



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

May 27-28, 2017

DATE

Re-creation

LESSON TITLE

Revelation 21 & 22; Revelation 21:5

WHERE TO FIND IT

One day, God will make us a perfect home.

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

If you ask a kid to share an answer, always be ready and willing to share your own. Personal stories and examples are the best, and they can oftentimes “prime the pump” for kids who have trouble opening up.

## check-in/out

As kids leave, ask them to share their band-aid sticker, and their plan to share God’s healing and newness with someone else this week.

## large group heads up

Sometimes it can be hard to find God and focus on Him in a world that is so broken. But even on our hardest days, we can find hope in the fact that Jesus is making all things new (Rev 21:5). When we feel hopeless, we can remember the image God shared with John at the end of the story—a perfect home where our relationship with Him is completely restored!

## 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.*

### HIDE AND SEEK

- Stay in **one large group**.
- Tell kids to find a **partner** (Partner with a kid yourself if they're left out.)
- Give each pair of kids a **number card** (Make sure every pair has a different number.)
- Explain that each pair should memorize their number. They HAVE to remember it in order to play the game.
- Next, one kid from each pair will be a "hider" and will go hide the number somewhere in the room, while the other kid, the "seeker" stays and closes their eyes. Once all the hiders have hidden their numbers, they can return to their partners.
- Let the "seekers" now go try and find their number. Whenever they come across someone else's number, they can look at it to see if it's their's, but if it's not, they have to put it back where they found it, and then continue looking.
- Once they find their number, they can return to their partner, and then switch roles. The hider is now the seeker, and the seeker is the hider.
- If there's time, you can let kids play multiple rounds, taking turns hiding and seeking their number card.
- **Remember to collect all the number cards to use for the next service.\***

### TALK ABOUT IT

- Was it hard to find your number? Why?
- What was the best/worst part of your week?

**Before you go to Large Group, you can ask kids how their week went. You can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.**



## instructions

**Goal:** Kids will understand that (1) God created the world good and perfect (2) our world became broken when we decided to sin and turn away from God and (3) God is in the process of re-creating (or rescuing) our world, and one day will make a perfect home for us.

**Why?** Even on the hardest days, we can have hope! God will re-create and rescue the world—and it will be perfect again.

**Tip:** If students have a hard time grasping the concept of “re-creation,” the word “rescue” can be used in its place.

## small group

### REVIEW THE STORY

1. What was the world like when God first made it? (It was perfect. No one got sick, or hurt, or died. People lived one-on-one with God without any separation.)
2. Why did our world become broken? (We disobeyed God. Starting all the way back with Adam and Eve, we decided to sin, and turn away from him. Because of that, sadness, sickness, death, etc came into the world.)
3. Who did God give a picture of his new and perfect home to? (John.) What book did he write in the Bible? (Revelation.)
4. What will our future home will be like? (Jesus will be on a throne as king; We will live in a perfect, new city with no sickness, sadness, death or sin, and we will live forever with him.)
5. What part of this new home are you most excited about? (Let kids share personal answers.)
6. Practice the motions from Large Group for “**God makes all things new!**”

### MAKE IT PERSONAL

*\*You'll need to cut the **band-aid stickers** apart before handing them out in today's activity.*

- Tell kids that even though God will make all things new and re-create a perfect home for us, our world isn't perfect right now. But because we follow Jesus, we will get to be part of his family and his perfect new world!
- Hand each kid a **large Band-aid sticker**.
- **Ask** them what Band-aids are used for. The discuss how God is going to fix the whole world, just like band-aids help fix us when we get hurt! God is going to take away all the pain, hurt, sickness and death, and he'll replace it with joy, laughter and everything good!

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- Pass out **markers** and have kids **write on their band-aid what their favorite part of God's perfect new home is.** It could be something they heard in the video, or they can just imagine something that think will be there!
- When everyone has written on their Band-Aid, let kids share what they wrote/drew!
- Tell kids to take their band-aids home and stick them in a place where they will see them over the next week, and be reminded of the amazing new and perfect home God has planned for us!
- Lead the group in prayer before kids leave: *God, thank you so much that you have a great plan for us - the end of your story is amazing and the fact that you share it with us is even better! Over the next two minutes, I ask that You would give each of us an idea of one place in our world where, this week, we can bring some of your love, joy, healing or newness. Thanks for letting us be part of Your family and for using us to change the world. We love you, Amen.)*

*Extra time? Do a Rock-Paper-Scissors tournament among your small group.*

- *Have kids pair up and play "Rock-Paper-Scissors" (Rock beats scissors, paper beats rock, scissors beat paper.)*
- *Whoever loses has to sit down, and whoever wins find a new partner to play with that won their own match.*
- *The final kid left standing wins!*

## special notes

You'll need to know three special motions ahead of time. They are described in the script, but you can look two of them up at these links:

### God:

<https://www.signingsavvy.com/sign/GOD/1409/1>

### New:

<https://www.signingsavvy.com/sign/NEW/286/1>

## presenter tips

Here's a link to today's God's Story video:

God's Story / Re-creation:

<https://vimeo.com/49020582>

## script

### WELCOME AND INTRO

**Main Goal:** Review Connect Time and introduce the lesson.

### Notes:

### *\*Click to play intro music.*

- **Say:** Hey everybody! I'm so glad you're here at Kids' Club. We're going to have an incredible day together! And we've already started out with a bang, right?
- **Ask:** You all did a great job of hiding your numbers for your partner to find. Was it easy, or hard to find your number? (Let kids respond.) Probably hard!
- **Ask:** Why was it hard to find? (Let kids respond.) Yep, because there's so many places to look! And there's so many other numbers, you probably saw a lot that weren't yours!
- **Say:** Have you ever had a time when it was hard to find something really important, like your favorite shoes, toy, or maybe your homework? (Let kids respond with varying answers.) Yeah, that happens too.
- **Say:** Sometimes we just get so busy, or distracted, or we've got TOO MANY things, so we can't keep track of them all!
- **Say:** The world can be a busy and overwhelming place too—and finding God in it can sometimes be hard. Even though we know he's always here, everywhere we go and everywhere we look, sometimes there are so many things going on, that it seems hard to find him, or spend time with him.

## REVIEW: THE GARDEN

**Main Goal:** Review the events of the Garden of Eden story to create an image of a perfect world.

- **Say:** Today, there are things in our world like worry, fear, being too busy, bullies, sickness, gossip, and people fighting with each other. But guess what? That's not how God originally wanted our world to be.
- **(Image: Perfect world)** In the beginning, there were none of those bad things. There was nothing wrong at all! That might be hard to imagine, but the Bible tells us that when God first made the world, it was *perfect*.
- **Ask:** What would you imagine a perfect world would be like? (Let kids respond.) That all sounds wonderful!
- **(Image: Eden)** In a perfect world, the one that God created for us to live in, people lived in a beautiful garden called Eden where all their needs were met. No one got sick or hurt. No one died. And people were able to hang out with God, face-to-face. That sounds amazing to me!

## REVIEW: THE FALL

**Main Goal:** Review the events of the Fall of Man to explain why the world is no longer perfect.

- **Say:** I'd love to live in that perfect world, but the world we live in today is definitely not perfect, is it?
- **Ask:** How did we get here? What happened to our perfect world, the one God made for us? (Let kids respond)
- **Say:** Yep, we disobeyed God. Starting all the way back with Adam and Eve, we decided to sin, and turn away from him. Because of that, all the bad stuff that distracts us from God, it was invited into the world.

## RE-CREATION

**Main Goal:** Introduce the idea that God's story doesn't end with our disobedience or sin. He is in the process of re-creating everything and it's going to be awesome.

- **(Image: Stories)** Now at this point in the story, things seem pretty hopeless. It's kind of like in stories or movies, there is usually a part where it looks like the good guy is going to lose. A moment when it seems all hope is lost. Everybody close your eyes for a minute, and think of a story you love, when your favorite character was almost defeated, or almost gave up! (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** Okay, open your eyes. Thank goodness, our favorite movies and stories usually don't end there! In your favorite story, hopefully, the problem is fixed and everything is OK in the end.
- **(Image: Jesus)** That's how God's story is too. He planned an amazing rescue to bring us close to him again. His son, Jesus, died on the cross and took the punishment for our sins, so we wouldn't have to. And even though our world is broken now, one day, God is going to re-create it into something perfect.

## GOD SHOWS JOHN A PERFECT WORLD

**Main Goal:** Understand how God showed John a special vision/picture of what he would re-create the world as one day.

- **Say:** The coolest part is that God showed a picture of this perfect world to a man named John. John wrote down this picture in a book of the Bible called Revelation. Can you say, "Revelation"? (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** Let's watch a video and see what exactly it will be like when God re-creates this perfect world, and how we showed part of it to John. As you watch, try to think about what the best parts of this new world will be.
- **Video: God's Story / Re-creation**
- **Ask:** What were some of the things that will be in this new, amazing, perfect home? (Let kids respond with varying answers.)
- **Say:** Yep, sounds pretty incredible, right? Just like at the beginning, when Adam and Eve lived a perfect life in a perfect place, God is going to make all things new. Let's read about it in Revelation 21:5.
- **Slide: Revelation 21:5 And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true."**
- **Ask:** Do you know who the one seated on the throne is? (Let kids guess.) Yep, it's Jesus, our Rescuer! And he's the one who will make all things new and perfect again.
- **Say:** When something is new, it's still shiny, it isn't broken, it isn't worn out or half-empty. New things are in perfect condition-they look and feel and work amazingly! THAT'S what this perfect world will be. Nothing will be wrong, and everything, including us, will be a brand new creation.

## RESPONSE TIME

**Main Goal:** Give kids a physical way to show that sin and brokenness, while they may hurt, aren't the end of God's (or our) story

- **Say:** Remember all those sad, wrong things we talked about earlier? Well in this perfect world, God is going to remove them, and we will get to live with him face-to-face. NOTHING will separate us from him!
- **Say:** Sometimes we can get distracted from God by all the bad stuff going on in our world today. But in those moments, we need to remember that God is good, and he has great plans for us! He is, and will, make all things new because he loves us.
- **(Slide: God makes all things new)** To remind us of that truth, let's memorize some motions to part of today's verse. First, repeat after me: "God makes all things new!" (Let kids repeat.) Now here's the motions (*Next page.*)

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- **Motions** (*Physically demonstrate the motions to kids one by one, then practice combining them all together. Make sure to look up the links to these motions at the beginning of Large Group.*)
  - **God:** Hold one hand in front of your face, with the palm facing sideways (As if you're dividing your face in half.) Then lower your whole hand down in that position.
  - **Makes all things:** Hold both hands palms up in front of you, and move them in a big circle.
  - **New:** Hold one hand in front of you, and use the other hand to "scoop" something out of it.

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

**Main Goal:** After being reminded of the goodness of God's plans for us, we respond by thanking Him through worship.

- **Say:** I am so excited about this new home that God will make for us. I can't wait for us all to be perfectly healthy, happy and able to be close to God forever. It's how he always meant for us to be! Let's talk to God now, and thank him for rescuing us, and for having a great ending in mind for his story.
- **Pray:** Dear God, thank you for having an amazing ending planned for us. When life gets hard, and when things distract us from you, please remind us of the hope we have in you and the perfect home you have planned for us. We love you. In Jesus name, Amen.
- **Set up worship:** One way we can express our thanks and excitement to God is to worship him. Let's do that right now, and sing to him about all the amazing things he's already done in our lives, and the incredible things still to come!
- **Music Video: You Are**
- **Music Video: Who I Am**





## connect questions

Why is God going to re-create a perfect new home for us?  
What will this world be like?

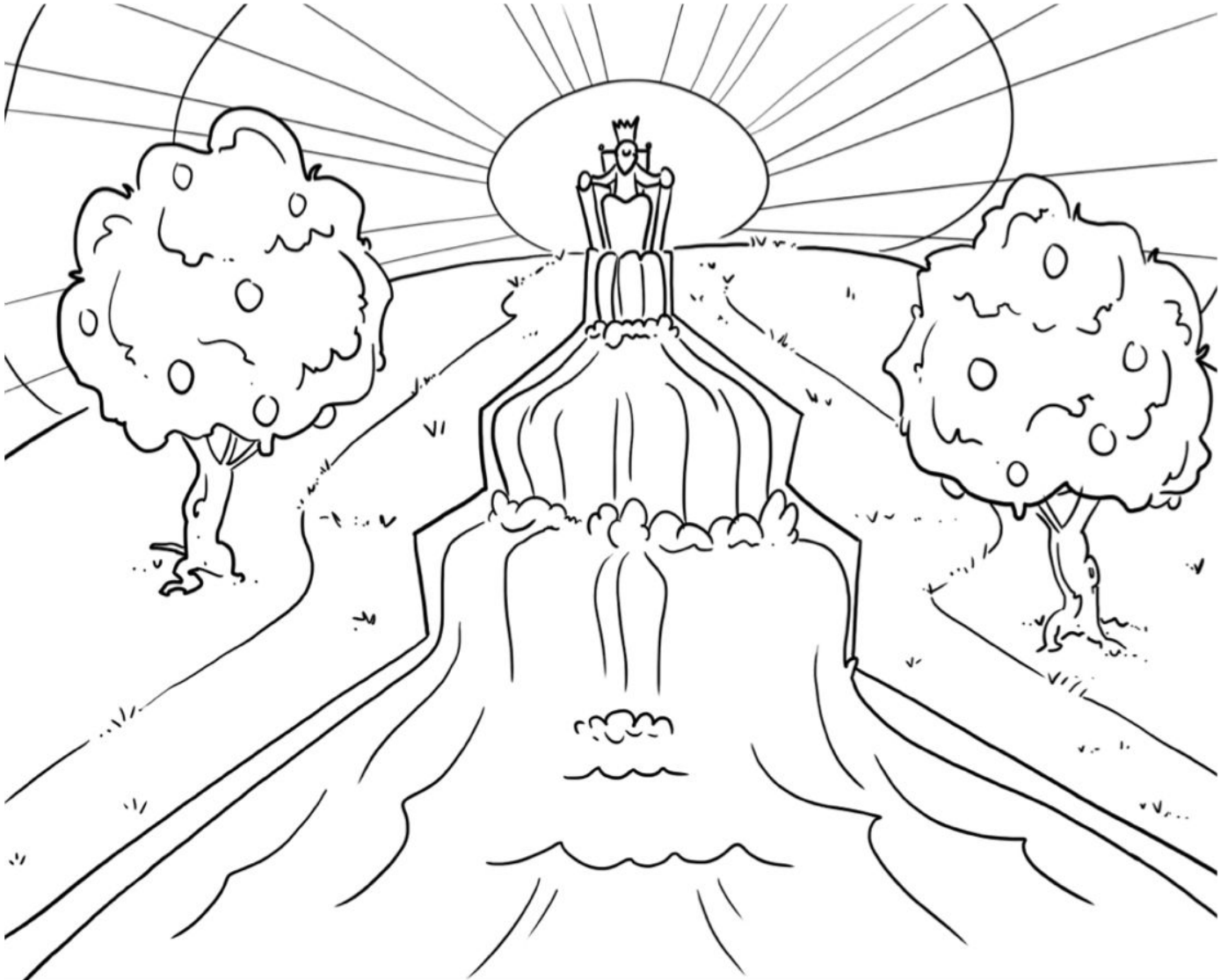
## lesson supplies

Connect Time			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Number card	1 card per kid (Each kid in a pair get the SAME number), reused	Print TWO sets of number pages (print as many numbers as you need for your site) 8.5x11 cardstock, black and white, cut into quarters, Pages 11-23	Site

Small Group			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Markers	1 set per small group, reused	In room	site
Band-Aid Sticker	1 per kid	Avery template 5163, Color, Page 24  *these will need to be separated for the activity. Decide at your site if your Prep Team will do this or if you'll have volunteers do it on the weekend.	site

Large Group			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Adventure Bible for Early Readers	1 per room		site
Large piece of tear-off paper	1 per room		site
Marker	1 per room		site

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1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Image: Perfect world
3. Image: Eden
4. Image: Stories (Put star wars, avengers and moana images all on one slide)
5. Image: Jesus
6. Video: God's Story / Re-creation (<https://vimeo.com/49020582>)
7. Slide: Revelation 21:5 And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true."
8. Slide: "God makes all things new"
9. Music Video: You Are (<https://vimeo.com/154219686>)
10. Music Video: Who I Am (<https://vimeo.com/9860987>)