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May 23-24, 2015

DATE

Re-Creation

LESSON TITLE

Isaiah 65:17-19, Revelation 21  
Adventure Bible (pp. 821, 1400-1401)

WHERE TO FIND IT

God has an amazing future planned 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 leave, remind them to tell their parents why they made a city with jewels.

## large group heads up

Today we're talking about the future world God has in store for us—a perfect home for God's whole family.



## 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.*

### **A PERFECT WORLD**

- Give each kid **a round piece of paper**
- Have kids imagine everything they would have in a perfect world
- Draw/write as many things as they can think of
- Then stop and share "worlds"
- If you still have time, ask kids about the best and worst parts of their weeks.

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



## instructions

**Goal:** Kids will (1) recognize why God needs to re-create the world in the first place, (2) understand what it means when the Bible says that God is going to “re-create” a new, perfect world and (3) identify how they can be part of God’s story.

**Why?** The Bible can seem like a big book with many different parts; it’s important for kids to see how all the parts fit together and that the main message is how deeply God loves us.

**Tip:** Before the hour begins, plan how you want to run the small group “walking tour” (in the Extra Time suggestion on the following page).

## small group

### REVIEW AND DIG DEEPER:

1. Why is God going to re-create the world?
2. What was the world like in the very beginning? What happened to ruin it?
3. Look at your worlds (from Connect Time):
  - Circle things that God *has* promised!
  - Add some of the things from Large Group that you’re excited about.
4. How is this different than the world we live in today?
5. What’s God’s plan to “cure” our “sick” world, full of wrong things? (Practice putting God’s rescue plan into words)

### MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Let’s imagine re-creation... by re-creating a city like the one God promised!
- Give each kid **one city on card stock** to color.
- On the front, they should write their favorite part of God’s promised home.
- They can color it and use **stickers** to decorate it. (5 stickers per kid)
- Help kids fold their paper at the dotted lines (- - - - -)
- Then cut along the solid line at the top and the bottom of their city.
- As kids work, talk to them about Re-Creation:
  - What questions do you guys have about the new world?
  - What do you think it will be like to live with God?
- Then put your cities together to create one giant city (one per small group)
- Share all the things kids wrote on the cardstock

**\*Pray together, thanking God that he has planned such a great future for his family.**

*You could take a “walking tour” to see what other small groups are excited about and how they built their cities. Also, talk about some of the crazier things you hope might be in God’s perfect world with the kids. Maybe it’s flying tigers, or having superpowers. Have fun playing on the kids’ imaginations!*

Cities should look like this when complete:



## 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 the kids!

## presenter tips

Since we're talking about the end of the Bible (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

**\*Click to play intro slide.**

Hey, welcome to Kid's Club everybody! We're so glad you're here today! During Connect Time, you used your imagination to think about what your perfect world might be like. Before we start Large Group, I'd love to hear some of the things your groups came up with for your own "perfect world"! (Call on 4-6 kids.) Huh, I had never thought about a world like that! (*Comment on some of the ideas you enjoyed and briefly mention why you found them interesting.*)

### CREATION

We imagined a perfect world because today, we're going to talk about how a huge part of God's rescue plan is his plan to re-create the world we live in now. But wait, why does God need to do that? What's wrong with this one? (Let 1-2 kids share).

**(Click to play Creation Loop.)** Well, we know that this world is definitely not perfect. But when God created this world, it was a perfect home. The first two people, Adam and Eve, got to play with animals and explore! They never got sick or sad—they weren't ever going to die. They lived in a place called the Garden of Eden. And the BEST part is, they got to walk and talk with God! What do you think living in the Garden of Eden might have been like? (Let kids share ideas.) Yeah, maybe like some of the things in your perfect worlds from Connect Time!

### THE FALL

So, if that's what the world started out like, how did it all go wrong? Well, it began when a snake convinced Adam and Eve to disobey God. The snake was God's enemy and he didn't want *anyone* to love God. So he encouraged Adam and Eve to make a wrong choice, and they did. That choice meant Adam and Eve were separated from God, because God is perfect and can't be close to anything that's not.



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Through that choice, all of creation was separated from God. He still loved Adam and Eve, but he couldn't pretend like it was OK for them to disobey him. Through that one choice, all the wrong things in the world began.

**(Click to show picture of sickness.)** It's kind of like they got "sick" and infected everything else. Have any of you ever caught a sickness from a sibling or friend? (Let kids respond). Well, that's similar to how sin and wrong things worked. Except this "sickness" affects ALL of us. In fact, *everything* God created became infected.

### NEW WORLD

I don't know about you, but sometimes it's really hard to live in this imperfect world. Let's take a moment to think about why. To do that, let's look at a clip from the movie *Toy Story*. It features Buzz Lightyear, who ends up in a world that isn't his home. As you watch, see if you can figure out where Buzz thinks he belongs.

### Video: Buzz Arrives!

Alright, so where does Buzz think he belongs? (Let kids respond.) Yes, outer space! We don't know where exactly, but he feels like he's in a brand new world full of dangers, like "unstable terrain." He leaves his suit on because he thinks the air might be toxic. Everything about being a toy feels all wrong to him.

You know what? That's the same problem we have! Sometimes our friends leave us out or make fun of us, or our family gets mad at us, and we feel lonely or out of place. Sometimes we get sick and feel terrible pain. Sometimes, we're sad and we might not even know why. When we experience these things, they feel all wrong. And for us (unlike Buzz), they actually *are* all wrong. When God created the world, wrong things weren't part of his plan for us! So one day he will make the world into a new, perfect home.

### GOD'S PROMISED WORLD

How do we know the new world will be so great? Well, one of God's followers in the Old Testament, Isaiah, talks about a vision God gave him of what this world will look like!

**SLIDE: Isaiah 65:17-19 Look! I am creating new heavens and a new earth—so wonderful that no one will think about the old ones anymore. Be glad. Rejoice forever in my creation! And look! I will create Jerusalem as a place of happiness. Her people will be a source of joy. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people. And the sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more.**

Wow, this is for all "God's people" which means his WHOLE family! We'll never cry, because nothing bad will happen, ever. We'll rejoice forever! In fact, the new world God creates will be SO great... that we *won't even remember* everything wrong that happened here, in the old one.

### IMAGINE THE NEW WORLD

That means God is going to CURE our "sick" world. He sent Jesus to rescue us by dying to take the punishment for our wrong choices. When we choose to believe Jesus rescued us and



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follow him, we become part of God's family. And God promised to re-create a brand new world for his whole family, where we can live with him forever!

God knew that this would be hard for us to even imagine. So he gave the disciple John a vision of our future home. Let's watch a video to see some of the things God promises. As you watch, see which part is your FAVORITE:

### **VIDEO: God's Story / Recreation**

Wow, I can't believe how amazing the new world is going to be! What are some of the most exciting parts for you guys? *(Let kids respond. Here are some things they may say: always happy, safe, joyful, loved; no hunger, war, sickness or anything else bad; Jesus is on the throne, the city sparkles and is made of jewels, streets are made of gold, always shining like a sunny day, etc. BEST PART: We get to walk and talk with God!)* So, I think we can all agree that a perfect world sounds pretty nice... thinking about it can give us great hope when we're scared or sad or sick or hurt.

### **RESPOND**

Now let's listen to a song about how God is here with us now...even in this world. So we'll get to be with him from now on...and forever! You can watch the music video or close your eyes and listen. But this is a time to talk to God. If you have questions about today's story, ask him. If you want to follow him for the first time, tell him. If you want to sing or even just think about the words to the song and praise him, do that. This is time for you and God:

### **Music Video: Wake**

### **WORSHIP**

Knowing that we're going to get to be part of a perfect world is something to get up and sing about! Let's stand together and sing a song to tell God we are placing all our hope in him.

### **Song: All Our Hope**

### **PRAY**

Ask someone to pray and thank God for the perfect world He will someday re-create for us.



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# PREP needs



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## connect time supplies

Per kid

1 circle card (Global Art Folia 6-inch Circle Origami Paper 500 pack- Amazon or other online site)

Per group

Markers

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## small group supplies

Per kid

City print out per kid on white cardstock

(<http://madebyjoel.com/paper-city>)

5 jewel stickers (OT: IN-48/2089)

Per group

Markers

Adventure Bible (pp. 1400-1401)

Kid scissors to share

Crayons and markers

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## large group supplies

Adventure Bible (pp. 821, 1400-1401)

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## a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Creation loop (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nNyMIBj3DYU>)
3. Image: sickness
4. Video: Buzz Arrives (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bn82dUJopKo>)
5. SLIDE: Isaiah 65:17-19 Look! I am creating new heavens and a new earth—so wonderful that no one will think about the old ones anymore. Be glad. Rejoice forever

- in my creation! And look! I will create Jerusalem as a place of happiness. Her people will be a source of joy. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people. And the sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more.
6. Video: God's Story: Re-Creation (<https://vimeo.com/49020582>)
7. Music Video: Wake (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=io2WOQ-3aVs>)
8. Music Video: All Our Hope (<https://vimeo.com/99668247>)

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## connect questions

Tell me about Re-Creation.

Why does God make old things new?

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