

Family Theme | **Lessons From the Life of Peter** Date | **July 5, 2026**

Study Text | **Matthew 16:13–18 and other Scripture**

**Read the Word:** Matthew 16:13–18

**Disciple Your Family:** Discuss putting life lessons from Peter into action.

Discuss the following Key Events and Life Lessons. Use the questions to spark discussion.



**Key Event: Peter's Journey With Jesus (Luke 5:1–11; Matthew 14:22–33; 16:13–18; 17:1–8)**

**LIFE LESSON 1:** Like Peter, bow in awe of Jesus and make following Him your first priority.

- *What did Peter see about Jesus in that moment that caused him to fall at His feet? What about Jesus still calls for that same response from us today?*
- *How can we tell if Jesus is truly our priority rather than just an important part of our lives?*

**LIFE LESSON 2:** Stay focused on Jesus, not your fears.

- *What does this passage teach us about how fear affects faith?*
- *Why is it often easier to step out in faith than to keep walking in faith?*

**LIFE LESSON 3:** Stand firm on the truth that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God.

- *Peter declared Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Why is this truth vital to the Christian faith? Why is this truth under attack?*
- *Why does the identity of Jesus determine everything about Christianity?*

**LIFE LESSON 4:** Listen to and obey Jesus. He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, God's Son.

- *What competes with Jesus' voice in our lives today?*
- *What spiritual habits help us listen well?*



**Key Event: Peter's Denial of Jesus (Luke 22:31–34, 54–62)**

**LIFE LESSON 5:** Prepare now to stand firm when pressure comes.

- *Why do you think Peter was so confident before the denial?*
- *Why is private faithfulness essential for public courage?*



**Key Event: Peter's Return to Jesus (John 21:1–19)**

**LIFE LESSON 6:** When you fall into sin, confess your failures and seek God's restoration.

- *What keeps some people from returning to Jesus after failure? How does God restore us after times of weakness or failure?*



## **Key Event: Peter's Service for Jesus (Acts 1:15–26; 2:14–41; 10:1–48)**

**LIFE LESSON 7:** Use the gifts and abilities God gives you to serve Him.

- What gifts or experiences has God uniquely given you? Where might God be calling you to step into greater service?
- What gives you hope in Peter's story—especially knowing how he failed?

**Build a Foundation:** Discussion questions for elementary students.

- What are some moments that helped grow Peter's faith in Jesus? (traveling with Jesus and seeing His work, walking to Jesus in the storm, Peter's restoration after he denied knowing Jesus three times)
- What can you learn from Peter's example about not letting your lack of faith keep you from serving Jesus?
- What does Hebrews 11:6 teach you about the importance of faith?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: **Hebrews 11:6**



### **Discuss this week's Building Block:**

God wants everyone to be saved (2 Peter 3:9).

### **Everyday Extras:**

Use permanent markers or paint and have family members write the word FAITH on a medium-sized rock and decorate it. As family members are working on their rocks, connect it to the new name Jesus gave Simon. The new name, Peter, means "rock." Jesus knew Peter's faith would grow strong like a rock. Discuss how Peter's actions didn't always demonstrate strong faith. But as the Holy Spirit filled him, his faith grew and became stronger. Let family members use their rocks to remind themselves to continue to grow and strengthen their faith.

### **Preschool Highlights**

Today your child began learning what Jesus taught in the Lord's Prayer. Jesus wanted His friends and us to know when we are praying, we are talking to the one true God. **Jesus Teaches Me to Pray** and ask God for the things He wants me to have, even if it's not what I want. I can also ask God to give me my daily bread—the things I need each day to live well and make right choices for Him (Matthew 6:9–11).

Family Theme | **Living Hope**     Date | **July 12, 2026**

Study Text | **1 Peter 1:3–25**

**Read the Word:** 1 Peter 1:3–25

**Disciple Your Family:** Discuss living a holy and loving life with hope set on blessings to come.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



**Key Truth: Believers Can Be Hopeful and Joyful in Every Circumstance (1 Peter 1:3–12)**

**APPLY:** Be full of the living hope that comes with your salvation.

- *What role does Christ's resurrection play in our hope? (Christ's resurrection proves He has conquered death and that we, too, will rise again to eternal life.) How is a "living hope" different from the kind of hope the world offers?*
- *How does remembering Christ's resurrection change the way we face disappointment?*

**APPLY:** Look forward to the inheritance that waits for you in Heaven.

- *What are some things believers look forward to in Heaven? Why did Peter emphasize that our inheritance is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading?*
- *How should the certainty of our future inheritance shape our priorities today?*

**APPLY:** Be joyful in Christ, even when trials and challenges come.

- *Why do Christians always have reason for hope and joy? (Our future is bright no matter what we face in this life; eternal glory awaits us; etc.) How can trials actually strengthen or refine our faith?*
- *What helps you maintain joy when circumstances are difficult?*



**Key Truth: Believers Should Display Hope, Holiness, Reverence, and Love While Awaiting Christ's Return (1 Peter 1:13–25)**

**APPLY:** Let God's truth shape how you feel, not your circumstances.

- *What specific truths in this passage help believers face difficulty?*
- *Why is it easy to let our circumstances rob us of our joy? How can joy be present even when life is difficult?*

**APPLY:** Live in a way that reflects and represents the holy God that we serve.

- *How does setting our hope on future grace lead to holy living in the present? (We conduct ourselves as Christ would; we do what is good and right according to God's Word; we avoid sin; etc.)*
- *We often talk about wanting the world to see God through us. What does that look like? What must happen for our lives to reflect the Father?*

**APPLY:** Like Jesus, demonstrate a deep, sincere love for others.

- *How does the gospel shape the way we love other believers?* (We choose to do what is best for others; we consider others' wishes; we put others' needs and interests above our own; etc.)
- *Why is sincere love especially important during hardship?*

**Build a foundation:** Discussion questions for elementary age students.

- How can praising Jesus encourage you to live with hope?
- How do the things you see, listen to, and think about affect your ability to live a holy life for God?
- What are some things the world uses to influence us away from living a holy life?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: **Hebrews 11:6.**



### **Discuss This Week's Building Block:**

Some translations of the Bible aim for a word-for-word translation; others aim for an idea-for-idea translation. Some Bible versions are paraphrases rather than translations.

### **Everyday Extras:**

Remind family members Peter wrote to believers who were going through difficult times to encourage them to hold onto their hope in Jesus. Name situations your child may face that seem hard. Examples include not making a team, a friend moving away, getting a bad grade, feeling left out. After each situation talk about how keeping hope in Jesus can help comfort him or her in the situation. Then, name things that bring joy because of Jesus (forgiveness, family, being able to help someone, friends, knowing of God's love, etc.). Jesus fills our lives with joy and gives us hope every day.

### **Preschool Highlights**

Today your child learned praying is talking to God. In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches us to ask God to forgive our sins and be forgiving toward others. **Jesus Teaches Me to Pray** and ask God to help me stay away from temptation (anything that causes me to think about sinning) and say "no" to the Devil's evil plans.

Family Theme | **Joyful Trust**    Date | **July 19, 2026**

Study Text | **1 Peter 4:1–19**

**Read the Word:** 1 Peter 4:1–19

**Disciple Your Family:** Discuss how we should set aside all sin and do God's will.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



**Key Truth:** Believers Joyfully Trust God as They Suffer Because of Doing God's Will (1 Peter 4:1–6)

**APPLY:** With the Lord's help, set aside all sin and live a holy lifestyle. Believers are no longer slaves to sin.

- What is the difference between struggling with sin and being enslaved to sin?
- Peter reminded us that believers are no longer slaves to sin. In what practical ways should "freedom from sin" show up in our thoughts, words, and habits this week?

**APPLY:** Joyfully trust God when your holy lifestyle causes the lost to revile and speak evil of you.

- Why does godly living sometimes provoke hostility or suspicion from unbelievers? How can believers respond in a Christlike way when this happens?
- When you are misunderstood or mocked for your faith, what would a Christlike response look like in the moment? What tempts you most in those moments—anger, silence, compromise, or shame?



**Key Truth:** Believers Love and Serve Each Other Knowing Christ Will Return (1 Peter 4:7–11)

**APPLY:** Be a self-controlled and serious minded person of prayer.

- What usually moves prayer to the bottom of our priorities? How can we guard against that?

**APPLY:** Show one another love and hospitality.

- Where in your life right now would "earnest love" require you to stretch beyond comfort?

**APPLY:** Bring glory to God by using your God-given gifts to serve.

- It's not always convenient to serve others. How can we make sure a lack of convenience isn't keeping us from doing what God wants us to do?
- We live in an era where people tout their accomplishments and video themselves doing good deeds so they can post it online. How can we serve in a way that draws attention to Christ rather than to ourselves?



## **Key Truth:** Followers of Christ Should Not Be Surprised to Experience Trials and Persecution (1 Peter 4:12–19)

**APPLY:** Rejoice and do good when trials come, considering them a test of faith and committing yourself to God's care.

- *What is usually our first instinct when trials come—trust, fear, discouragement, anger, withdrawal?*
- *How can we tell whether a hardship is refining us or embittering us?*
- *So many people today turn to unhealthy vices to deal with hard times. What does continuing to do good in suffering communicate to a watching world?*
- *How does remembering that God is our Creator strengthen our trust during hardship?*

**Build a foundation:** Discussion questions for elementary age students.

- How does knowing Jesus also experienced suffering and persecution help when you are going through the same things?
- How can you be encouraged to joyfully trust God's plan when going through difficult times?
- How can God use difficult times to grow your faith in Him?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: **Hebrews 11:6.**



### **Discuss This Week's Building Block:**

Hope is a confident expectation in the promises of God.

### **Everyday Extras:**

Talk to family members about the importance of keeping the right perspective when going through difficult times. Ask family members if they have ever heard the phrase "first world problems" and talk about what it means and when people use it. Often the things we complain about or view as hardships are nothing compared to what others face. The Bible teaches every single person will face hardships. As believers, we can joyfully trust Jesus is always walking with us and He will help us through them.

### **Preschool Highlights:**

Today your child learned the Bible is God's Word. It is the only book given to us from God and it is His letter to us. God chose certain men to write the things He wanted us to know. One of those men was Paul. In one of Paul's letters, he told Timothy that all Scripture—the words and verses in the Bible—is given to us from God.

**We know God's Word Is True.**

Family Theme | **Lessons From the Life of John** Date | **July 26, 2026**

Study Text | **Luke 5:1-11 and others**

**Read the Word:** Luke 5:1-11 and others

**Disciple Your Family:** Discuss how we can put life lessons from John into action.

Discuss the following Key Events and Life Lessons. Use the questions to spark discussion.



**Key Event:** John Became a Committed Follower of Jesus (Luke 5:1-11)

**LIFE LESSON 1:** Make following Jesus your highest priority, and don't let anything stand in the way of walking with Him.

- What did "leaving everything" look like for John? What might it look like for us today?
- What kinds of things can compete with Jesus for first place in our lives today?



**Key Event:** John Was Part of Jesus' Inner Circle (Luke 8:40-56)

**LIFE LESSON 2:** Trust Jesus. He has the compassion and power to meet our deepest needs.

- What situations in your life right now require you to trust Jesus' compassion and power?

**LIFE LESSON 3:** Listen to and obey Jesus. He is the Son of God.

- If Jesus truly is the Son of God, what difference should that make in how we respond to His Word?
- Why do we sometimes listen to other voices more than we listen to Jesus?

**LIFE LESSON 4:** Like Jesus, submit to God's will for your life.

- How does Jesus' example help us submit to God's will even when our plans are disrupted?
- How can prayer help us move from resistance to surrender?



**Key Event:** John Was a Witness of Jesus' Resurrection (John 20:1-8, 19-20)

**LIFE LESSON 5:** Joyfully look forward to Heaven. Because Jesus lives, believers will live also.

- Why does the Resurrection change the way we view death?
- How can confidently looking forward to Heaven motivate us to share the gospel and live faithfully for Jesus now?



## **Key Event: John Was a Witness to the Early Believers (1 John 1:1—2:2)**

**LIFE LESSON 6:** Be holy because God is holy.

- How would you explain holiness to an unbeliever?
- Why does holiness go beyond just trying harder or being “more moral”?

**LIFE LESSON 7:** Love God and others because God loves us.

- Where is it hardest for you to show Christlike love right now?
- What practical step could you take this week to reflect God’s love?

**Build a foundation:** Discussion questions for elementary age students.

- How would you describe the relationship between Jesus and John?
- Why was sharing God’s love to others so important to John?
- If someone watched your life closely for a week, what would they notice about your relationship with Jesus?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: **Hebrews 11:6.**



### **Discuss This Week’s Building Block:**

John wrote five New Testament books: the gospel of John, three letters (epistles), and Revelation.

### **Everyday Extras:**

Place a clean white napkin or piece of paper on a table. Talk about what it looks like and how the look would change if something was spilled on it. Read the application verse or say it together. Explain the word *holy* means set apart and different. God is perfectly holy, and He calls us to live in ways that follow His example and honor Him. Discuss some choices your family could make (speak kind words, be truthful, choose obedience, etc.) and habits to practice (praying daily, reading your Bible, learning a Bible verse) to help you live differently from the world. Pray and ask God to help your family reflect His holiness and love every day.

### **Preschool Highlights:**

Today your child learned everything in **God’s Word Is True**. The Old Testament teaches the true stories of things that happened before Jesus was born and the New Testament teaches the true stories of things that happened after Jesus’ birth. God gives us His Word to help us learn from Him and live our lives for Him.



Family Theme | **Walking in the Light**     Date | **August 2, 2026**

Study Text | **1 John 1:1-7**

**Read the Word:** 1 John 1:1-7

**Disciple Your Family:** Discuss how to walk in the light, avoid false teaching, and partner with others to strengthen the Church.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



**Key Truth:** Fellowship and Assurance Flow From Abiding in Jesus Christ  
(1 John 1:1-7; 4:7-12)

**APPLY:** Hold to the truth that Jesus is fully human and fully God. He died and rose again so our sins can be forgiven.

- *How does John's emphasis on eyewitness testimony strengthen your confidence in the gospel?*
- *Why is it important that Christianity is rooted in real events, not just spiritual ideas?*

**APPLY:** Walk in the light and repent whenever you sin.

- *Why is confessing sin essential for enjoying true fellowship?*

**APPLY:** Show that God lives in you by choosing to love others.

- *How is godly love different from worldly love? How does Christ's cross redefine what love truly is?*



**Key Truth:** Truth and Discernment Guard the Church From Deception  
(2 John 4-11)

**APPLY:** Jesus is the truth, and Scripture reveals Him faithfully.

- *What happens in a believer's life when there is a gap between what they claim to believe and how they actually live?*

**APPLY:** Don't be deceived by false teaching. Compare what is taught with Scripture.

- *Where do you see cultural pressure to soften or reshape the identity of Christ?*
- *Why is the identity of Jesus the primary target of false teaching?*
- *What practical steps can you take to test books, podcasts, or influencers before embracing their teaching?*



## **Key Truth:** Faithful Witness and Gospel Partnership Strengthen the Church (3 John 5-12)

**APPLY:** Be a faithful witness and partner with those who work to spread the gospel.

- Why is the desire “to be first” so spiritually dangerous in ministry settings?
- What does it look like to “work together for the truth” in a local church today?
- How can someone who never leaves their hometown still have a global impact for the gospel?
- What does it mean to have a “good testimony” both inside and outside the church?

**Build a foundation:** Discussion questions for elementary age students.

- Who is the Light and what does He not have?
- What does it mean to walk in the Light?
- Why is it important to abide or remain close to Jesus?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: *John 11:25.*



### **Discuss This Week’s Building Block:**

Reconciliation means returning to a right relationship with God.

### **Everyday Extras:**

Cut out hearts and rectangles from construction paper. Distribute them along with markers to family members. Have them write words of love and encouragement as well as the application verse on them. You might need to help younger family members. Place the hearts and rectangles around your home in areas that will be visible with a flashlight. Turn off the lights in your home and pair up family members. Give each pair a flashlight and let them walk around and read what is written on each one as they find it.

### **Preschool Highlights:**

Today your child learned before Jesus returned to Heaven, He told His disciples to share about Him and His love with those around them. Peter told others about Jesus, and many people began to follow Jesus. They loved and shared like Jesus did. We can follow Peter’s example and tell others about Jesus and His love. **I Can Share With Others.**

Family Theme | **Steadfast Faith** Date | **August 9, 2026**

Study Text | **Revelation 2:1—3:22**

**Read the Word:** Revelation 2:1—3:22

**Disciple Your Family:** Discuss developing a strong faith that overcomes persecution, false teaching, and temptation.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



**Key Truth: Steadfast Faith Overcomes Persecution**  
(Revelation 2:8-10, 12-13; 3:10-12)

**APPLY:** Expect persecution and remain faithful to Christ when it comes.

- What small pressures today test our faithfulness?
- How can we stand firm in minor opposition so we are prepared for greater trials?

**APPLY:** Look to God for grace and strength to endure persecution.

- What would remaining faithful look like if obedience cost you reputation, comfort, or safety?
- How should knowing that Christians around the world suffer far more intensely shape our prayers and perspective?



**Key Truth: Steadfast Faith Overcomes False Teaching**  
(Revelation 2:2, 14-16, 20-24)

**APPLY:** Be on guard against false teaching and reject sinful behavior.

- Where are churches today most tempted to “tolerate” what Scripture clearly calls sin? What small doctrinal compromises eventually lead to moral compromise?
- What is the best defense against false teaching? (Knowing God's Word; comparing teaching to what the Bible says; etc.)



## **Key Truth: Steadfast Faith Overcomes Temptation (Revelation 2:4; 3:1-2, 15-18)**

**APPLY:** Recognize temptations you struggle with and take practical steps to overcome them.

- *What small compromises today could weaken our ability to stand firm against future temptation?*
- *What are some practical steps we can take to overcome temptation?* (Live in the power and control of the Holy Spirit; avoid tempting situations; turn away immediately when tempted; pray for strength; quote Scripture; be accountable to someone for weak areas; etc.)

**APPLY:** Love as Christ loved and gave Himself for others.

- *Our world talks a lot about self-love. What is the difference between self-love and sacrificial love?*

**APPLY:** Walk in a close relationship with Christ.

- *How does knowing that Christ pursues fellowship with His church—even when we fail—encourage you to draw near to Him?*

## **Build a foundation:** Discussion questions for elementary age students.

- Even though Jesus' words were for the churches, what would Jesus say you are doing well if He wrote you a letter? What would He say you need to work on?
- Why is it important to remember that God is faithful to forgive our sin (1 John 1:9)?
- What does steadfast faith mean? (standing strong for Jesus no matter what is happening around us or to us)
- How is steadfast faith related to your ongoing, growing relationship with Jesus?

**Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: *John 11:25***



## **Discuss this week's Building Block:**

Revelation is the New Testament book of prophecy.

## **Everyday Extras:**

Allow family members to use markers to write words of encouragement to stay faithful to Jesus on different size pieces of construction paper. For younger children, you might need to write their words and let them decorate around the words. As your family is out and about this week, look for examples of faithful actions others are doing (helping another person carry something, a worker doing their job carefully, a parent caring for a child, someone showing kindness) and consider giving them an encouragement card. Also, look for opportunities to share your words of encouragement with someone who might be having a bad day.

## **Preschool Highlights:**

Today your child learned even though Peter and John were put in jail for telling others about Jesus, they kept doing so. Later, Peter was put in jail again for sharing about Jesus, but God sent an angel to rescue him. Peter shared his story with the other Christians and told them to tell others how God had rescued him. **I Can Share With Others like Peter did.**

Family Theme | **Worship the Lamb**      Date | **August 16, 2026**

Study Text | **Revelation 4:1—5:14**

**Read the Word:** Revelation 4:1—5:14

**Disciple Your Family:** Discuss ways we can worship God the Father and Christ the Son this week.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



**Key Truth: God the Father, Our Holy Creator, Is Worthy of Worship**  
(Revelation 4:1-11)

**APPLY:** When times are tough, consider what life will be like with God in Heaven.

- How does this passage help shape our understanding of who God is?
- What fears tend to shrink when we remember that God is not absent but reigning?

**APPLY:** Worship our holy God now, knowing that one day you will join the heavenly hosts before His throne.

- In Revelation 4, worship is constant and God-centered. What tends to compete for your attention and affection instead?
- The elders cast their crowns before the throne. What “crowns” (achievements, status, control) are hardest for us to lay down?

**APPLY:** Worship our powerful God for the variety and beauty of His creation.

- How does the truth that God created “all things” shape our understanding of His power and authority? How should this shape our view of human value and dignity?
- How should recognizing God as Creator shape the way we approach Him in worship?



**Key Truth: Christ the Son, Our Crucified Redeemer, Is Worthy of Worship**  
(Revelation 5:1-14)

**APPLY:** Worship Jesus, the Promised Messiah foretold by the prophets.

- How do the titles “Lion of Judah” and “Lamb who was slain” reveal both Jesus’ kingly authority and His redeeming sacrifice?
- What would be missing from our understanding of Jesus if we emphasized only the Lion and ignored the Lamb—or vice versa?
- How should Jesus’ kingly authority and sacrificial love shape the tone and focus of our worship?

**APPLY:** Worship Jesus, the Lamb who was slain to save us.

- *How do the Old Testament sacrifices prepare us to understand the meaning of Jesus' death? (The blood of a substitute was shed so people's sins could be forgiven; Jesus paid the penalty for all our sins by shedding His blood on the cross once for all; etc.)*
- *Singing can be a form of worship, but why does worship go far beyond singing? What does worship look like in our day-to-day lives?*
- *How should the truth that Jesus was slain for sinners shape the way we praise Him?*

**Build a foundation:** Discussion questions for elementary age students.

- God is worthy of our worship. What are some things that compete for your attention and affection over God?
- How can you keep God as the top priority in your life?
- What are some ways, other than singing, that show your worship for Jesus?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: *John 11:25.*



**Discuss This Week's Building Block:**

Only God is worthy of our worship.

### **Everyday Extras:**

God and His Son, the Lamb, deserve our highest praise and adoration. It is a privilege and honor to be able to do so, and it shows Him our gratefulness for all He has given us and does for us. Listen to worship songs while in the car and talk about how the lyrics help us remember the reasons why we can and should worship Him. Find songs that teach God's Word and sing them with family members. Teaching Scripture to your children helps engrain God's Word into their minds to remind them of why we praise God.

### **Preschool Highlights:**

Today your child learned the Bible teaches us that Heaven is a real place, but it is different from our home on earth. Heaven has a street of what looks like pure gold, beautiful buildings made from precious stones, and pearl gates. Jesus is in Heaven, and one day He will return to earth. Those who love and follow Him will live in Heaven forever. **Heaven Is Our Home.**

Family Theme | **Prophecies of the End Times**      Date | **August 23, 2026**

Study Text | **Revelation 20:1–15 and others**

**Read the Word:** Revelation 20:1–15 and others

**Disciple Your Family:** Discuss worshipping Christ, the victorious King who will return to gather His saints.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



**Key Truth:** **The Risen Lamb Is Worthy to Judge the Rebellious World (Revelation 5:1–5; 6:1–17)**

**APPLY:** Worship Jesus, the Lamb of God who died on the cross to take away your sin.

- *What Old Testament themes help us understand why Jesus is called the Lamb? How does His death accomplish what animal sacrifices could not?*
- *How does understanding Jesus as both sacrifice and Judge shape the way we respond to Him today?*

**APPLY:** Have reverence for the Lamb of God who has authority to judge the wicked.

- *How should Christ's authority to judge influence the way we think about sin, both in the world and in our own lives?*
- *Our world sees judgment as a negative thing, but how should knowing the lost face judgment motivate us to share the gospel with them?*



**Key Truth:** **The Sovereign God Rules Over All (Revelation 13:1–17; 17:12–14)**

**APPLY:** Walk in God's power and worship Him only.

- *In Revelation 13, people are pressured to worship the Beast. What are some modern-day pressures that tempt believers to give allegiance to something other than God? How can we guard against subtle forms of idolatry?*
- *How can regular worship and Scripture intake strengthen our resistance to spiritual deception?*

**APPLY:** Stay true to the faith no matter the threats or opposition you face.

- *Can you share an example of a time when God gave you strength or perseverance during hardship?*
- *What spiritual habits help believers remain faithful when faith becomes costly?*



## **Key Truth: The Eternal King Reigns Forever (Revelation 19:11-21; 20:1-15)**

**APPLY:** Live for Christ faithfully while awaiting His certain return.

- *How does the certainty of Christ's return motivate believers to live holy and faithful lives now? What are some practical ways we can demonstrate readiness for His return in our daily routines?*
- *How does the reality of Christ's return shape the way we think about success, possessions, and ambition?*

**APPLY:** Worship the Mighty God who reigns over Satan.

- *Revelation 20:10 shows Satan's final defeat. How should the certainty of this outcome affect how we worship and respond to temptation and spiritual battles today?*
- *Why is it important to remember the end of the story when spiritual battles feel intense? How can worship carry us through times of struggle?*

**Build a foundation:** Discussion questions for elementary age students.

- Why is it important to your faith to believe the prophecies about Jesus have come true or will come true?
- What are some things believers should do while waiting for Jesus' return?
- How can remembering how the story ends help you when you are going through difficulties or attacks because of your faith?

**Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: *John 11:25***



### **Discuss This Week's Building Block:**

Hell is a place of separation from God where those who practice sin and reject Jesus will suffer eternal punishment.

### **Everyday Extras:**

Name times you have had to wait for something special and encourage others to do the same. Read Matthew 24:44 together and remind your child that being ready for Jesus' return doesn't mean we are to be afraid, but rather that we are to stay close to Him. Let family members write or draw on pieces of paper ways they can stay close to Jesus this week (reading the Bible, praying, obedience, sharing about Jesus, choosing kindness, etc.). Let everyone talk about what they wrote or drew and display the papers around your house to remind and encourage family members to stay close and be ready.

### **Preschool Highlights:**

Today your child learned the Bible teaches us there will be no sickness, pain, sadness, or tears in Heaven. There is also no sin in Heaven. Jesus is in Heaven, and it is a special place. Jesus wants everyone to live in Heaven with Him, but only those who love and follow Jesus will have a home in Heaven. **I am thankful Heaven Is Our Home.**



Family Theme | **A Glimpse of Heaven**     Date | **August 30, 2026**

Study Text | **Revelation 21:1—22:5**

**Read the Word:** Revelation 21:1—22:5

**Disciple Your Family:** Discuss how the sure hope of Heaven can help us walk closely with God here on earth.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



**Key Truth: God Will Make All Things New (Revelation 21:1–8)**

**APPLY:** Let the sure hope of eternity in Heaven with the Lord encourage your walk with Him here on earth.

- *In what ways do the frustrations of this world increase your longing for the new Heaven and new earth?*
- *What do you look forward to in Heaven? What are you looking forward to leaving behind on earth?*
- *Our world often talks about the power of hope. Why is hope so powerful? How is a Christian's hope different from the hope offered by the world?*
- *Look at verses 7–8 again. How does the contrast between those verses affect the urgency with which we share the gospel?*



**Key Truth: God Will Dwell With His People in the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:9–27)**

**APPLY:** Look forward to the magnificent city and your dwelling place there, but remember that the presence of the Lord will completely overwhelm the surroundings.

- *The city shines with the glory of God and needs no sun or moon (Revelation 21:23). What does this teach us about how overwhelming and sufficient the Lord's presence will be?*
- *If the greatest joy of Heaven is not the surroundings but the presence of the Lord, how can we begin cultivating a deeper love for His presence now?*

**APPLY:** Rejoice that nothing sinful, unclean, impure, shameful, or dishonest will ever be in the New Jerusalem and we will never be tempted to sin again.

- *Why is it good news that nothing sinful will ever enter the New Jerusalem? How is that in stark contrast to what we deal with on earth?*
- *How should knowing that nothing impure enters Heaven affect how we pursue holiness now?*



## **Key Truth:** Believers Will Worship and Reign Forever in Heaven (Revelation 22:1-5)

**APPLY:** Worship the Lord daily while waiting to worship and reign with Him in Heaven.

- *If worship will be central in Heaven, how might that shape the way we approach worship in our lives and homes now?*
- *What opportunities do we have to cultivate worship in our day-to-day activities?*

**APPLY:** Look forward to experiencing God and His new creation for all eternity.

- *How does regularly looking forward to eternity help us endure trials and stay focused on Christ?*
- *What burdens feel lighter when you remember Christ will reign and you will be with Him?*

**Build a foundation:** Discussion questions for elementary age students.

- Why is it important to know and believe that Heaven is a real place?
- What are some things that will not be in Heaven and how does that encourage you while living your life on earth?
- How does a person have eternal life in Heaven? How does knowing that motivate you to share the truth about Heaven with unbelievers?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: **John 11:25**



### **Discuss This Week's Building Block:**

Heaven is a place of joy and perfect bliss where God and His people will live throughout eternity.

### **Everyday Extras:**

One day, God will have victory over all the Earth. Plan an Eternal Victory party with your family. Celebrate Jesus' return and His defeat of Satan once and for all. Make party hats, have a cake, and talk about the true way to have eternal life in Heaven. Discuss false teachings the world tries to get us to believe about Heaven and remind family members of the truth found in God's Word. Pray that family members will use opportunities to share God's truth about Heaven with those who do not know it.

### **Preschool Highlights:**

Today your child learned Jesus wants us to tell everyone how to have a home in Heaven because He wants everyone to live there with Him. But the Bible teaches only those who love and follow Jesus will be with Him in Heaven. Jesus is our risen King and He will return one day because **Heaven Is Our Home.**