

**Scripture Passage:** Revelation 21:4-6a

**Memory Verse:** Revelation 21:5

**Theme Song:** All Things New

**Big Idea:** Jesus' love can forgive our sin and make us new.

## **READ**

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Read Revelation 21:4-6a aloud to your family. If your kids can read, consider having one of them read or letting them take turns reading.

### **Revelation 21:4-6a**

<sup>4</sup> 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'

<sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

<sup>6</sup> He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End."

## **SING**

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Play "All Things New" from the *Doorpost Songs: This Is Love* album and sing together. If you have small children, find a toy instrument and let them bang away! If needed, print copies of the lyric sheet for your family.

## **MEMORIZE**

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Pick a section of the verses to memorize as a family. Use the suggestions below or choose your own. Use the long version for older children and the short version for preschoolers.

### **Long Version** (Revelation 21:5)

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

### **Short Version** (Revelation 21:5)

God said, "I am making everything new!"

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## **LEARN**

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Read the Big Idea and short devotional aloud to your family. If you have time, use the discussion questions at the end of the devotional.

### **What's the Big Idea?**

When Jesus comes again, everything – and everyone who believes in him – will be made new.

### **Family Devotional**

Don't you love getting new things? We love new toys all shiny and perfect right out of the packaging. We love new clothes with bright colors and just the right fit. We love new music that's fresh and fun and makes us want to dance.

Everything is new at some point. But as time passes, everything new becomes old. Toys get broken. Clothes fade and wear out. Even that new favorite song gradually becomes less appealing the more you hear it.

Every person is new at some point, too. And for a time we grow and our bodies become taller and stronger and our minds become sharper and smarter. But we also have a problem – a sin problem that keeps us from God. Because of our sin problem, in this world we experience hurt and pain. We feel sadness and grief. Our bodies get sick and tired.

Is there any way we can be made new again? There is!

The Bible tells us that when we believe in Jesus, he can forgive our sin – he can fix our sin problem! – and make us like brand new people. "If anyone is in Christ," – that means if anyone believes in him – "the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Cor 5:17). But even after God forgives our sin, we still experience pain and sadness and sickness in this world. Will that ever go away?

Well, there's good news! In the Book of Revelation, Jesus makes an incredible promise. When he comes again at the end of time, he will make everything new. And not just new like another new toy that will break down. New forever!

Crying? Not when Jesus comes again. Pain? None of that either. Grief and sadness and death? No, no, and no. When Jesus comes again all those things will go away forever and everything – and everyone – will be made new.

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Yes, for now we still live in a world with crying and sadness and pain. But we also know an incredible promise. It won't always be this way! When Jesus comes again, he will make all things new!

## **TALK**

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Talk about what you have learned as a family. Use the questions below or ask some of your own.

1. What does Jesus mean when he says, "I am making everything new"?
2. Jesus says there will be no more death, crying, sadness and pain when he comes again. What else do you think will go away when Jesus comes?
3. What do you think it will feel like to live without crying and sadness and pain?
4. What does it mean for Jesus to be the Alpha and Omega?

## **PRAY**

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Pray together. Here are some ideas:

- Thank God for his incredible promises.
- Thank God that when Jesus comes again there will be no more death, crying, sadness and pain.
- Is there someone in your family experiencing sadness or pain? Perhaps a friend? Ask God to help, heal and strengthen them.