

#### **BIG IDEA**

The good news is we can be with Jesus forever.

### **GOD STORY**

Forever With God (Revelation 21–22)

### **KEY VERSE**

"Tell the Good News to everyone." (Mark 16:15b, ICB)

### **MUSIC**

"J-E-S-U-S" (The Meeting House Kids Music)

# 1 | Start

### **WORD SEARCH SUPPLIES**

- Word search activity page
- Writing supplies

### **WORD SEARCH INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Demonstrate how to find and circle a word on the activity page.
- b. Work together to search for all the words.
- c. Explain that each word is from today's Bible story.
- d. Introduce the Big Idea: **The good news is we can** be with Jesus forever.

### **BUILD A CITY SUPPLIES**

- Craft paper (or blank side of wrapping paper)
- Wall-safe tape
- Colouring supplies
- Household supplies and toys

### **BUILD A CITY INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Chat about the things found in a city.
- b. Work together to create a great pretend city! Use the craft paper as a base. The children could draw the parts of their city and/or repurpose toys and household items for it. Be creative!
- c. As they play, explain that there's a very special city in today's story from the Bible.

# 2 | Watch

### **SUPPLIES**

Media player

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

 Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Early Years playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

# 3 | Pray

### **SUPPLIES**

- Paper
- Writing and drawing supplies

#### TIP

 Unlike most Early Years series, there are new Big Ideas each week in Good News! Children will discover that Jesus shows us God's love, saves us from sin, sets up God's kingdom, and does it all so we can be with God forever.

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Review the Big Idea: **The good news is we can be with Jesus forever**.
- b. Encourage the children to write a poem, draw a picture, or choose another creative way to express this good news.
- c. As they create, chat about who they could share this good news with.
- d. To wrap, pray and give thanks that we can be with Jesus forever. Ask for help sharing the good news with other people this week.
- e. Save whatever the children make each week of this series and compile a booklet that will help them remember what they learned.



# 4 | Craft

### **SUPPLIES**

- Jesus cutouts
- Foam hearts
- Colouring supplies
- Glue

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Give each child a Jesus cutout and a foam heart.
- b. Direct them to colour their Jesus cutout, then glue it onto their foam heart.
- c. As they work on their crafts, read aloud the text on the cutout and review today's Bible story.

# 5 | Key Verse

### **SUPPLIES**

- Key Verse sign
- Key Verse Cone activity page
- Key Verse scoops

## TIP

Re-use the supplies from Week 2.

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Read aloud the Key Verse printed on the sign and remind the children that this is Jesus speaking.
- b. Look at the words on the ice cream scoops.
- c. Work together to stick the scoops in order on top of the cone.