

# SMALL GROUP

TODAY'S WONDER TRUTH: JESUS MAKES US NEW



## WORD OF WONDER:

When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone! The new is here!  
- 2 Corinthians 5:17

## GOD'S BIG STORY:

New Creation  
(Romans 5)

## GOD'S BIG STORY QUESTIONS:

- What are our wrong choices—the wrong things we do, say, and think—called? (*Sin*)
- Who has sinned? What does sin do to our relationship with God? (*Everyone has sinned. Sin breaks our relationship with God.*)
- What did God do (or who did He send) to fix our relationship with Him? (*He sent His Son, Jesus.*)
- When we trust and follow Jesus, what does God do? (*He forgives our sins, makes us new, makes us His children, calls us His friends, promises to be with us forever, etc.*)
- Does God promise that life will be easy once we're living for Jesus? (*Let kids answer this one together!*)
- So, how does He help us get through hard times? (*Possible answers: gives us courage when scared; listens to our prayers; comforts us; gives us His Word to know Him better.*)
- What hard things are you going through in life right now? As a follower of Jesus and a friend and child of God, how can you respond?

## Welcome Question

- How have you changed over the last year? After several kids have shared their answers, share your answer to the Welcome Question with the kids.
- In God's big story, we're going to explore how Jesus transforms us from something old into something new! But first, it's time to be curious.

## Curiosity Questions

- When have you wanted to start over at something?
- Do you think change is good or bad? Is it easy or hard? Why?

## Curiosity Activity: Let's Make It!

- Today, you're going to work with partners to make a new creation. The first partner will have one minute to make something out of their blocks. When their time is up, the second partner will have one minute to make something new out of their partner's creation.
- **But there is a catch: The second partner cannot tear apart the original creation. You can add blocks and alter ones to be different directions. You're creating something new out of what is already built. Does that make sense? Any questions?**
- Allow kids to ask any questions they may have.
- Pass out the interlocking blocks to each kid.
- When you say, "Go," the first partner can begin building with their blocks, and the one-minute timer can start.
- Once one minute is complete, partners switch, and the next round of building (or re-building) can begin. Set the timer for one minute again.
- After the end of the two rounds, invite kids to gather together and share what they created. It's amazing how creative you all were in your building.
- **You were able to see how you could add and adjust the blocks to transform the original into something brand new.**
- **Today we're going to hear how God can transform us into new creations, taking what is already a part of us and making it even more incredible.**
- Today's Wonder Truth is **JESUS MAKES US NEW!**

## Word of Wonder Activity

- **Our Word of Wonder for the Created New series talks about being made new! Let's say the verse together.**
- Open your Bible to 2 Corinthians 5:17.
- Display the Word of Wonder Slide. If possible, watch the [Elementary Word of Wonder Video](#).
- Pass out both a Butterfly Word of Wonder Sheet and a plain sheet of paper to each kid.
- Encourage them to color the butterfly parts and then use kid-safe scissors to cut them out. They can use glue sticks or tape to put the butterfly parts together on the plain sheet so that the Word of Wonder is in order.
- Once they finish, encourage them to read the verse several times.

## Responding in Worship: Created New Poster

- **Jesus makes us new! We are no longer stuck in our sin, but we are new creations! From the very beginning, God knew us and made us. And when we sinned and became separated from God, He had a great rescue plan for us to be reunited with Him. He didn't give up on us! He sent us Jesus, His one and only Son, to show us**
- **how much He loves us. And Jesus showed us His never-ending love by dying for us. But He didn't stay dead! He rose again, and He lives!**
- **Because He lives, we can be with Him again. When we choose to follow Jesus and accept Him as our Savior, He makes us new creations!**
- **We have learned so many truths about who God is and God's big story of redemption. Let's reflect on these truths while we create pieces of artwork!**
- Give the supplies for creating the poster to each of your kids. Using the sample on the slide as a guide, have kids paste pieces of tissue paper into the different sections on the poster sheet.
- Encourage them to mix colors and make it their own. Once kids have added the tissue paper, have them paste the core truths on the different sections of their poster.
- As kids are finishing up their posters, lead them through a call-and-response prayer using some of the core truths that are on their poster:
- Leader: **I am a wonder.**
  - Kids: *Jesus makes me new!*
- Leader: **God knows me.**
  - Kids: *Jesus makes me new!*
- Leader: **God made me in His image.**
  - Kids: *Jesus makes me new!*
- Leader: **Jesus loves me.**
  - Kids: *Jesus makes me new!*
- Leader: **Jesus is alive!**
  - Kids: *Jesus makes me new!*
- Leader: **God never gives up on me!**
  - Kids: *Jesus makes me new!*

## SMALL GROUP PRAYER

Jesus made the way for us to be new creations when He died on the cross for our sins. God wants to make us new—to help us transform into people who think and act like Jesus! The Holy Spirit helps us to make choices that honor God and give us peace, no matter what hard things we face. Let's thank Him now for making us new!

Invite kids to join you in a circle to spend time talking to Jesus. Ask whether anyone has a question, something they would like to share with Jesus, or a prayer request. Give each kid a chance to participate, then close in prayer, remembering to thank Jesus for loving us!