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Lesson 28: *A Very Good Ending* (Condensed Version)

Objectives: To explain that:

- God gave the apostle John visions about what will happen in the future.
- One day Jesus will return to us to judge the living and the dead, and to bring the new creation.
- 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 where John the Disciple wrote the book of Revelation. John 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 Patmos was hard 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 and the glory of King Jesus on the throne. God also gave John a peek into the future that showed a very good ending waiting for everyone who follows King Jesus. In these visions God and the angels spoke to John and told him what to write down. John was shown many wonderful things about God such as: God will live with his people, God will wipe away every tear, and God will put an end to death and all evil things. The book of Revelation tells us that one day Jesus will return to us to judge the living and the dead, and to bring the new creation. 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 them away. He is powerful and will make everything better. He will return one day to judge the living and the dead. He is making a new creation for us.)

- In the visions, who spoke to John? (God and angels)
- 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! Optional: 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)