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Objectives: To explain that:

- God gave the apostle John visions about what will happen in the future.
- God has prepared a new heaven and a new earth where the Forever King will reign and his people will live with him forever.
- If we accept and follow Jesus we have a glorious future!

"I Wonder" Questions:

During the poster discussion, explain any difficult words in the story.)

What do you see in this picture? (A crown)

I wonder what the crown represents.

I wonder how the big story of God's Kingdom will end.

Let's find out in our story.....

Lesson Summary:

Today's story takes us to a little island called Patmos. John the Disciple was sent to this island by an angry Roman king, to die as a punishment for following Jesus. John was 80 years old when the king of Rome sent him to Patmos. Even though this was not a nice place to be, John was praising God because he knew that Jesus was the true King, God's forever King.

It was here that God gave John a vision of Heaven, the glory of Jesus, a peek into the future and the very good ending waiting for everyone who follows Jesus.

In these visions Jesus and the angels spoke to John and told him what to write down. John was shown many wonderful things about God. God will live with his people. He will wipe away every tear and will put an end to death and all evil things.

The book of Revelation shows us that we will be God's forever people, living in a beautiful new heaven and new earth, praising and serving God with Jesus as our Forever King

Suggested Questions: What does this story tell us about Jesus? (He is sitting on the throne in Heaven. He cares about our tears and will wipe each tear away. He is powerful and will make everything better. He is making a new creation for us.)

- In the visions, who spoke to John? (angels and Jesus)
- What are angels? (They are spiritual, holy beings, created by God. God's holy messengers)
- What is heaven? (the place of God's glory and presence and power)
- Describe the kind of eternal life that God is preparing for those who love and follow Jesus. (There will be no more death or evil, it will be a beautiful new creation and God will live with us.) Show beautiful calendar pictures of creation and explain that the new heaven and new earth will be even better than that! Read selections from Revelation 21 and 22.

Bible Memory Verse:

"And He who is seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.' 'Surely, I am coming soon.'" (Revelation 21:5; 22:20b--ESV)