

For Toddlers

Summer Theme: CPR – God cares, God protects, and God rescues.

Early Childhood Essential: I am a sinner who needs Jesus.

Memory Verse: "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink." – John 7:37.

Bible Story Focus: Paul's Shipwreck- Acts 27

Lesson Overview:

In this lesson, children will hear the story of Paul's shipwreck while traveling across the seas to spread the love of Christ. Children will learn that Paul trusted God to protect him because he was sharing with other people that Jesus is the living water, the one our thirsty hearts really need!

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For Preschoolers

Big Idea: CPR – God cares, God protects, and God rescues. **Early Childhood Essential:** I am a sinner who needs Jesus.

Memory Verse: "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink." – John 7:37.

Bible Story Focus: Our Forever Home -Revelation 1, 5, 21, 22

Lesson Overview:

In this lesson, kids will have a chance to learn about John's dream about our Forever Home. Just like some of the Beach Campers feel homesick, all of us are homesick for our Forever Home. Our hearts long to be with Jesus for eternity. Our hearts are thirsty for Jesus.

Pre-Video Discussion:

Have you ever been away from home for a long time? What did you miss the most?

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I Wonder Questions (Post-Video):

I wonder...

Where is our real home?

*Our real home is our Forever Home with Jesus.

What does the Bible say our Forever Home will be like?

*Jesus is King, lots of laughter, a sparkling city; God is light, no more crying or sadness.

Why did God show these things to John?

*So that we can know a little bit about what our Forever Home will be like.

Early Childhood Family Activity Idea:

Play a guessing game with your family! Gather 3 or 4 objects (or however many you want to play with!) from around your house and put them in a bag you can't see through. Describe an item in the bag and see if any of your family members can guess it! Once you get through all the objects, have someone else pick out some objects and take turns describing them to get your family members to guess.

In-Person Activities

8:20- Memory Verse Game: Children will have foam feet with one word of the memory verse written on each foot. The feet will be placed on the floor and the children can walk across the feet while saying the memory verse to help us remember that Jesus quenches our thirsty hearts.

9:45- Sun Catchers: Children will create crosses with tissue paper on contact paper that lets the sun shine through them and discuss how this helps them think of our Forever Home and how it will be beautiful and colorful like the sun catchers.

For Elementary

Topic:

Our Forever Home

Lesson Overview:

This summer we learned that life on earth is hard, but through it all God cares for, protects, and rescues his people. For our final Stories by the Sea lesson, we'll hear the ultimate way that God does this by taking a look at the very last story in the Bible—the story of Jesus's return when all sad things will come untrue and all who follow him as Savior and King will live with him in our perfect Forever Home.

Key Scripture:

Revelation 21:1-7

Elementary Essential:

God is good: He cares for, protects, and rescues his people.

Memory Verse:

"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink." – John 7:37.

Online Follow-Up Activity: Home Building

Use LEGOS, magnatiles, blocks, or art supplies to construct or draw your ideal home. What would it be like? What would it include if you had no limitations?

On-Site Activities:

- Kindergarten and 1st graders will complete a "Magic Scratch" picture showing something they look forward to in the new heaven and the new earth.
- 2nd and 3rd graders will complete a service project. Kids will make cards/write letters for people who are in nursing homes or shut in their homes.
- 4th and 5th graders will dig into scripture and see what verses teach us about the new heaven and the new earth.

Intro Video Link: https://vimeo.com/448939561

Bible Story Video Link: A Dream of Heaven

Post Video Discussion Questions:

- What is our forever home? (The Bible calls it the new heaven and the new earth, where those who trust Jesus as Savior will live forever with God.)
- What is our forever home like? (No sickness, dying, sadness, or pain. It's beautiful, covered in gold, we will live in perfect relationship with God, with each other, and with his creation.)
- Why is our forever home better than where we are now? (Our world is broken because of sin, but one day God will make all things new.)
- **How do we get to our forever home?** (The only way to our forever home is by trusting in Jesus as our Savior.)
- What will we be like in our forever home? (Our bodies will be made perfect and our hearts will be completely happy.)

Extended Study for 4th and 5th graders:

Read the following verses and write down what else they tell us about our forever home.

- Revelation 21:1-7
- John 14:2-3
- Isaiah 25:6-9