

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2020

**BIBLE STORY:**

*Revelation 19–22*

**BIBLE VERSE:**

*Revelation 21:3*

**BABIES–PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:**

*God has planned for a wonderful new creation.*

**KIDS TEXT TRUTH:**

*When Jesus returns, God's people will be with Him forever. (YK)*

*One day, Jesus will return and all of His people will spend eternity with Him. (OK)*

**ADULT CORE PASSAGE:**

*Song of Songs 5:6-16*

**FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:**

*Song of Songs 6:1*

**FAMILY READING PLAN:**

**SUNDAY:** *Song of Songs 8:5-9*

**MONDAY:** *Song of Songs 8:10-14*

**TUESDAY:** *Isaiah 1:1-15*

**WEDNESDAY:** *Isaiah 1:16-31*

**THURSDAY:** *Isaiah 2:1-11*

**FRIDAY:** *Isaiah 2:12-22*

**SATURDAY:** *Isaiah 3:1-15*

## FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study Revelation and Song of Songs together as a family:



- **Coming again.** The Book of Acts tells of Jesus' ascension into heaven and the angels announcement that He would return. The last four chapters in the Book of Revelation tell about Jesus' second coming. As with the expectation among the early church of Christ's immediate return, we believers today look forward to that return. When Christ returns, God's people will live with Him forever.
- **A new heaven and new earth.** God promised that sin would be judged and once sin is judged, God will build a new heaven and new earth in which there will be rejoicing and worship. The new heaven will be a place of perfect peace. There will be no pain, no sorrow, no death, and no crying. The new earth will have no need of a sun since God Himself will be the light that illuminates its streets.
- **New Jerusalem.** Jerusalem, the city chosen by God as the dwelling place for His people would also be made new. This city would be paved with gold and adorned with gemstones and pearls. John describes each gate as being made from a single pearl. One thing in the new Jerusalem that will be absent from the old Jerusalem is the temple. The temple on earth was a structure symbolizing God's presence with the people. The new Jerusalem will not need a temple because God will, like He promised many times through prophets, live with His people. In the end, prophecy will be fulfilled and people will enjoy communing with God.
- **Mutual investment.** Solomon's song highlighted the relationship between a husband and wife and showed how the relationship was a symbol for the way God loves His people. God called husbands and wives to show respect for one another and to support one another, particularly in their pursuit of God. God's desire for His people all along has been relationship. God desires a pure relationship with His people and ultimately in the new Jerusalem, God will dwell in perfect relationship with His people.