

A picture of Heaven



Bible verses:
Revelation 4:1-3; 21:1-4



Aim:
To learn about John's vision,
explore what some of the
pictures mean and think
about what it means for us to
have hope in what is to come



Today's fruit:
Patience



Memory verse

**'But God has told us what is good. This is
what the Lord wants from us:**

**"You must be fair to other people," God
says.**

"You must want to be kind.

**And you must be careful to do what I
show you."**

(Micah 6:8 *EASY*)

Or



Memory verse

**'He has shown you, O mortal, what is
good.**

**And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.'**

(Micah 6:8 *NIV*)



Start it

Today we are going to hear about
something that happened to John, a
disciple of Jesus.

Play a game of *Traffic lights*. Players walk
or run depending on your space when the
leader calls 'green light' and freeze when
they call 'red light'. Some groups may know
the version with 'amber' ... running on the
spot. Ask them how it feels to be patient.
What is something they are looking forward
to and have to be patient for?



Share it

Share a child-friendly version of Revelation
4:1-3, 21:1-4 (eg Biblegateway.com *ERV/EASY*)
or watch the following clip.

***John saw new Heaven and new Earth: A
Forever Promise (The Bible for kids Story
21)*** by Kids of JESUS (2:42)

Alternatively, you could use 'The Bible App
for Kids' downloaded on to a tablet for an
interactive way to enjoy the Bible story.

Sit in a circle and ask the group to share
together:

- What are you looking forward to? Do you
have to wait a long time for it or a short
time?
- Do you find it easy to wait for something?

- Being patient isn't always easy. Why is it important to try being patient?

John was shown an amazing new world. There would be no more pain. No one would be sad. No one would be hungry or thirsty. No one would die.

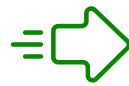
- This hasn't happened yet, so John is waiting a very long time! Why do you think God showed it to him?
- Who do you think was on the throne?
- What do you think it would be like to live there?
- Why do you think God wants to make a new world?



Sing It

'Micah 6:8' (Preschool worship song) By KidSpring Children's Ministry (2:03)

'Justice' (Official lyric video) by Songs For School (3:36)



Action it

Games and activities to reinforce the Bible passage:

- **Make:** Paint or make a beautiful city or the 'world made new'.
- **Play:** Decorate a large cardboard box that children can enter, or make a tent with sheets. Decorate the space with ribbons, fairy lights or flowers, to represent the new city.
- **Pray:** Give each child a tissue. Pray together that God has promised to wipe away every tear. Children can mime wiping away tears as they pray.
- **Try:** Putting on some quiet music. As they close their eyes, ask them to imagine being with God in the new earth. Ask: What might it look, sound, feel like? You may like to read out a child-friendly version of the Bible passage to help them.