

Everything Made New

Revelation 21: 3-5 (New International Reader's Version)

*I heard a loud voice from the throne. It said, "Now God makes His home with people. He will live with them. They will be His people. And God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or sadness. There will be no more crying or pain. Things are no longer the way they used to be."
He who was sitting on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down. You can trust these words. They are true."*

Choose the appropriate starter

Starter 1

How do you feel when people who you love are upset and hurt? Do you wish you could make it all better?

Starter 2

Pass around a plate of food. Make sure it is something that everyone likes. After everyone has had something. Ask them if it was a difficult choice to make whether to take the good food? Why did they choose to take it?

Think About

One day a girl made a beautiful sculpture. She had spent a week working every minute of everyday to make it perfect. Nothing was out of place, there were no bits where she thought, "well that will have to do". It looked amazing! She sat back and looked at what she had made and thought it was very good.

Her little sister came bouncing into her and ask what she had been up to. She showed her sister the sculpture. Her sister thought it was the best thing she had ever seen. They both just sat for a while looking at the sculpture then, her sister asked her if she could touch it. The girl said you can only touch it if I am holding it so that it doesn't get broken. The sister promised that she would do what the girl asked. So the girl carefully picked up her sculpture and let her little sister feel how soft and smooth it was.

The next day the little sister went into the girl's room and saw the sculpture sitting temptingly on the side. She knew she wasn't supposed to touch it but she would very careful. So she took it and sat gently stroking it when all of a sudden she thought she heard her sisters footsteps coming up the stairs. She leapt up from where she was sitting and as if in slow motion the sculpture crashed to the floor breaking into a thousand small pieces.

This is what people have done to what God created. He created everything perfect, a place where no-one gets hurt and a place where there is no crying and no death, but humans have spoilt it.

The whole bible is the story of how mankind messed God's creation up but how God wants it to be perfect again. It says in the bible that God cries with us when we cry. It breaks His heart when we get hurt because of the bad things that are in the world. So why does He let the bad stuff happen? If He is going to make everything perfect again why not do it now so people don't get hurt anymore?

I think the main reason that God doesn't make the new Heaven and new Earth now, is that God wants to give people the most amount of time to take Him up on the new agreement. If we believe in our hearts that we mess things up and don't meet God's standards. Believe Jesus, a man who had never messed up, died and came back to life. Believe that He took the punishment we deserve for the bad bits we do then we can be a part of this new Heaven and new Earth, where there is no hurt, no sadness or death. If we don't take God up on His new agreement we cant be a part of that. So God has given us a lot of time to choose to take Him up. At some point God will say I have given you enough time to choose.

About You

Do you want to be a part of the new Heaven and new Earth where there is no pain, no crying, no sickness, no death? Have you taken God up on His new agreement? Do you want your friends and family to be with you where there is only happiness? What could you do to help them? Do you pray for them? Do they know what you believe?