will have access to the items below:



- Pipe cleaners
  - Plastic wrap
  - Aluminum foil
  - Markers
  - Colored construction paper
  - Stickers
  - Glue sticks
  - Other assorted craft items
- Remind kids that we have to imagine what it will be like anyway, so they can invent a crazy animal, make a room they think looks cool, or create a literal scene from the video. (For example, make a shiny throne using foil with a plastic-wrap river flowing from it.)
  - Have kids share their creation with at least one other person.

**Your unused craft supplies will be used for the following services. Please place leftover items neatly back into small group bags.**

**\*Pray together, thanking God for the amazing home he has promised us!**

*Extra time? Give kids a half sheet of paper and have them draw something they want to get rid of in the new world—then crumple or rip it and throw it away. Give them the other half and have them invent something cool for the new world—an invention they wish they really could have, a new animal, a cool color, etc. Remind kids that the perfect home God re-creates will be even better!*



## 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

The first video isn't a Kids' Club video, so it won't be on the weekend blog. But you can preview it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UFatVn1hP3o>.

## script

Hi, friends! Welcome to Kids' Club. It's great to see you guys today. Looks like you guys have been changing the world! We're going to talk about all those amazing changes you made a little later. But first, let's watch a quick song about a guy named Olaf, who imagined a different life. He's a snowman who wanted to live in the summer. As you watch, see what kinds of things Olaf wanted in his world:

### **Video: Frozen "In Summer" song**

Poor Olaf! He doesn't realize snow melts, does he? But what kinds of things does he want in his summer world? (Let 2-3 kids respond.) That's right! Are any of those the things you guys wanted to add to the world? (Let kids respond.)

Well, we're going to act like Olaf today by imagining OUR perfect world...but the GOOD NEWS is, God really did promise to re-create a new perfect home for us, that his whole family can live in for real!

### **INTRO: WE NEED A NEW WORLD**

**(Show timeline slide.)** To understand why we need a new world, let's review God's Story. See, when God created the world, it was perfect. The first two people, Adam and Eve walked and talked with God every day! God loved them and they loved him back!

(change your tone to serious and sad) Unfortunately, God had an enemy who didn't want Adam and Eve to love God. So he tricked them into thinking God didn't really love *them*. They made a choice to disobey God. And when they made that choice, sin 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 death.

(Change your tone to upbeat and excited.) But guess what? God loved Adam and Eve anyway!



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Even though they disobeyed God. Even though they messed up. (Point to the **middle of the timeline.**) And he loves US, too, even though we mess up. So he 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.

### THE BEST NEWS

And that brings me to the BEST part: Jesus came back to life! It means that he is truly more powerful than *anything*! He really *can* get rid of all the wrong things. So now anybody who chooses to follow Jesus becomes a part of God's family instantly! And God has promised us that one day he will make a whole new world for his family to live in with him forever. Every wrong thing will be gone forever.

A long time ago, he showed a guy named John a picture of his plan. And he asked John to share it with others. Let's watch a video about the picture God showed John and start getting excited about the perfect home. As you watch, try to decide what will be your favorite part!

### Video: God's Story / Re-Creation

Wow, that home is going to be AMAZING. One of my favorite parts of the world God promises us is going to be \_\_\_\_\_ (share your favorite part).

What are some of your favorite parts? **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 let's go over some of the best parts together:

### REVIEW AND COMPARE TO CONNECT TIME

Let's pretend this **trash can** is the stuff we do NOT want in a perfect home (put the trash can on one side of presentation area). And this **treasure box** is stuff we want to keep (put the treasure box on the other side). I'm going to show you guys some props and you tell me where they belong. When I pull out a prop, point to the trash can or treasure box. Ready?

- **Band-aids** (trash can)
- **Heart shape** (treasure box)
  - Imagine what it would be like if everybody was always kind and loving!
- **Fake food** (treasure box)
  - Imagine getting to eat your favorite foods all the time! And everybody having plenty to eat.
- **Sunscreen** (trash can)
- **Sunglasses** (trash can)
- **Gold glitter** (treasure box)
  - Imagine streets made out of solid gold!
- **Crown** (treasure box)
  - Yeah, we'll have one perfect king (Jesus) who *everyone* loves and adores!

God gave us some examples, but we can really only IMAGINE how perfect the world will be. And God told us that it's going to be WAY better than the best world we can think up in our heads! In I Corinthians 2:9, the Bible says:



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***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 are 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! Now think about the posters you made during Connect Time. What other things did you say you should take OUT of the world? (*Stand over the **trash can** and let kids share.*) Yes, those things definitely won’t be part of the perfect home.

(*Move over to the **treasure chest**.*) And what things did you guys say you wanted to ADD? (Let kids share. Act excited with every response they give.) Oh my goodness—that world sounds amazing! And the coolest part is? The home God creates for his family is going to even better! I don’t know about you guys, but that makes me pretty excited! We REALLY get to live in a world like this when we’re part of God’s family!

### **WORSHIP**

We’re going to talk more about the new, perfect 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!

***Song: Whole Wide World (animated music video)***

***Song: Jesus Loves Me (with hand motions)***

### **PRAY**

Ask somebody to come and thank God for the new world. Tell God how excited we are to live with him!

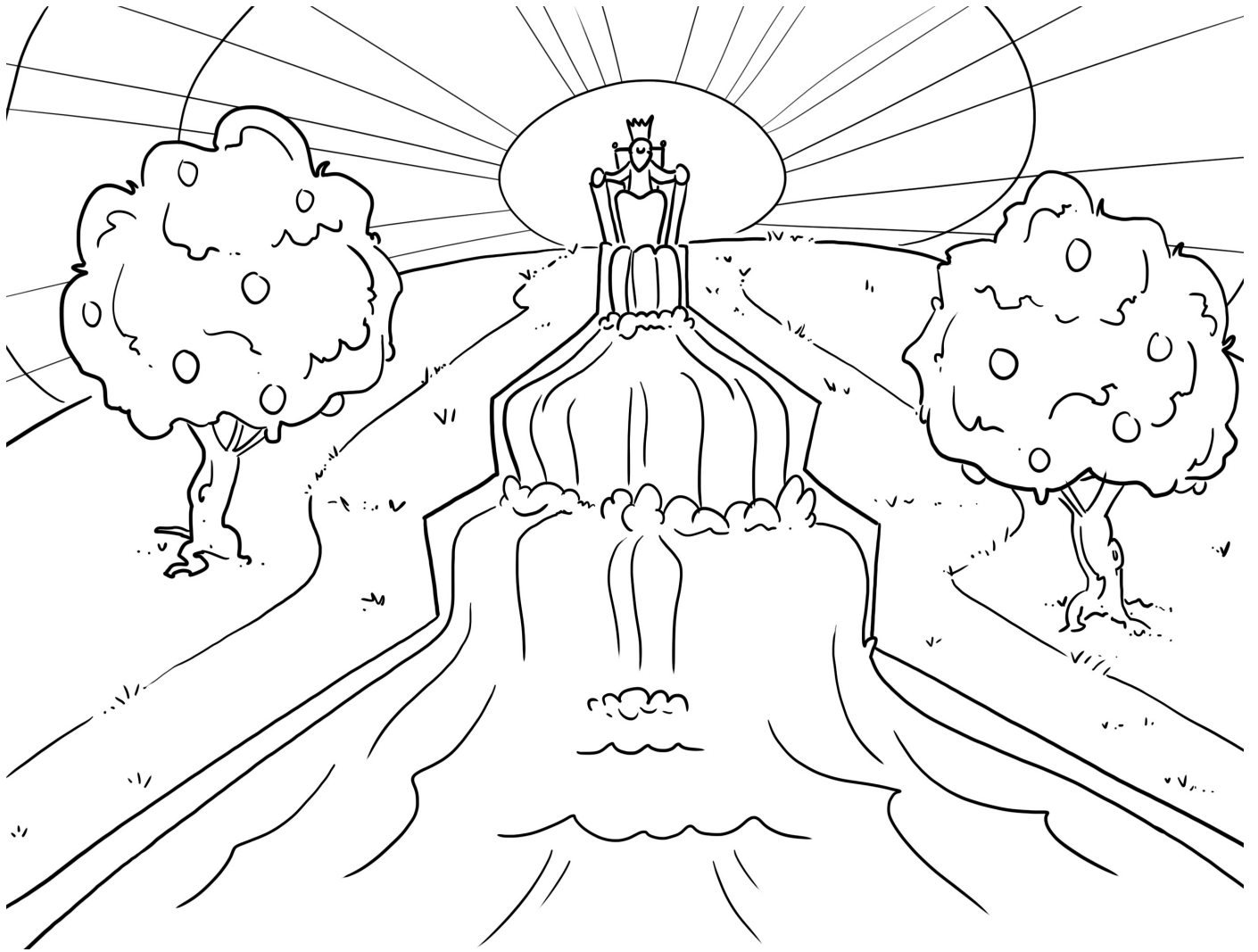




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# PREP needs



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## connect time supplies

- 1 large tear-off sheet of paper per small group
- Markers

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## small group supplies

Per small group:

- 1 God's story image of God's promises (jpeg in curriculum folder—please print in color)
- Bible
- Beanbag
- Markers
- Glue sticks

- A bag with an assortment of craft items: Pipe cleaners, plastic wrap, aluminum foil, colored construction paper, stickers, etc. (no tiny pieces in case groups dump them out)

Per room

- Extra sheets of blank paper
- Coloring pages: Re-creation

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## large group supplies

- Band-aids
- Heart shaped object
- Fake food (any kind)
- Sunscreen

- Sunglasses
- Gold glitter
- Crown
- Treasure chest (any kind)
- Trash can (any kind/just need a clear distinction between the trash can and treasure box)

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## a/v needs

1. Video: Frozen "In Summer" song:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UFatVn1hP3o>
2. Image: God's Story timeline (jpeg in curriculum folder)
3. Video: God's Story: Re-Creation
4. SLIDE: I Corinthians 2:9: It is written, "No eye has seen,  
no ear has heard,  
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what God has prepared for those who love him."
5. Music Video: Whole Wide World (animated version)
6. Song: Jesus Loves Me (with hand motions)

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## connect questions

- Tell me about the new world God will re-create.
- What's your favorite part of the new world?

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## parent page

Today, we learned about part of God's Story that hasn't happened yet: He's going to re-create the world into a perfect home for his whole family. It's going to be pretty amazing! Ask your kid about it. You can also read about it together in Revelation 21, or watch a video about it on [CrossroadsKidsClub.net](http://CrossroadsKidsClub.net).