

## **PONDER POINT: GOD IS THE BEGINNING AND THE END**

Revelation: New Heaven and New Earth  
Revelation 21—22

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

*Share these facts to get the conversation started.*

- In the beginning, it was God who created the celestial heavens and the earth we now inhabit.
- At the end of the age, the heavens and earth will be destroyed, and it will be God who creates a new heaven and a new earth.
- What we refer to as heaven will actually be the new earth that God is preparing for us.
- The new earth will be perfect, unmarred by sin. There will be no weeping, mourning, or crying.

### **CONNECT AS A FAMILY**

Spend some time cleaning up litter in a local park or in your neighborhood. Imagine with your children how different the earth might be without all the ways we have destroyed it. **Read Revelation 21:5–7.**

*After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:*

- What will it be like to be with God forever?
- What are you most looking forward to about heaven?
- Share with your children that God desires to be with them forever in heaven. Remind them that it is Jesus' death and resurrection that makes it possible for this to happen.

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God is the beginning and the end into your everyday life as a family.

### **REMEMBER VERSE**

*The Remember Verse focuses on a character trait of God that's highlighted in next week's portion of The Big God Story.*

**But these were written that you may believe that  
Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,  
and that by believing you may have life in his name.  
John 20:31**

### **BLESSING**

*Blessings are often used in the Bible. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.*

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **may you know God loves you and wants to spend forever with you. May you accept His free gift of everlasting life.**

For more information about blessing your child, talk to your ministry leader or see *Spiritual Parenting* by Michelle Anthony.