

"HIS STORY" PARENT GUIDE

Lesson 4.7: New Heaven/New Earth

SCRIPTURE: REVELATION 21-22:5

SUMMARY

The Bible provides a picture of how everything will conclude in the end times. God will ultimately wipe out the old order of things including the fallen earth. He will create a new heaven and a new earth to replace the old one. In this new, eternal creation, Jesus will be the King sitting on David's throne, and the pain and frustration caused by the fall of Adam and Eve – the consequences of sin – will no longer be felt. Satan and all of hell will be destroyed forever in a lake of fire, and all who belong to God will worship Him forever. Seeing how the whole story ends provides an eternal perspective for Christians who are intent on living their lives for Jesus.



KEY VERSES:

*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. 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."
(Revelation 21:3-4)*

KEY THOUGHT:

In Lesson 4.7 we learned that God will create a new heaven and a new earth. Believers will spend eternity with Him and live happily ever after.

KEY WORD:

God's kingdom: the eternal and perfect rule and dominion of Jesus Christ forever

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is the one key thought that you learned tonight?
- Why do you think God will create a new heaven and a new earth?
- How will the new heaven and new earth be different from the earth we live on now?
- Who is the everlasting King on the throne of David in the new heaven and new earth?
- What will happen to Satan and his followers in the end?
- What role will God play in the new heaven and new earth with all His people?
- How does the knowledge of the new heaven and the new earth inform our lives today?
- When you are in heaven for eternity, what types of things about your life right now do you think will matter then?
- What should you do with the lesson you learned tonight? What should we do?

TREK 1: HIS STORY PARENT GUIDE

Unit 4 Review – Consummation

SUMMARY

In Unit 4 of *Trek 1*, we see that God provides an ultimate picture of the end of all things, and how humans can respond to God's invitation of a relationship with Him. When Jesus ascended into heaven, He gave all his followers – which would become the Church – a great command to be His witnesses throughout the world. This mission defines not only the ongoing work of the Church, but also the work of the Holy Spirit on earth in the hearts of individuals who are converted. Just as Saul was converted from death to life, everyone who calls on Jesus' name is converted. And upon being converted, the process of becoming like Christ begins, and ends when all of God's people will worship Him eternally in the new heaven and new earth.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is the one key thought that you learned tonight?
- What was the last command of Jesus before leaving earth and how is it important for us today?
- Describe what happens when someone is converted.
- What is the purpose of the Church, and why should every Christian be involved in it?
- How does a Christian grow in their faith?
- What is the rapture, and how will God bring an end to the world as we know it?
- What will God's judgment be like, and how will He go about judging all people?
- What does the end of the story look like in heaven?
- What should you do with the lesson you learned tonight? What should we do?