

MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 1:3

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

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TEACHING PASSAGE: Revelation 21:1-8

See the **next page** for any additional resources, including any activities that can be done with young children.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Why does the old heaven and earth have to be removed and replaced with a new heaven and earth? (Isaiah 65:17, Romans 8:21-22 and 2 Peter 3:12-13)
- 2. How is the city of Jerusalem described in verse 2 that makes it different from any other city on earth? (Hebrews 12:22-24)
- 3. How is the first relationship with God restored in verses 3-4?
- 4. What is the authoritative announcement that comes from the throne of God (verse 5)? (2 Corinthians 4:16:5:17)
- 5. In verses 6-8, what are the blessings, and for whom? Who will not receive these blessings?

Additional Resources

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Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. ⁸ But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

For small children:

The New Heaven and the New Earth.

Ask: What does the loud voice from the throne say in verse 3 and 4? What are some reasons we cry? Can you try to imagine not ever having a reason to cry, never being sad, never again experiencing pain?

Ask: What does the one on the throne say in verse 5?

Say: It is so important to know that what is written in the Bible is trustworthy and true. Whatever God says will happen, is certain to happen. Now let's look at some promises and some warnings in the next few verses.

Ask: What are the promises for the faithful?

Ask: What are the warnings for those who all others?

Ask: How do these promises, and warnings help you live your life for Christ?

