

# Jesus Will Return

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** Revelation 4:2–5:14

**MAIN POINT:** Jesus will come back and make all things new

**UNIT KEY PASSAGE:** Revelation 21:5

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** What will happen when Jesus comes back? Jesus will make all things new.

## Leader BIBLE STUDY

While he was a prisoner on the island of Patmos, the apostle John had an amazing vision of heaven. Jesus told John to write down everything he saw. John saw things that will happen when Jesus comes back to earth.

In the final chapters of the Book of Revelation, John described a vision of heaven itself. He wrote about the beauty of the New City—the New Jerusalem. The streets will be pure gold, like clear glass. The foundations of the city wall will be adorned with precious stones. The city will not need the sun or the moon because God’s glory lights up the city. There will be no darkness, and nothing evil will ever come into the city. There will be no sadness, crying, or pain. Even though there will be no sun or moon, there will be no darkness because the glory of God will be its light. The Lord will reign forever and ever. What an amazing place heaven will be!

Even with John’s descriptions, we can’t imagine exactly what it will be like when Jesus returns. Use this session to emphasize what we do know, using the unit big picture question and answer: What will happen when Jesus comes back? Jesus will make all things new.

The promised return of Christ should fill believers with hope, strengthening them to persevere through the trials of this life and remain faithful to the Lord. When Christ returns, those who trust in Him will be with Him and enjoy Him forever. God will undo every bad thing caused by sin—no more death, no more pain, no more tears.

Christ’s return should also give believers a sense of urgency

to share the gospel with the world. It is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes! (Rom. 1:16) Jesus is coming soon. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

## INTRODUCE THE STORY

### Welcome

Play the unit theme music CD. Invite free play while other preschoolers arrive (until about quarter after). You may use countdown video to help facilitate clean-up to transition to the activity page.

### Activity page

Guide the preschoolers to draw a line connecting the sad picture to its corresponding happy picture.

**SAY •In this world, people get sick. People get hurt. People feel sad, but when Jesus comes back there will be no more death, no more sadness, no more crying, and no more pain. Those things will be gone forever! I can't wait for that day! Can you? We will hear more about that day in our Bible story.**

### Make sun art

Cover a table with a plastic tablecloth. Give each preschooler a coffee filter. Invite a preschooler to decorate her coffee filter with red, orange, and yellow markers. When she is finished, help her spray water on her art. Be careful not to oversaturate the filter. Point out how the colors spread to look like the sun. Set the filter aside to dry.

**SAY ••Today we are going to learn about a new city that is coming. This city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it. The glory of God gives light to the city, and there is no darkness. If we trust in Jesus, we will get to live in that city one day! We will learn more about that city in our Bible story.**

### Transition to Bible study

Invite preschoolers to Bible study (sitting “criss-cross-applesauce” on the rug in front of the TV).

## TEACH THE STORY

### Introduce the Bible story

**SAY • Can you imagine a world without nighttime? A world where light is always shining? In today's Bible story, John sees a vision of a new heaven and a new earth. The new heaven and new earth doesn't need a sun because God's glory shines so brightly!**

### Video: Watch the Bible story

Place a bookmark at Revelation in the Bible. Open the Bible to show them the passage.

**SAY • Our story today comes from the Bible. Every word in the Bible is true because they are all God's words. We can trust the stories we read in the Bible because they come from God.**

*Play "Jesus Will Return" from DVD*

### Talk about the Bible story

**SAY • There is a day coming when there will be no more crying and no more pain! Jesus will come back and make all things new. Jesus promised to come back soon and when He does, everyone who trusts in Him will be with Him forever.**

### Ask the following review questions

- 1. When will the things John saw in his vision happen?**  
(when Jesus comes back to earth)
- 2. Where will God live?** (with His people)
- 3. What city did the angel show John?** (the Holy City, the New Jerusalem)
- 4. What gives light to the city?** (the glory of God)
- 5. Who is coming soon?** (Jesus)
- 6. Who is going to make all of these things happen?**  
(Jesus)

Big picture question (preferably on rug together in a circle)

**SAY • Our big picture question is, What will happen when**

**Jesus comes back? Jesus will make all things new. There will be a new heaven and a new earth. God will wipe away every tear, and there will be no more death or pain! Jesus promised that He will come back and make all things new, and Jesus always keeps His promises.**

### **Sing (Bible Verse Memory)**

Open your Bible to Revelation 21:5. Read the key passage aloud several times. Sing together the key passage song, "Making Everything New."

**SAY • The words in our key passage are true. Jesus will come back and make all things new. Jesus promised He'll come back soon. Come, Lord Jesus!**

### **Pray**

**SAY • Jesus, thank You for always keeping Your promises. You promise You will come back and make all things new. Give us hearts that believe this and trust You! You are trustworthy. Come, Lord Jesus. Come soon! We love You. Amen**

### **Serve Snack (Gusher's Fruit Snacks & Water)**

Serve chewy fruit-flavored snacks for snack. Talk about how the fruit snacks bright colors look like jewels, and remind the children that the city John saw had many jewels in its walls. The city will be beautiful, but the most beautiful part of the city will be Jesus Himself. Remind the children that Jesus always keeps His promises so we can trust that Jesus will come back and make all things new.

**EXPERIENCE THE STORY**

### Stick Jewels to a Wall

Peel the back of the clear contact plastic taped to to a wall sticky side out. Set out flat-backed jewels. Invite preschoolers to stick the jewels to the plastic to make a jeweled wall.

**SAY In his vision, John saw the New Jerusalem. The foundations of the city wall had every type of jewel. Jesus said that He is coming back soon. Jesus will come back and make all things new. When Jesus comes back, everyone who trusts in Him will be with Him forever. God will undo every bad thing—no more death, pain, or tears!**

### Build a city

Encourage preschoolers to work together to build a city with blocks. Provide decorative gem vase fillers in a variety of colors and gold wrapping paper for children to use as they build.

**SAY • The foundations of the wall around the new Jerusalem will have every type of jewel, and the city streets will be made of pure gold, as clear as glass. Jesus will come back and make all things new. Everyone who trusts in Him will be with Him forever in this new city**

### Free Play Until Pick-up

*When parents pick up their children tell them something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the lesson.*