

## Revelation 21–22

## Leader Guide for Grades 1 & 2

### Teachers Dig In

#### Dig In to the Bible

- Read: Revelation 21–22
- In This Passage: The Bible tells us about heaven, an amazing place where there's no more death, sadness, or pain. It's beautiful, with golden streets and giant pearl gates. There's a crystal-clear river flowing down the middle and an amazing tree on either side. It's never dark in heaven because God's brightness is constant! Best of all, heaven is where Jesus wants to be with us forever.
- Bible Point: Jesus wants to be with us forever.
- Summary Verse: "But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior" (Philippians 3:20).

#### Dig Deeper

- You'll Be Teaching: *Jesus wants to be with us forever.* Kids may have mixed thoughts about heaven. Some may be confused; some may be curious. Some may be excited; others may be scared. Use this lesson to help kids get excited about heaven and the idea that Jesus has made a way for them to live with him forever.
- Think About: How do you picture heaven? What do you think you'll do there?

#### Dig In to Prayer

- Ask God to open kids' hearts so they'll all be his friends who will live with him forever in heaven.

#### Quick Tip

- In heaven there will be no more pain...but kids have a lot of pain here on earth. As they consider what's broken about *this* world, it's important that they have a safe place to share. You could say something like, "What's said in this room stays in this room, unless the person gives permission to share." Also be aware that some of the real pains kids face are based on family issues such as divorce, abuse, and neglect. Be sensitive to these issues, and inspire hope that one day, Jesus will wipe away all their tears forever.

## This Lesson at a Glance



### MUSIC VIDEO

Kids sing songs of praise to God.

#### Supplies

- “I Have a Friend (Yo Tengo un Amigo)” (watch or download [here](#))
- “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (watch or download [here](#))
- “This Train Is Bound for Glory” (watch or download [here](#))



### TALK-ABOUT VIDEO

Kids watch a video and discuss the Bible Point.

#### Supplies

- “A Forever Friendship” teaching video (watch or download [here](#))



### OPENING

Kids share about a topic related to the lesson.

#### Supplies

- Bible



### DEEPER BIBLE

Kids do an activity to travel across the room to “heaven.”

#### Supplies

- Bible
- plain white paper
- colored construction paper
- painter’s tape or masking tape
- upbeat worship song
- music player
- heaven decorations from Core Bible Discovery

#### Easy Prep

- Tape sheets of white paper to the floor to create a winding path through your room to the gold wall and other heaven decorations you created during Core Bible Discovery. Make sure the sheets of paper are close enough so that kids can hop from 1 sheet to another.
- Scatter the colored construction paper on the floor on both sides of the white paper path.



### CORE BIBLE AT HOME

Only available in One Room class format.



### CORE BIBLE DISCOVERY

**Kids make “heaven” in their room.****Supplies**

- Bible
- facial tissues (2 per child)
- large roll of yellow cellophane
- painter's tape
- scissors
- glitter or metallic stickers
- 12 bricks or stackable stones
- blue bedsheet
- 2 chairs
- brown bulletin board paper
- green construction paper (1 sheet per child)
- colorful sticky notes (1 per child)
- sliced fruit pieces
- music
- music player

**Easy Prep**

- Cut sticky notes into round or oval shapes, making sure to retain the sticky part.
- Use the brown bulletin board paper to make a “gate” around 1 door in your room. Place paper across the top and down the sides of the doorway. This “gate” will provide a place where kids can put stickers so they won't get stuck on your walls. Also, choose a door that can be opened for when the children need to toss their tissues out the door.

**LIFE APPLICATION WRAP-UP****Kids sing a joyful song to Jesus.****Supplies**

- heaven decorations from Core Bible Discovery
- music
- music player
- *Friends With God Story Bible* (optional) (order [here](#))

**Easy Prep**

- Choose a joyful and worshipful song that children enjoy singing.

**OBJECT LESSON****Kids spin pennies inside balloons.****Supplies**

- uninflated clear or light-colored balloons (1 per child)
- pennies (1 per child) (you'll get them back)
- balloon pump (optional)

**HIGH-ENERGY GAME**

**Kids try different challenges that begin and end quickly.****Supplies**

- jump-ropes (1 for every 5 kids)
- 3 beanbags
- masking tape
- hula hoops (1 for every 5 kids)
- 5 chairs
- soccer or rubber playground balls (1 for every 5 kids)
- stopwatch or cellphone timer
- upbeat music (optional)
- music player (optional)

**Easy Prep**

- Make Forever Feat Stations, and spread them out around your room.
  - Jump-Rope Station: Place the jump-ropes on the floor.
  - Toss and Catch Station: Place beanbags on the floor.
  - Hopping Station: Tape 1x1-foot squares on the floor (1 for every 5 kids).
  - Hula Hoop Station: Place the hula hoops on the floor.
  - Soccer Station: Set out 5 chairs in a line spaced a few feet apart, and place the soccer balls at one end of the line.

**LOW-ENERGY GAME****Kids pass paper wads down a line...forever!****Supplies**

- paper wads
- upbeat music (optional)
- music player (optional)

**CRAFT****Kids make tops that spin for a long time...but not forever!****Supplies**

- 16-ounce disposable cups (1 per child)
- cardboard (recycled food packaging works great)
- white paper
- pencils
- scissors
- glue sticks
- markers
- craft knives (for teacher use only)
- pennies (at least 1 per child)
- stopwatch or cellphone timer (optional)

**Easy Prep**

- Make a sample craft to show kids.

*\*Marked supplies can be reused from Core Bible Discovery*

Let's keep kids safe! You can help by using supplies as instructed for only ages 3+, purchasing child-safe items, and being aware of allergy concerns.



## MUSIC VIDEO

### I Have a Friend (Yo Tengo un Amigo)

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#### Supplies

- “I Have a Friend (Yo Tengo un Amigo)” (watch or download [here](#))
- “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (watch or download [here](#))
- “This Train Is Bound for Glory” (watch or download [here](#))

#### Tip

- Don’t have internet in your classroom? That’s okay! You can choose your own worship songs from our Best Of Dig In Music DVD [here](#).

#### Sing Songs to God

Sing the three songs in any order.



## TALK-ABOUT VIDEO

### A Forever Friendship

[10 min]

#### Supplies

- “A Forever Friendship” teaching video (watch or download [here](#))

#### Tip

- Don’t have internet in your classroom? That’s okay! You can download the videos before class using the “download” button at the link provided, or purchase DVDs [here](#).

#### Discuss and Watch “A Forever Friendship”

Say: **Today we’re learning that Jesus wants to be with us forever.**

Ask: • **What do you think it will be like in heaven with Jesus?**

Say: **There was a boy named Colton who almost died during surgery. He said he went to heaven and met Jesus there! Let’s see what he says about heaven.**

Watch “A Forever Friendship.”

Ask: • **What do you wonder about most after watching this video?**

• **What most excites you about what Colton said?**

• **What questions would you like to ask Colton about heaven?**

Say: **When Colton saw Jesus and angels, it was amazing! Colton said he felt safe in heaven and met people he’d never gotten to meet. He describes heaven as a scene of vast colors and a place full of joy. We don’t know exactly what heaven will be like, but we know it will be amazing! And anyone who believes in Jesus can spend forever there with Jesus.**



## OPENING Welcome

[5 min]

### Supplies

- Bible

### Welcome

- Thank kids for coming.
- Just for fun, have kids thumb wrestle with a friend.
- Make announcements.
- Introduce new kids.
- Celebrate birthdays by having kids say “happy birthday” while holding their tongues with two fingers.
- Collect the offering.

### Introduce the Lesson

Say: **Today we'll learn that Jesus wants to be with us forever. That means he never wants to be away from us—not now, not ever. We can be friends with Jesus and enjoy being with him forever! Let's think of some other things we might want to enjoy forever.**

### Share

- Share about something *you* never want to stop doing. You might love to bake and never want to stop baking, or you might enjoy running and want to do it all the time.
- In small groups, have kids share things *they* never want to stop doing. They might share about a game they love to play, something they love to do with a parent, or a place they like to go that they never want to leave, such as the park.
- After small groups have discussed, have a few kids share with the whole group what they talked about in their small groups.

### Summarize

Open a Bible, and say: **We all have things we never want to stop doing because we love doing them so much. Jesus loves us like that—Jesus always wants to be with us. He wants to be with us and enjoy time with us forever. Jesus has a very special place for us to live with him forever, too. It's called *heaven*, and Jesus' friend John tells us about that amazing place in the Bible. The Bible is one way Jesus talks to us. Let's listen to Jesus as we hear from the Bible today.**

Pray, thanking Jesus for wanting to be with us forever.



## DEEPER BIBLE

### Path to Heaven

[15 min]

#### Supplies

- Bible
- plain white paper
- colored construction paper
- painter's tape or masking tape
- upbeat worship song
- music player
- heaven decorations from Core Bible Discovery

#### Easy Prep

- Tape sheets of white paper to the floor to create a winding path through your room to the gold wall and other heaven decorations you created during Core Bible Discovery. Make sure the sheets of paper are close enough so that kids can hop from 1 sheet to another.
- Scatter the colored construction paper on the floor on both sides of the white paper path.

#### Tip

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#### Path to Heaven

Say: **Today we're talking about what a wonderful place heaven is and how Jesus wants to be with us forever there. But how do we get to heaven? Let's play a game to help us understand that.**

Have kids line up near the beginning of your white-paper path, across the room from your heaven decorations.

Point out the heaven decorations you placed during Core Bible Discovery. Say: **We want everyone to get to heaven! But let's pretend the floor between here and there is hot lava. No one can step on it!**

**There's only one way to get across the room—by following the white-paper path and hopping from piece to piece. You might see other colored paper on the ground, but the colored paper won't keep you safe. There's only one way to get to the heaven we made.**

Let kids take turns hopping from sheet to sheet of white paper. Remind kids that the colored paper won't keep them safe from the lava. Make sure every child has a turn to hop between the sheets of white paper to make it to the opposite side of the room.

Say: **In our game, there was lots of paper you *couldn't* use to get to the heaven side of our room. There was only one path you could take—the white-paper path! That's kind of like life. People might think there are lots of different ways for them to get to heaven, like by being a good person or by not doing really bad things. But Jesus says there's only *one* way to get to heaven. Listen**

**to what Jesus tells us.**

Read John 14:6.

Say: **Jesus says he is the one way to get to heaven. And the way we can be with God in heaven is by asking Jesus to be our friend. It's so easy! Jesus loves us so much, and he died to take away the wrong things we all do. We can thank Jesus for his gift of love and invite him to be our friend forever!**

Share with kids your own brief testimony about how you became friends with Jesus.

Say: **Do you want to be Jesus' friend, too? He loves you so much! Let's all pray and talk to Jesus together.**

Pray: **Jesus, thank you for loving us so very much. Thank you for the gift of your love and forgiving us when we do wrong things. We want to be your friend. Thank you for wanting to be with us forever in heaven! Amen.**

Say: **Let's celebrate Jesus' love for us and that Jesus wants to be with us forever.**

Have kids stand up, and lead them in singing and dancing along to an upbeat worship song.



**CORE BIBLE AT HOME**  
Not available for this age level.

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To use this feature, please ask your DIG IN Director to create a **One Room** classroom. For instructions and tips on creating a classroom for at-home lessons, click [here](#).



## CORE BIBLE DISCOVERY

### Revelation: Jesus Is Coming Back for Us (Revelation 21–22)

[20 min]

#### Supplies

- Bible
- facial tissues (2 per child)
- large roll of yellow cellophane
- painter's tape
- scissors
- glitter or metallic stickers
- 12 bricks or stackable stones
- blue bedsheet
- 2 chairs
- brown bulletin board paper
- green construction paper (1 sheet per child)
- colorful sticky notes (1 per child)
- sliced fruit pieces
- music
- music player

#### Easy Prep

- Cut sticky notes into round or oval shapes, making sure to retain the sticky part.
- Use the brown bulletin board paper to make a “gate” around 1 door in your room. Place paper across the top and down the sides of the doorway. This “gate” will provide a place where kids can put stickers so they won't get stuck on your walls. Also, choose a door that can be opened for when the children need to toss their tissues out the door.

#### Tip

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#### Talk About the Difference Between Heaven and Earth

Dim the lights before you begin. Say: **Today we'll learn that Jesus wants to be with us forever. He made a beautiful place for us called *heaven* where we can be with him. Heaven will be a wonderful place where we'll have everything we need. We're going to love it there!**

Share a few things *you* hope to see and do while you're living with Jesus in heaven. You might share that you hope to enjoy a beach, great music, or a time of laughing and talking with loved ones.

Ask: • **What do *you* hope to do in heaven with Jesus?**

Say: **It's hard for us to imagine what it'll be like in heaven because it's going to be *greater* than we could ever imagine. But the Bible says there will be no sadness in heaven. We won't ever be worried or scared, and we'll never be**

**hurt by anything ever again. It's not like earth, where we live now.**

Have kids gather close together.

Share about a couple of sad, hurtful, or worrisome things in *your* life. You might share that it hurts your feelings when someone yells at you or says unkind things. You might also share about a physical injury you had or something that you worry about consistently.

Ask: • **What's something sad, hurtful, or scary for you?** When each child shares, give the child a tissue, and set another tissue a few feet behind the child. You'll make a tissue circle on the floor, surrounding the group of children.

Say: **We cry here on earth because sad things happen. Sometimes it feels like sad things surround us.** Point out that the tissues are surrounding the children. **But in heaven, God will wipe away our tears.** Invite children to say a brief prayer, thanking God that he can wipe away our tears.

### Create a Place Like Heaven

Show the Bible. Say: **In the Bible, one of Jesus' friends, John, tells us some things about heaven. An angel showed John heaven, and John said it's amazing! As we learn about what John saw, let's make our own heaven. But first we need to get rid of all these tissues because John said that in heaven, all sadness is gone.** Invite the children to pick up all the tissues. Give each child a turn to throw the tissues out your door that you've designated as the "gate."

Say: **No pain, no worry, no unkindness, and no sadness will be able to enter through the gate into heaven. We'll be happy about everything in heaven. The Bible says Jesus will make everything new. Let's leave our sadness out there and make something new in here.**

**In heaven, John saw a big, tall wall. It was made of beautiful clear gold.** Invite kids to help you hang a large piece of yellow cellophane on the wall by the "gate." They might just hold the cellophane for you while you cut and tape it.

Say: **Heaven was also made of precious and pretty stones.** Invite children to put the stickers on the gold wall.

Say: **The wall had 12 foundation stones. Foundation stones are strong, and they keep the wall sturdy.** Invite children to count to 12 and take turns placing stones up against the gold wall.

Turn on all the lights in your room. Say: **Here on earth we have the sun to light up our sky, but God lights up heaven by himself. It's beautiful and bright every day.**

**John also saw a clear river flowing through heaven.** Invite children to place the blue sheet on the floor and scrunch it up on the sides to make it look like a flowing river. **The water will flow from where God sits. God will make sure we have all the clean and delicious water we need.**

**On each side of the river, John saw two strong trees.** Place a chair on each side of the kids' river. Help kids wrap the brown bulletin board paper all the way around the base of the chairs to make a trunk. Use the painter's tape to keep it in place. Then give kids each a sheet of green construction paper, and have them crumple the paper into balls and pile the balls on the chairs to make the leafy tops of the trees.



Say: **The trees will have many different delicious fruits.** Give kids each a sticky note, and have them stick the notes to the trees. Then pretend to pick fruit, and give each child a slice of fruit to enjoy.

Say: **This fruit is yummy, but the fruit in heaven will be better than we can imagine. John also says that in heaven people will worship God. Sometimes when we worship God, we sing. Let's sing a song we love right now.** Turn on a favorite worship song for children to sing along to.

#### **Talk About It**

Have all the children sit in the new place they created. Say: **Look around. We learned what John saw in heaven.** Allow a moment for kids to observe the area they created.

Ask: • **What do you think of the pretend heaven we made?**

• **Do you think what we made is as good as heaven will be? Explain.**

Say: **We did a great job creating a new space for our room, but heaven will be the most wonderful place we'll ever experience. That's because Jesus made it. Jesus wants to be with us forever, so he made the most amazing place for us to laugh and play and enjoy time with him and the people we love. John saw heaven, but even *he* had trouble explaining how wonderful it will be.**

**I guess we'll have to wait to see heaven. Until then, we can remember that Jesus is our good friend, and he'll take care of us here on earth. And at just the right time, we'll get to join Jesus in heaven because Jesus wants to be with us forever.**

Leave the decorations up for use in this lesson's other activity blocks.



## LIFE APPLICATION WRAP-UP

### Singing in Heaven

[5 min]

#### Supplies

- heaven decorations from Core Bible Discovery
- music
- music player
- *Friends With God Story Bible* (optional) (order [here](#))

#### Easy Prep

- Choose a joyful and worshipful song that children enjoy singing.

#### Tip

- You can purchase downloadable music and other items to enhance your DIG IN program [here](#).

#### Sing a Joyful Song

Say: **Today we learned what it means that Jesus wants to be with us forever. We found out how amazing heaven will be, and we learned that we can sing fun songs to Jesus in heaven. Let's end our time together today by singing a song to show Jesus we love him and want to be with him, too.**

Play the song you chose ahead of time, and lead children in singing.  
Encourage children to enjoy the song by using motions and movement.

#### Pray

Say: **Heaven will be a joyful, happy place. There will be no sadness there at all. Let's thank Jesus that he wants to be with us forever. Let's also thank him for making a place for us to enjoy our friendship with him in heaven.**

Lead the children in a prayer, thanking Jesus for preparing an amazing place where all his friends can live with him forever.

If you have extra time, read today's Bible story, "The End That's Also the Beginning—by John," from the *Friends With God Story Bible*.

Say: **I'm thankful to know that we can all be together forever in an amazing place when Jesus is our friend.** Let children know how much you enjoy being with them, and tell them you hope they can be with you next week in church.



## OBJECT LESSON

### Centripetal Spin

[10 min]

#### Supplies

- uninflated clear or light-colored balloons (1 per child)
- pennies (1 per child) (you'll get them back)
- balloon pump (optional)

#### Inflate a Balloon With a Penny Inside

Say: **Did you know that we can make an object spin on its own inside a balloon? Let's see how long we can make pennies stay in motion.**

- Give each child a balloon and a penny.
- Have each child place the penny inside the balloon.
- Have kids each inflate and tie off their balloons. They should blow up the balloons to a size that they can easily hold in the palm of one hand. Using clear or light-colored balloons will allow kids to see the pennies when they're inside the inflated balloons.

#### Hold and Spin the Balloon



- Show kids how to hold the tied-off top of the balloon so the penny is resting at the bottom of the balloon.
- Have kids move their balloons quickly in circles. The pennies may bounce a little at first, but they should soon spin around the inside of the balloons in motion with the balloons.

#### Watch a Penny Spin

- Kids will then stop moving their balloons and hold them still. The pennies will keep spinning in a circle!
- Have kids count to see how long the pennies keeps moving. With good initial motion, the pennies will spin on their own for about 30 seconds.
- When the pennies stop completely, have kids move the balloons in quick circles again and see if they beat their first time and make the pennies spin longer.

**Talk About It**

Ask: • **What did you notice about the spinning penny? What made it spin longer?**

Say: **When we moved the balloons with our hands, we created energy that made the pennies move, too. And since we used round balloons, the pennies moved in a circle. Even when we stopped moving our hands, the pennies kept moving for a while until the energy ran out.**

Ask: • **Why do you think energy on earth always runs out?**

• **What do you think it would be like if energy lasted forever?**

• **What do you think it will be like in heaven, where *everything* lasts forever?**

Say: **Just like the penny eventually stopped spinning, our time in this world will eventually come to an end. But when we're friends with Jesus, life with him will *never* end. Jesus wants to be with us forever. Forever life with him will keep going and going.**



## HIGH-ENERGY GAME

### Forever Feats

[10 min]

#### Supplies

- jump-ropes (1 for every 5 kids)
- 3 beanbags
- masking tape
- hula hoops (1 for every 5 kids)
- 5 chairs
- soccer or rubber playground balls (1 for every 5 kids)
- stopwatch or cellphone timer
- upbeat music (optional)
- music player (optional)

#### Easy Prep

- Make Forever Feat Stations, and spread them out around your room.
  - Jump-Rope Station: Place the jump-ropes on the floor.
  - Toss and Catch Station: Place beanbags on the floor.
  - Hopping Station: Tape 1x1-foot squares on the floor (1 for every 5 kids).
  - Hula Hoop Station: Place the hula hoops on the floor.
  - Soccer Station: Set out 5 chairs in a line spaced a few feet apart, and place the soccer balls at one end of the line.

#### Tip

- You can purchase downloadable music and other items to enhance your DIG IN program [here](#).

#### Play a Series of Games

Say: **We've been learning about forever and what that means. In our lives we're used to a lot of hurrying and rushing to get things done. Call out some things you've had to hurry to get done this week.** Pause. **The game we're going to play is a fun version of what our lives are like going from one busy thing to the next.**

- Form five teams.
- Each team will choose a different starting station.
- At your cue, teams will play the games at their stations for one minute, and then they'll rotate to new stations and play the game there.
  - At the Jump-Rope Station, the goal is to jump rope as perfectly as possible for one minute.
  - At the Toss and Catch Station, the goal is to work together to toss and catch all three beanbags as many times as you can in a row without dropping any beanbags.
  - At the Hopping Station, you will hop in place inside a square and count how many times you can hop in one minute.

- At the Hula Hoop Station, the goal is to continually hula hoop for the whole minute.
- At the Soccer Station, the goal is to weave a ball (using only your feet as in soccer) around the chairs from the start of the line to the end of the line and back to the start.
- Play music while kids are playing if you'd like. Allow teams one minute at each station, and then call out "Switch!" to have teams rotate clockwise to a new station, running to the new station as quickly as possible.
- When everyone has completed each station, turn off the music and gather everyone around you.

**Talk About It**

Ask: • **Which station was your favorite, and why?**

• **Why would or wouldn't you want to play that game forever?**

Say: **We're used to things having a beginning and an end, like our games.**

**They began and ended quickly.**

Ask: • **How would you explain *forever*?**

Say: **Forever is hard to imagine. Our lives are like one of these quick, little games compared to forever. But forever in heaven will be amazing, because that's where Jesus wants to be with us forever. Jesus has prepared a perfect place for us!**



## LOW-ENERGY GAME

### Whatever Is Forever?

[10 min]

#### Supplies

- paper wads
- upbeat music (optional)
- music player (optional)

#### Tip

- You can purchase downloadable music and other items to enhance your DIG IN program [here](#).

#### Pass the Paper

Say: Today we read from the very last book in the Bible, the book of Revelation. The Bible has an ending, but Jesus doesn't; Jesus is forever, and he wants us to be with him always.

But what does *forever* really mean? It's a hard thing for any of us to understand because our world is full of beginnings and ends. Let's play a game that'll help us get a picture of *forever*.

- Form teams of five or fewer (depending on the overall size of your group).
- Have kids in each team stand in a shoulder-to-shoulder line.
- Give the child at one end of each line a paper wad, and have him or her pass it down the line.
- Challenge the teams to pass their paper wads in this one direction "forever." It will be impossible, and there will be an abrupt end to the round at the end of their line.
- If you'd like, play upbeat music while kids play, and pause the music between rounds.
- After they can no longer pass the paper wads in their lines, give teams a few minutes to strategize and try ways they think they could pass the paper wads forever while always moving in one direction.
- If after a few minutes teams haven't figured out that standing in a circle will allow them to continually pass their paper wads, give them the solution and a couple of minutes to put the solution into action.

#### Talk About It

Ask: • How was passing the paper down a line like life on earth?

Say: Our world is full of things that begin and end—we're used to things being temporary or not lasting forever.

Ask: • Call out some things that have a beginning and an end.

• Why are endings sometimes sad?

• How was passing the paper in a circle like life in heaven?

Say: Jesus is different. Jesus lives forever—kind of like an unbroken circle without a beginning or end. The most amazing thing of all is that Jesus wants to be with us forever. All people who love Jesus can spend forever with

**him in heaven when their time here on earth comes to an end. That turns sad endings into a joyful forever!**



## CRAFT Forever Tops

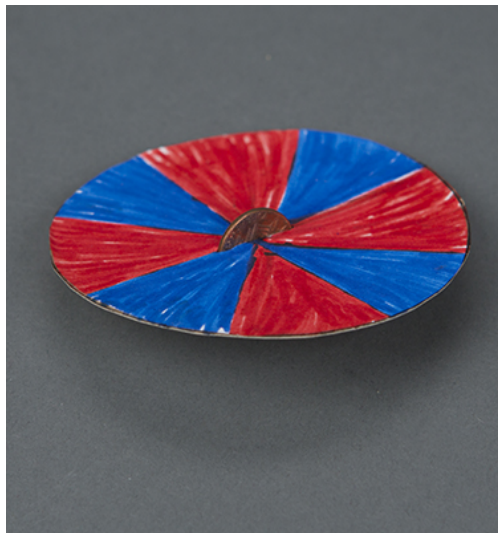
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### Supplies

- 16-ounce disposable cups (1 per child)
- cardboard (recycled food packaging works great)
- white paper
- pencils
- scissors
- glue sticks
- markers
- craft knives (for teacher use only)
- pennies (at least 1 per child)
- stopwatch or cellphone timer (optional)

### Easy Prep

- Make a sample craft to show kids.

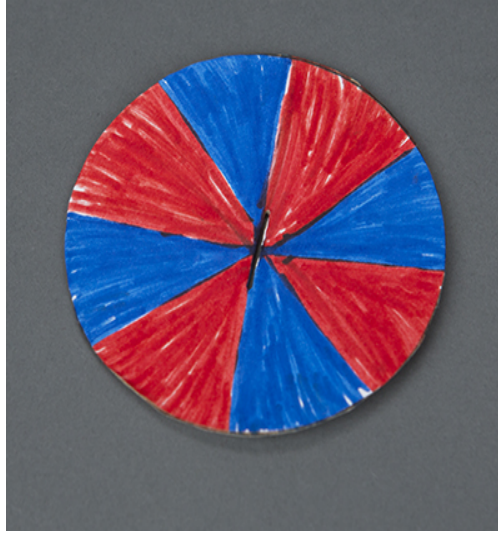


### Make Tops

Show kids the sample craft you made. Give each child a cup and a penny. Set out the remaining supplies (except the craft knife) to share, and have kids follow these instructions to make tops.

- Turn a cup upside down, and trace a circle onto cardboard.
- Trace another circle onto a sheet of white paper.
- Cut out both circles.
- Decorate the white side of the circle with markers. Try to use at least two colors, and make fun patterns like spirals, stripes, or dots.
- Use a glue stick to glue the white paper onto the cardboard.

- When you've finished, have an adult cut a slit down the middle of your circle. (Teachers, the slits should be the length of a penny and should be as close to the center as you can make them.)



- Put a penny in the slit. Experiment with how far to push it down so your top spins the longest.
- If time allows, make another top.

### Spin the Tops

Say: **We've been learning that Jesus wants to be with us forever. Forever is hard to imagine. Here on earth, everything ends! Let's see how long you can get your tops to spin before the spinning comes to an end.**

- Have kids spin their tops.
- If you brought a timer, challenge kids to beat a certain time, such as 30 seconds.
- Kids can also compete against partners to see whose top can spin longest.

### Talk About It

Say: **Even though you got your tops to spin for a long time, they all stopped eventually.**

Ask: • **Why do you think it's impossible to make a top that spins forever?**

• **What are other things that don't go forever?**

• **If you could make one toy—any toy—that lasts forever, what toy would you pick?**

Say: **It's okay that nothing on earth lasts forever, because our earth isn't perfect! Here, there's sickness, pain, and death. Those aren't things we want to last forever! In heaven, those things will be gone, and people who are friends of God will live in a beautiful place with Jesus. Jesus wants to live with us forever.**

Have kids take their tops home and show them to their friends and families as a reminder that nothing on earth lasts forever, but in heaven we can live with Jesus forever.