

Family Worship Response

Elementary

Purpose: It can be hard for us to understand that God is outside of time; that He was at the beginning, in every moment of time, *and* will be at the end. But the Bible tells us in Revelation 22:13 that God is "... the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." We have hope, though! The end isn't something to fear for those who have made Jesus the Lord of their life. We have hope in being with Jesus for eternity in heaven. Being with the One who offers love, peace, kindness and life in abundance! In this worship response, the children will have the opportunity to listen to a song and imagine what heaven will be like!

Supplies Needed:

- Access to the song "Revelation Song" by Kari Jobe.
- A space for the kids to listen to the song undistracted.

Activity:

- Find a place in your home that isn't distracting.
- Play the song, paying attention to the lyrics.
- As you listen, try your best to picture the words in your mind. What do you see? What do you hear?

Family Discussion

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God Statement: God is the Beginning and the End

Family Verse: *Revelation 22:13* "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

Blessing: May you know that the Eternal God, the Creator of the Universe, and your Heavenly Father loves you. May you be filled with presence of the Holy Spirit with every breath you breathe. May you demonstrate the Good News of Jesus by how you live and speak, so that everyone may experience everlasting life with God!

Discussion Questions: *Revelation 19:11-21, 21-22.* (Look up the verses in your Bibles!)]

1. What does it mean that God is the "Beginning and the End"? *Genesis 1:1; Ephesians 1:4; Hebrews 13:8; Revelation 22:13*
(*God has always existed, He is the Creator of everything, He is outside of time.*)
2. When will Jesus return? *Matthew 24:36; Revelation 22:12*
(*Jesus is returning again soon, but only the Father knows the time.*)
3. What does the Bible say Jesus will look like when He returns? *Revelation 19:11-12*
(*Jesus will have eyes that are flaming with fire and He will be wearing many crowns, a red robe, and riding a white horse.*)
4. How do you know that Jesus will return for sure? *Revelation 22:12, 20; Acts 1:10-11, 2 Peter 3:2-4, 9-10*
(*Jesus said so! This was confirmed through the angels at His ascension, the prophets, and the New Testament writers.*)
5. How do you know that God wants you to live with Him forever? *John 14:2-3; 1 Timothy 2:3-6*
(*Jesus said He was going to prepare a place for us. God wants everyone to be saved and live with Him forever!*)
6. How can you become God's child? *Romans 10:9; 1 John 5:1, 11-12*
(*Confess Jesus as Lord of your life and live your life for Him!*)
7. How can you experience God's presence every day?

Prayer Time: Take time for prayer requests or praise reports (something you are thankful that God has done). Afterwards, take time to pray as a family.

Family Activity

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God is the Beginning and the End, Heaven Mobile

Activity Purpose:

Philippians 3:20 "But our citizenship is in Heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ."

We spend most of our time focusing on our earthly things and home. While what we do on earth matters, this life is not the end. When Jesus ascended to Heaven, He promised that He would prepare a place for us. The Bible is clear that believers in Jesus will join Him in our eternal home in Heaven. This will happen when we die or when Jesus returns. What will Heaven be like? Revelation 21 and 22 give us a little glimpse of Heaven. This activity uses the acronym: H.E.A.V.E.N. to describe some things we can look forward to in our eternal home.

Supplies Needed:

- Bibles
- Scissors
- Construction paper or index cards cut into six squares per person
- Hole punch
- 42' of yarn per person: One 12" piece for the top and five 6" pieces for the others
- Colored pencils or markers, other misc. art supplies
- You may utilize this link to illustrate this mobile and download the graphics:
<https://ministry-to-children.com/heaven-mobile-craft-project/>

Action:

- Read aloud *Revelation 21 and 22*
- Write out the acronym: H.E.A.V.E.N. and discuss what characteristic might be assigned to each letter. For example:

Happy (everyone in Heaven is happy)

Eternal Life (we will live there forever)

Angels (angels will be in Heaven with us)

Very Beautiful (everything in Heaven is beautiful)

Every Believer (every believer will be in Heaven)

No Evil (there will be no evil in Heaven)

- Write the letters on one side of a square and the description you chose on the other.
- Decorate your squares with stickers, glitter, or whatever you'd like.
- Punch a hole at the center top and bottom of **H**, **E**, **A**, **V**, **E**, and only the top of **N**.
- Thread the longest yarn on **H**, then tie each square together vertically to spell Heaven.
- Hang your mobile to remind you to look forward to your Heavenly home!

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God Statement: God is the Beginning and the End

Activity Purpose: We serve an eternal God! God is the beginning. Because of this, He was able to create all things (Genesis 1). We also find that God is the end. He will return and make all things new (Revelation 22). Through the ages of times, God was present, is still present and will be present.

From the beginning of time, God has been there. During this activity, your family will take time putting together a timeline where God is present throughout it all!

Supplies Needed:

- Timeline options = rope, string, twine, paper or white board
- Write or cut out the options below to put in order on the timeline.

Instructions:

- As a family take the items below and put them in order on your timeline.
 - o The answer to the timeline is below.
- Once you have completed the timeline, add and move the God character before the timeline, during the middle of the timeline, and at the end of the timeline. God is an eternal God!
- See the example below as a guide.

Supplies for Timeline:

- Creation (Genesis 1-2)
- Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 17)
- Reign of King David (2 Samuel)
- Birth of Christ (Gospels)
- Death of Christ (Gospels)
- Saul's Conversion to Paul (Acts 9)
- *You can add other elements of history as a family!*

