

LESSON OVERVIEW

Big Idea: The future is in God's hands.

Key Question: What does it mean for my life that God can see the future?

Memory Verse: *The plans I have for you are good giving you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11*

Overview: Did you know that God can see everything, even the future? He is that big. Think about it. We don't know what will happen an hour or even a minute from right now. But God does. Nothing takes God by surprise because He knows everything, from beginning to end. Psalm 22 is a great example. It was written 1000 years before Jesus came. A thousand years is a long time. That's longer than the United States has been a country! But, in this psalm, it describes the way Jesus would die to save us from our sins. It describes specific things that would happen - things a regular person couldn't guess or predict. And every one of those things came true! Amazing! God knew those things because He can see the future, even yours.

CLASSROOM AGENDA

- 5 min **PLAY:** Begin working on Activity Page #1.
- 5 min **WARM UP:** Think about your future (when you're a grown up). How many kids do you think you'll have? Where will you live? What job will you have?
- 5 min **PREVIEW:** Draw the bubbles on a whiteboard and fill in the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question. (If applicable, have kids fill in their bubbles on the Kids Activity Page.)
- 20 min **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to small group to finish this guide.
- 5 min **RECAP:** Read the Lesson Overview from the Teacher's Guide and then answer the KEY QUESTION.
- 5 min **EXPLORE:** Read [John 14:1-3](#). Jesus will return someday to take us to Heaven. Talk about what you think heaven will be like.
- 10 min **PLAY:** Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.
- 5 min **CLOSE:**
 - Thank God this week that He knows the future.
 - Share prayer requests and pray as a class.

TEACHER TIPS

Allow each kid to share. The point: we can guess at our future but God already knows the future.

Answer: God is worthy of our praise for many reasons. Here are just a few:

1. He is the creator of all things.
2. He loves and protects us.
3. He sent His Son Jesus to set us free.

He has given us so much. It's the least we can do to take time out of our day to say "thanks" and "I love you". Remember, God is with us all the time so we can worship Him all the time. We don't have to wait for church.

Bonus Questions:

K-1st: What is your favorite thing God created? Do you have a story of a time God protected you from harm?

2nd-5th: Why would it be fun to see into your future? If God has a plan for us, does that mean we don't have a choice? (To follow God's plan means we have to obey Him. We can make choices that go against His plan. The consequence is missing an opportunity God had for us.)

Allow the kids to describe what they think Heaven will be like. Have some fun with it. Kids can use some of these ideas for one of the crafts in Activity #2.

Option #1

Invitation to Church

Create an invitation (template 5A) to give to a friend, neighbor or family member to come to church with you. Work on this as a class and write ideas on the whiteboard. (this will help the kids with spelling) Include: what you do at church, why it's fun, and who they will hear about. Have the kids glue the invitation to a piece of construction paper when they're done decorating to make it less flimsy.

Supplies needed

- pre cut pieces of construction paper
- markers/crayons
- stickers
- invitation template (5A), 1 invite per kid
- glue

Option #2

Create a poster for Heaven

Heaven will be the coolest place ever. Create an advertisement for your friends highlighting why Heaven is a place they will want to be. You can work on this as a class and write ideas on the whiteboard. (this will help kids with spelling) Include: what you can do, the food you can eat, the people who will be there, what it will look like.

Supplies needed

- construction paper
- markers/crayons
- stickers

LESSON 3: GOD AND THE FUTURE (Psalm 22)

KID & PARENT GUIDE

Watch the lesson video and fill in the blanks.

Find videos and other helpful resources for this lesson @ pursueGOD.org/psalms-kids.

1. _____ can see into the future.
2. Psalm 22 has a lot of details about how Jesus would die, even though it was written _____ years before it happened!
3. God has a plan, and nothing takes him by _____.
4. We can _____ God because he has the future in his hands.

Share with one another as you answer these questions.

Check out the lesson resource tabs online for helpful articles and videos.

1. Think about your future (when you're a grown up). How many kids do you think you'll have? Where will you live? What job will you have?
2. Parents: how did you answer that question when you were a kid?
3. What does it mean for our lives that God can see the future?
4. Read [John 14:1-3](#). Jesus will return someday to take us to Heaven. Talk about what you think Heaven will be like.

Memorize this verse today and during the week.

Don't forget to pray as a family this week!

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Jeremiah 29:11

Learn the 3 basic truths of the Christian faith @ pursueGOD.org/foundations-kids.



NAME: _____

ACTIVITY PAGE #1

K-1ST

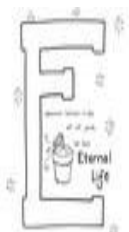
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Instructions: draw and color a picture of some of your favorite things you hope to see in Heaven.



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