



God is Hope – All Things New

Revelation 21-22

God Statement: God is the One True God

KEY VERSE: “Remember what happened in the past. Think about what took place long ago. I am God. There is no other God. I am God. There is no one like me.”

(Isaiah 46:9, NIRV)

CHECK-IN

Classroom Teacher

(until 15 minutes after the start of each service)

As kids check-in, please have them wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before entering your classroom. Then they can participate in the various activities and games in your classroom. 10 minutes after the start of your service time, ask the kids to clean up their activities and toys so you can begin the Explore Activity at 15 minutes after the start of service.

OPENING FREE TIME ACTIVITY

MISSION FOCUS – TEACHER APPRECIATION BAGS:

As part of our current mission focus, kids can decorate bags during the opening free time prior to starting the explore activity.

Supplies: white paper bags, stickers, markers, crayons

Directions: Encourage kids to decorate a bag for teachers around our city. They can write an encouraging note, put a funny joke, or draw a picture. This is an optional activity for kids as they arrive, so kids are welcome to do more than one bag.

Say: *Remember how we talked about teachers last week for our mission focus? Well, these are the special bags that we get to decorate for teachers. They will be filled with goodies and treats to encourage teachers for all of their hard work. This is one way we can show love to others!*

EXPLORE ACTIVITY

Classroom Teacher

(15 minutes)

The Explore Activity is a chance to get the kids thinking about the upcoming Bible story for the day. Encourage your kids to engage with the activity as they prepare for the lesson.

DISCUSS: God is Hope

In today's lesson, we are going to learn about how God is Hope!

SAY:

Does anyone know what this is? **Hold up Bible.** It's the Bible, that's right! What can we find in the Bible? **Let kids share answers.** The Bible is God's Word, and It's God's Big Story. It tells us of all God has done throughout history and all God will do. Does anyone know where the book of Revelation is in the Bible? **Let kids respond.** It's at the very, very end! **Show kids in the Bible where Revelation is.**

The book of Revelation is a very special book because it tells us of what is to come, in the future! Have you ever jumped to the very end of a book you were reading to find out what happened because you were so eager? **Let kids respond.** Well, that's kind of how we can look at Revelation. God gave us this book to help us know that God goes ahead of us and gives us hope of what will happen in the future!

God is hope! That means that we can have hope in who God is! God is the one true God, and His plans are perfect. We're going to learn more in large group about what exactly Revelation tells us, but first, let's do our activity.

MAKE:

To get the kids thinking about the lesson, they can do this activity!

New Creation!

Supplies: one brown bag with creation items, glue sticks, markers

Directions: Have children sit in a circle/ around the tables. Dump out the pieces and items from the brown creation bag. Allow kids to create something "new" from the pieces found in the bag. Allow kids to be creative and talk about what they are creating!

Say: *Today we get to learn about how God has a plan to create something new! We get to learn about Revelation and how God gives us hope for new things! Before we start our story, let's get creative and see if we can create something new, from things that may seem odd or unimportant. Every piece matters; and all things have a purpose and hope through God!*

LARGE GROUP

(25 minutes)

Each week, Large Group will consist of an introduction, worship, the Bible lesson, worship response, and the blessing.

WORSHIP & LARGE GROUP RULES

Worship Leader & Host

WORSHIP

While the video is playing the opening worship songs, encourage the kids to sing and dance along. Don't forget to set the example by participating alongside them!

Feel free to modify your worship time for what works best for your age group. You can find different ways to encourage the kids to participate by giving them instruments or showing them simple hand motions. You can also limit how many songs you choose to play, if it seems like the kids are not able to stay focused the entire time.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SONGS:

- Waymaker
- Child of God

LARGE GROUP RULES

Once everyone has found their seat, play Large Group Rules video in the PowerPoint provided. If needed, reinforce the rules after the video plays.

**** After Worship & Large Group Rules, transition the PowerPoint to the Mail Time & Wardrobe of Wonder slides.****

MAIL TIME & WARDROBE OF WONDER

Host

MAIL TIME!

Find the Mail Time envelope in your curriculum supplies.

Pick one child to hide the envelope and another child to find it. Give the first child about 30 seconds to hide the envelope while the other child closes his/her eyes. After the envelope is hidden, the second child can search for the envelope while the class says "hot" or "cold" to give them clues if they're getting closer or further away.

Have the two kids stand in front of the class and hold the verse page (inside the envelope) so everyone can see it.

Use the Key Verse Motions Video on Plex (or sent in weekly email) to learn the motions prior to Large Group.

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WARDROBE OF WONDER

The Wardrobe of Wonder is an opportunity to get the younger kids engaged in the lesson by playing a guessing game to determine what the “What’s It” is inside the wardrobe each week.

Choose one child to “spy” on the What’s It by peeking inside the wardrobe. Remind the other children to look away and to not peek. Have the peeker whisper the identity of the What’s It in the host’s ear to ensure he/she saw it correctly.

What’s It: SCROLL

Now, invite the class to raise their hand and guess the identity of the What’s It by asking yes-or-no questions about it. Allow the child who peeked to help answer the questions. Once the children have guessed correctly, retrieve the What’s It from the wardrobe and allow the class to look at it/pass it around. Thank the volunteer and allow them to sit back down.

ASK:

Hmm... Do you know what this is? It looks like it’s something important. It looks like it has an important message on it. It’s a **scroll**! I wonder what this has to do with our story today. Let’s find out! Do you know what time it is? It’s time for us to dive into God’s Word together!

**** After the Mail Time & Wardrobe of Wonder, Younger Kids classes transition to the Bible Story video where the kids will hear about the lesson for the day.****

BIBLE STORY

Lesson Video

Remind the group before starting the video to follow the expectations for Large Group.

THIS WEEK’S LESSON: God is Hope – All Things New

Encourage kids to listen and engage with the lesson as they watch the teaching video.

****After the video finishes, turn on soft worship music (with or without lyrics) to transition into Worship Response. This should be background music to help set the tone for a quiet reflection time with God.****

WORSHIP RESPONSE

Host

Worship Response is an opportunity for the kids to apply what they just learned and to respond to what God is doing in their life. *Have the kids sit in a place where they can be still and reflect independently.* Then read through the Worship Response prompts below as you lead the kids through this time.

Supplies: song in PowerPoint, paper, pens/markers

I'm so glad that God gave us the book of Revelation. Even though we don't know exactly when or how it will happen, God promises that one day He will return and make all things new. That gives me hope! God is my hope! What do you think hope means? **Let kids respond.** Hope means that I have confidence in what God has promised about the future.

PRAISE & WORSHIP ACTIVITY:

We know that God will return one day, and for all of us who follow and love Him, we will get to spend forever with Him! That's such good news!

Have teachers pass out paper and writing utensils to each kid. We're going to listen to a special song that talks about what we imagine it will be like when we see God in Heaven one day. As we listen, quietly draw what you imagine and put yourself in the picture too!

Encourage kids to do this quietly while the song plays. After the song is over, say:

God is our hope! We can have confidence that one day, He will return! Let's praise God for His love!

Close in prayer.

*****After Worship Response, transition the power point to the Compassion & Offering slides.*****

COMPASSION & OFFERING

Host

Before closing large group, take a moment to highlight and discuss each campus' Compassion sponsor child. Explain a little about the Compassion child's life and the impact their offering has for this child (info should be provided on cards in classroom). Then remind kids that if anyone brought offering, now is the time to come forward to donate.

Ask a child to come up and pray for the offering and their Compassion child.

*****After Compassion & Offering, transition the power point to the "Announcement" slide. The host will discuss any current announcements.*****

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SPECIAL MISSIONS FOCUS – Teacher Appreciation Bags

Host

Take this opportunity to cover any announcements and special missions focus for the kids, such as upcoming events or reminders, like bringing food donations for Feeding Families. Use the slides provided in the Power Point to display important announcements.

Raise your hand if you are excited that school is almost over. Raise your hand if you are sad that school is almost over. Well, as we wrap up the school year, we have a mission focus to get ready for next year!

Does anyone remember the paper bags we decorated last August for teachers in our schools? **Let kids respond.** If you decorated one of these bags in your classroom today, raise your hand. These bags are a special way to love and thank teachers for all they do for us. Would we be able to learn without our teachers? No! Teachers do so much for us, and we want to do something kind for them to show them Jesus' love.

Invite a couple kids to come up and pray for teachers to finish the school year strong and for the bags that will be decorated next week to celebrate teachers.

******After Announcements, transition the power point to the "Blessing" slide. The host will lead the class in receiving the blessing for the day.******

BLESSING

Host

Read the verse and blessing over the kids before closing Large Group. Encourage the kids to stand and open their hands to receive the blessing as a truth that they can take with them this week and hide in their hearts.

May you rest in the hope of God, that one day He will return and make all things new and right! God loves you!

SMALL GROUP

Classroom Teachers

(10 minutes)

Younger Kids:

This time is optional for younger kids, depending on if you feel like the kids are still listening and participating well.

1. **What did you learn about God from our story today?**
2. **Read/ Recap today's story: Revelation 21-22**
 - a. **When Jesus returns, what will the new Heaven look like?** (Beautiful! There will be no sadness. God will be there with His people. We get to worship God and be together)
 - b. **Who says they will come back soon?** (Jesus)
3. **God wrote Revelation to tell us what will happen in the future. This is so exciting! Do we need to fear? No! Do we know when Jesus will return? Also, no. but we do know God has a plan and He is creating a place for all those that follow Him. God is our Hope, He gives us the Bible to help guide us, He is the One True God. What is one thing you would want to ask God about?**

Close small group in prayer.

RESPOND ACTIVITY

Classroom Teacher

(10 minutes)

DISCUSS:

If you have extra time at the end of your lesson and small group time, the kids can participate in this activity.

PLAY: New Testament Books of the Bible Card Race

Supplies: 2 bags of NEW Testament books of the Bible cards and mat

Directions: Split the class into two teams. Have an LIT or helper sit in each group. Give each helper a bag with NEW Testament matching cards and a number mat. Have the helper flip over the cards face down and shuffle them around. Allow the children to flip over one card at a time and match them to the corresponding number on the chart. The LIT or helper can then read the cards in order. The first team to finish wins.

Say: God gives us hope! Do you know where we can find God's hope and truth? In the Bible! The book of Revelation is found in the New Testament. Let's see if we can remember the books of the New Testament!

CHECK-OUT

Classroom Teacher

(end of service)

As parents arrive for check-out, the kids can continue participating in the Respond Activities or the classroom games and toys.