

Teach:

In Ephesians 2:6-7, the Bible tells us that God wants to show off his grace and glory forever. Forever and ever? Oh yes. And when God does something, he does it BIG.

So how does he want to show off his grace and glory?

Well, he has a big plan. He wants to display his grace and glory not just by saving us and letting us into heaven, not just by having a relationship with us, and not even just by having people from every nation in his family.

More than all of that, God wants to display his grace and glory forever by having his children rule and reign with him forever throughout the universe. This is our reward.

What? We get to rule with God like kings and queens one day?

Actually, yes. The Bible says if we endure in our faith, we will also reign with Jesus (2 Timothy 2:12). And Jesus says, "The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne" (Revelation 3:21).

This is the reward he wants to give us for obeying him on earth. God wants to reward us for good works, and he wants our reward to be amazing.

And so not only will we rule with him, but Luke 19:17-19 tells us that we will get to rule over cities. Jesus tells us that one day we will inherit the kingdom that God had prepared for us since the entire world began.

Discuss: What would be an awesome reward for doing your best in school and earning good grades?

What would be a great reward for doing all of your chores
with a good attitude?

What about reading a chapter every night for a year?

Can you ever imagine being rewarded with a kingdom?

What would you have to do for such a great reward?

It might be hard to believe, but it's true. Your inheritance from God is a kingdom. Since the beginning of the world, God has had a kingdom waiting for you in heaven. This is how he will show off his glory forever. This is your ultimate reward. Jesus wants us to earn our ultimate reward!

Workbook:

Read the verse on page 19 of the children's workbook, then have your student answer the questions and complete the activity.

Answers:

- Before the beginning of the world
- Inheriting

Activity Answer Key:

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The Kingdom Prepared

Week 4: Day 2
Lesson 11

Read:

Either together or alone, have your student read *Mr. Kingsley's Big Surprise* chapter 4, beginning on page 45.

Answer:

Have your student answer the reading questions and application question in the children's workbook on page 21.

Answers:

1. He left it on the belt and didn't separate anything.
2. Sophie was in the lead with 88 points.

Color:

Have your student color this week's cartoon page in their workbook.

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Week 4: Day 3
Lesson 12

Read:

Either together or alone, have your student read the true story of a child who made a difference located on page 23 of their workbook.

Answer:

Have your student answer the questions on the next page in their workbook. Discuss their behavior over the week. What have they done that God might reward?

Answers:

1. There was a tomato blight in that area, so they decided to pray over the farmer's field.
2. She went on a missions trip. She served the farmer. She obeyed the prompting to sing out in prayer.
3. Answers will vary.

Discuss:

Open the *103 Cat and Dog Choices* cartoon book to page 7 and discuss how it could pertain to rewards.

Complete:

Have your student complete the mini quiz, circling whether the statement is true or false.

Answers:

1. True
2. True
3. False