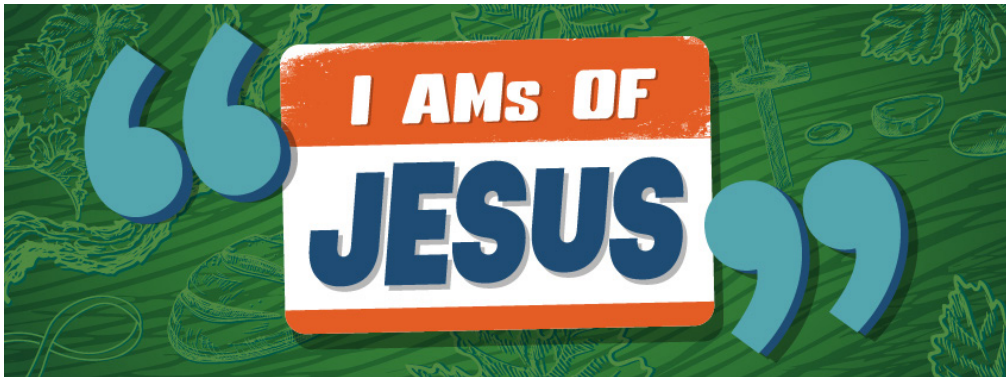




# I AM THE ALPHA AND OMEGA

LESSON AT A GLANCE

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## CURIOSITY

An object lesson, experiment, or activity that sparks curiosity, encourages exploration, and gets kids thinking about the wonder of God.

- Welcome Question: *Think about your favorite movie. How does it start? How does it end?*
- Interactive Game: Guess the Ending
- Declaring God's Wonder

## BELIEF Choose either Hear It or Experience It and supplement with the video

A deep and interactive dive into Scripture that guides kids into knowing God more deeply, exploring His big story, and marveling at His wonder.

- Opening Prayer
- God's Big Story: Hear It, Watch It, Experience It!
- Connecting the Wonder Truth

## FAITH

An intentional conversation that helps kids see the wonder of God's story and how it connects to their own, emboldening their faith and fostering a deeper understanding of their place in God's kingdom.

- Discussion Questions for Younger and Older Kids
- Small Group Prayer Time

## IDENTITY

An interactive worship response activity that creates space for God to remind kids of these core truths: I am known, I am loved, I am led, and my life can tell of God's wonder.

- Responding in Worship: Beginning and End Group Art
- Blessing Your Kids

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# FOR LEADERS

## A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN'S LEADERS

*We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father...*

Dear Sunday School Teachers,

We wanted to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful and important work you are doing with the children in your classes. As we teach young hearts about the love and truth of Jesus, we are invited into a sacred role of helping them understand not just the stories of the Bible, but the overarching story of God's plan for the world. It's a story that began with creation and will come to its glorious conclusion when Jesus leads us into a new heaven and a new earth ([Rev 21:1](#)).

In [Revelation 21:1-7](#), we are reminded that Jesus will make all things new, wiping away every tear and restoring all that is broken. As you teach the children, you have the privilege of pointing them to this promise—reminding them that even when life feels hard or sad, Jesus has promised to set all things right. That truth is something powerful we can carry with us and share with the little ones in our care.

How amazing it is that in this story of beginning and end, Jesus is the one who will make it all new. As we reflect on [Revelation 22:12-13](#), "I am coming soon"—we can help the children understand that Jesus' return isn't something to fear, but something to look forward to with joy and hope. Imagine what that day will be like—Jesus and the Father on the throne, making everything right, bringing all things to completion. What does that promise stir in your heart? And how can we share that excitement, that peace, with the children we teach?

You are shaping young hearts with the knowledge of Jesus as the Alpha and the Omega, the one who has the power to create, redeem, and restore. Thank you for your unwavering dedication to teaching our children this incredible truth. In all that you do, you are not just teaching facts—you are creating moments of connection that will stay with these children for their whole lives, as they learn about the One who is making all things new.

With love and joy,

**The Faith Arc Team**

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## A ROAD MAP

### WHO?

The [book of Revelation](#) contains a vision given to John on the island of Patmos. John was a servant of God and witness to what God revealed to him. John describes himself as a fellow believer in Jesus, writing to seven churches in Asia Minor.



### WHAT?

John sees a vision of the new heaven and new earth, where God will dwell with His people and put an end to death and sadness. He will give His people the water of life, and they will be His children.



### WHERE?

John received his vision on the island of Patmos, a rocky island in the Aegean Sea off the coast of Asia Minor. Patmos was located 40–50 miles southwest of Ephesus and was used as a place of exile in the Roman Empire.



### WHEN?

This part of John's vision concerns what will happen at the far end of history, after the conclusion of the first resurrection, and after Christ establishes His kingdom of peace, when God's new creation fully appears. It comes just after the Last Judgement when God finally judges Satan and all those who did not partake in the first resurrection.



### CONNECTING TO GOD'S BIG STORY

As the beginning and the end, Jesus is Lord over history. Jesus gets the last word on everything. He defeated death and made way for the dawning of the new heaven and the new earth, where followers of Jesus will live forever in God's presence.



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### WELCOME QUESTION

**SUPPLIES:** paper, colored pencils, whiteboard (optional), dry-erase marker (optional), **Alpha Omega Welcome Question Slide**

Before kids arrive, display the **Alpha Omega Welcome Question Slide**, or write the following on a whiteboard: "Think about your favorite movie. How does it start? How does it end?" Set out sheets of paper and coloring utensils.

As kids arrive, warmly welcome them by name and ask them to Check In.

#### All Ages

Always begin your class with a warm welcome and a social-emotional "check-in". Use the feelings chart and ask each child how they are feeling (refrain from asking "How are you?" as children may be accustomed to responding with "fine"). You may want to print and post the feelings chart in your classroom for ease of use.

- Allow each child to name their feeling or to use a color to name their feeling. Older children might use words, younger children might point to the pictures or use the colors to express their feelings.
- There are no wrong feelings and all feelings should be acknowledged.
- Acknowledge how children feel by giving each child time and space to share anything they might need or want to share in regard to their feelings. For example, you can ask "Why are you angry?" or "What made you sad?"
- If you can, address the feeling (hunger/thirst - provide a snack/drink, sadness - give a hug, joy - give a high five, tired - let the child rest, anger – a calming space, etc.).
- Keep in mind throughout the lesson how each child is feeling and that feelings may change during your time with the child.
- If you notice a change, you may want to allow the child to rename their feeling and again address the feeling if needed.
- Acknowledge all feelings, concerns, joys, and celebrations in your opening and closing prayer. Use a grace-based approach to the learning as feelings will impact how children learn. (adapted from the Zones of Regulation)

Show them the **Welcome Question**. Encourage kids to share their answers with two different people and to illustrate their answers if they choose. If you have younger kids, be sure to read the question for them.

#### Teaching Tip:

Some kids might want to share about movies that are not generally appropriate for kids while others might not watch movies at all. If a child starts to share about an inappropriate movie, thank her for sharing and gently move on. If some kids don't watch movies at all, give all the kids the option of sharing about a favorite book.

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# SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL CHECK IN

Angry



Scared



Panicked



Inconsolable



Happy



Focused



Calm



Proud



Worried



Frustrated



Silly



Excited



Sad



Bored



Tired



Sick



**At your start time...**

Call everyone together and tell them you're so glad they came to church today. Call on several kids to share their answers to the **Welcome Question**: *Think about your favorite movie. How does it start? How does it end?*

These movies sound great! Today we are going to learn about John, a man who saw a special picture from God called a vision. In his vision, John saw heaven and realized that Jesus is the beginning and the end! But first, it's time to be curious.

**INTERACTIVE GAME: GUESS THE ENDING**

**SUPPLIES:** scissors (prep only), cardstock (optional), **Guess the Ending Cards** (1 set per 20 kids), **Guess the Ending Slide**, **Alpha Omega Wonder Truth Slide**

Ahead of time, print the Guess the Ending Cards on cardstock, if possible. Cut the cards apart. There are 20 cards total, and each kid will need a card. If your group is larger than 20 kids, prepare multiple sets of cards.

**Make it Inclusive:** *Modify this activity as needed for kids with special needs. For example, give three or four pairs of beginning/end cards (including two Jesus cards) to a child and invite a leader or peer helper to help her find the matching cards.*

Display the **Guess the Ending Slide**. Today we are going to learn about how Jesus is the beginning and the end. Let's play a game to help us think about how things begin and end!

Invite the kids to gather around, and give one **Guess the Ending Card** to each kid. Ask kids not to show their cards to anyone else, and make sure each of the cards you give out has a match. For example, if you give one kid the cat face, make sure to give a different child the cat tail. Be sure you give out the two Jesus cards. (If your group is larger than 20 kids, let kids know that there may be two or more kids with the same cards. They only need to find one person with their beginning or end match.) If your group is small, give kids more than one card to match, making sure they have either a beginning or an ending cards for which they need to find the match.

Encourage the kids to spread out all over the room. At your signal, they are free to turn over their cards and try to find the person who has their match. If they have a beginning card, they need to look for the corresponding ending card.

Once everyone has found their match, invite the partners to explain their beginning and end cards. Two kids will have the exact same Jesus card. If they're curious about why their cards are the same, invite them to ponder this. **Why do you think the Jesus cards are the same?**

Before you answer their questions, play a second round—either using all the same cards or by switching some of them up. After the second round, gather everyone together.

**Teaching Tip:**

*For Younger Kids:*  
Remind the kids that they aren't looking for an exact match to their card—they need to find someone who either has the beginning or end to their card. You may need to encourage them by helping them find their match or telling them specifically what image will be on their card's match.

Great job finding the beginning and end of your cards! Remember how we had two cards that had the same picture of Jesus? Invite the kids with the Jesus cards to hold them up. Today we are going to learn about how Jesus is both the beginning and the end. He is the first—He has always existed and been King, and He is the last—He will live and reign forever and ever!

Display the **Alpha Omega Wonder Truth Slide**. Today's Wonder Truth is: **JESUS IS THE BEGINNING AND THE END.**

## DECLARING GOD'S WONDER

Display the **Alpha Omega Declaration Slide**. Read each line boldly and invite kids to repeat after you.

**Thank You, God, that You are good!** (Kids repeat.)

**You made me on purpose, for a purpose.** (Kids repeat.)

**And I am Your kid!** (Kids repeat.)

**You know me, love me, and lead me.** (Kids repeat.)

**You are King forever;** (Kids repeat.)

**You are the beginning and the end!** (Kids repeat.)

**My life can tell of Your wonder** (Kids repeat.)

### OPENING PRAYER

Before entering into God’s big story, lead kids in an opening prayer. Use the prayer here or your own words: **God, thank You for bringing each of us here to worship You and learn more about You today. As we hear Your big story, we ask Your Holy Spirit to teach us and remind us of Your love. Thank You, Jesus, that You are King and that You are the beginning and the end. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

### GOD’S BIG STORY

This lesson includes three opportunities for your kids to enter the story – we recommend you choose **HEAR IT!** or **EXPERIENCE IT!** and supplement with the **WATCH IT!** video. **HEAR IT!** is read directly from the Bible. **EXPERIENCE IT!** is an interactive story-telling activity.

### Hear It!

**SUPPLIES:** Bibles (1 per kid)

Display the **Alpha Omega Title Slide**. Invite kids to open their Bibles to the book of Revelation—the last book in the whole Bible. **Let’s start by reading part of God’s big story directly from the Bible. Afterward, we will watch and experience more of the story!** Invite one volunteer to read aloud [Revelation 21:1–3](#), another to read [Revelation 21:4–7](#), and a third to read [Revelation 22:12–13](#). If your group includes a lot of younger kids, read the verses out loud as kids listen.

### Watch It!

Watch the [I Am the Alpha and Omega God’s Big Story!](#)

#### Teaching Tip:

The book of Revelation can be a bit confusing. Consider letting the kids know that this letter in the Bible fits in the genre called apocalyptic literature. This type of writing is often related to a vision given by God with its different imagery and coded language. The most important thing to remember about the book of Revelation is that it is about Jesus—it shows us that He reigns, and He is the beginning and the end!

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## Experience It!

**SUPPLIES:** coloring utensils, clipboards (1 per kid, optional), **Alpha and Omega Sheet** (1 per kid)

Ahead of time, print an **Alpha and Omega Sheet** for each kid, using two-sided printing. Fold each sheet in half to make a four-page mini-book with the Alpha page as the front cover and the Omega page as the back. If clipboards are available, clip each book to a board.

Gather kids and hand each an Alpha and Omega book and coloring utensils.

**Make it Inclusive:** *Provide stickers as an alternative to drawing for kids who need a simpler task. Rather than draw on the pages of their mini books, they can decorate them with stickers.*

Today we are going to illustrate our own mini books as we listen to part of God's big story! The front page of your book has the word **Alpha** and its symbol. Point to the first page of an Alpha and Omega book. **Alpha** is the first letter of the Greek alphabet, and the Bible uses it to represent Jesus, who is the beginning of all things! The Bible tells us that "In the beginning, the Word was already there. The Word was with God, and the Word was God" ([John 1:1](#)). Jesus is the Word, and He was there at the very beginning. So before God created the world, Jesus, who is God, was there! Take a moment to draw a picture on the Alpha page of your book that shows Jesus at the very beginning. Give the kids time to draw. You could walk around and look at their pictures and even invite a few kids to show their drawings to the group.

Now let's fast forward many, many years. Before Jesus rose from the dead and went to be with God the Father, He promised His disciples He would prepare a place for them in God's family. Jesus was going to His Father's kingdom—to the dwelling place of God. Jesus was going to prepare a place for His disciples there.

Years later, God gave a vision to a follower of Jesus named John. It was a vision about God's great power and Jesus' guaranteed victory over evil. God is going to make a home where He can be with His people forever! John wrote down what He saw to give hope to those waiting for Jesus to come back. It showed that the same God who created everything in the beginning is still in control and will make everything right in the end.

In his vision, John saw what will happen at the far end of history. He saw a new heaven and a new earth. Hundreds of years before, God had promised the prophet Isaiah that He will create new heavens and a new earth ([Isaiah 65:17](#)). God will keep that promise. There will even be a new Jerusalem. The original Jerusalem was a city where God put His temple on earth. But that temple had been destroyed, and God no longer lived there. John saw a vision of the new Jerusalem coming down from heaven. It was beautiful! Heaven and earth were coming together! Then a loud voice from God's throne said, "Look! God now makes his home with the people. He will live with them. They will be his people. And God himself will be with them and be their God" ([Revelation 21:3](#)). God is going to make a forever home with His people, to live with them always.

Open your book to page two and draw a picture of the new Jerusalem—the beautiful, heavenly city. Give the kids time to draw. You could walk around and look at their pictures and even invite a few kids to show their drawings to the group. **No one knows exactly what the new Jerusalem will look like, but I love your creative ideas!**

John also heard a voice from God's throne saying, "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death" ([Revelation 21:4](#)). This was another promise God had shared with the prophet Isaiah ([Isaiah 25:8](#))—another promise God will keep. At home with God there will be no more sadness, crying, or pain. Only joy and life! God will make everything new!

## ELEMENTARY

On page three of your books, draw a picture that represents joy and life with no more sadness or crying or pain. Give the kids time to draw. You could walk around and look at their pictures and even invite a few kids to show their drawings to the group.

Your pictures make me feel happy! And it makes me even happier to know that the vision God showed John isn't a "maybe" plan. It's a guarantee. That means it will happen! John heard the One who sits on the throne say, "Write this down. You can trust these words. They are true" ([Revelation 21:5](#)). Then John heard, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End" ([Revelation 21:6](#)). God is the Creator of all things, the One who brings all things to their proper end. God is the One who keeps all His promises and fulfills all His plans. And Jesus is one with God the Father! Jesus is divine! In his vision, John saw Jesus sharing heaven's throne with the Father ([Revelation 5:6](#)).

On the back of your books is the word *Omega* and its symbol. Point to the last page of an Alpha and Omega book. *Omega* is the last letter of the Greek alphabet, and it also represents Jesus, who is the end! On the last page of your book, draw a picture of Jesus sitting on the throne of heaven at the end. Give the kids time to draw. You could walk around and look at their pictures, and even invite a few kids to show their drawings to the group.

Those pictures are great! We are at the end of the book. Who is on the last page of your book? Wait for the kids to say, "Jesus." Who is on the first page of your book? Wait for the kids to say, "Jesus." That's right! Jesus is at the beginning and at the end of our books.

What are the first and last letters of our alphabet? Wait for the answer "A and Z." Yes! So just like "A" and "Z" are the beginning and end of the alphabet, this is how Jesus describes Himself in John's vision: "I am the Alpha and the Omega. I am the First and the Last. I am the Beginning and the End" ([Revelation 22:13](#)). Jesus was there before anything was created, and He gets the last word on what happens at the end. Jesus isn't just at the beginning and end of our books. He was at the beginning of everything and will be there when God's big story reaches its very happy ending!

When God's people are at home with Him in the new heaven and the new earth, they will receive the water of life. There will be no more death. Just life, life, and more life. God told John, "Those who have victory will receive all this from me. I will be their God, and they will be my children" ([Revelation 21:7](#)). Followers of Jesus who've been baptized and sealed become children of God! They have a place in God's forever family—all because of who Jesus is and what He did. Jesus is the beginning and the end.

### Teaching Tip:

Consider explaining to kids that while Jesus calls Himself "the end," this doesn't mean that He will end. Instead, Jesus is the one who will be in control when the world as we know it is replaced with a new heaven and a new earth. He will live forever and ever, and He promises that those who believe in Him will have everlasting life too!

## CONNECTING THE WONDER TRUTH

Display the **Alpha Omega Wonder Truth Slide**. Pose the following question to kids to help them connect the Wonder Truth to God's big story:

**Our Wonder Truth today is JESUS IS THE BEGINNING AND THE END. Where did you see our Wonder Truth in the story?** Allow kids to answer freely.

**Jesus gets the last word on everything, even death! By dying on the cross and rising again, Jesus defeated death and made way for the new heaven and new earth! One day all Jesus-followers will live forever in God's presence. Jesus is the beginning and the end! Jesus is also with us today and every day through the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

## ELEMENTARY

Divide your group into smaller groups based on age. If your group is already small, stay together for this time.

### QUESTIONS: YOUNGER KIDS

- Who had a vision (or a picture from God) in God's big story today? (*John*)
- Who is going to wipe away every tear from our eyes? (*God*)
- What is the city God will make new? (*Jerusalem*)
- What do you think it will be like to be with Jesus forever?
- What will be the best thing about when Jesus makes everything new?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus is the beginning and the end?

John had a vision about the future, when Jesus will make all things new and be King forever. We wait for this day, but we know that Jesus is also King and with us right now. He is the beginning and the end! Let's take some time to talk with Jesus and thank Him for who He is.

### PRAYER TIME: YOUNGER KIDS

Invite the kids to spend some time praying and thanking Jesus for all the things He's done in their lives. Help them think through things they can be grateful for—family, friends, homes, clothing, food, etc. Allow kids to pray aloud, and then close the prayer by thanking Jesus for His goodness and that He is King now and forever.

**Make it Inclusive:** *Make a list of things kids might be grateful for and read it aloud. Some kids struggle to think of things to pray for on the spot, so encourage them to choose something from the list. If you have pre-readers or kids who are nonverbal, print pictures of several things they might be grateful to God for and allow them to point to a picture as a way of praying.*

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## QUESTIONS: OLDER KIDS

- Who wrote down the vision God gave him? (*John*)
- Why did John write down his vision? (*God wanted him to share it with the people to encourage them*)
- Who will live with His people at the end of time? (*God*)
- How does it make you feel to know that God has promised all these things?
- How can knowing that Jesus is the beginning and the end help you today?
- What is something you are excited for Jesus to make new in your life or your family's life?

John's vision is such an amazing encouragement about how God has promised to bring His kingdom to earth and make all things new. Jesus is King now and forever, and we can trust Him to do what He says. Let's take some time to pray and ask God to make things new in our lives.

## PRAYER TIME: OLDER KIDS

Invite kids to share some prayer requests about where they need Jesus to make something new in their lives. Maybe they need His encouragement with a situation at home, or maybe they need Jesus' wisdom with friends or at school. Consider sharing a request of your own. At the end of your sharing time, invite a volunteer to pray, giving all these requests to God, who can be trusted to keep His promises.

**Make it Inclusive:** *Make a list of areas kids might ask for God's help with, such as a situation at school, with friends, with family, etc. Some kids struggle to think of things to pray for on the spot, so encourage them to choose something from the list. If you have kids who are nonverbal, print pictures of several things they might want God's help with and allow them to point to a picture as a way of praying.*

If time, use this moment to review a commandment that you feel might be relevant to your class. Use choral response to recite the commandment, but spend most of your time discussing what the commandment means and how it might be used in our lives today. End with: **Great job working on this commandment. We can show the world we are followers of Jesus when we follow the commandments God gave us.**

### RESPONDING IN WORSHIP: BEGINNING AND END GROUP ART

**SUPPLIES:** craft foam bases (1 per 4–5 kids, any shape with depth of at least 2”), pipe cleaners (5 per kid, variety of colors), pony beads (15–20 per kid, optional), bowls (1 per group, optional), **Responding in Worship Slide**, **Beginning End Slides NlrV**, [I AMs of Jesus Elementary Spotify playlist](#) (optional)

**Make it Inclusive:** Kids with fine motor difficulties might struggle with using pipe cleaners and pony beads. Consider providing additional craft supplies that are easier to grasp, such as large pom-poms, craft sticks, slips of paper, and play dough.

Display the **Responding in Worship Slide** and gather kids together. Place kids into groups of 4–5. Give each group a craft foam base and enough pipe cleaners so that each kid will have five. A variety of colored pipe cleaners will make this more fun! Place enough pony beads inside a bowl so each group will have plenty to share. If you would rather not use beads, this activity works well with only pipe cleaners.

Today we learned about John’s vision—how one day Jesus, the beginning and the end, will make everything new. God will establish a new creation where there will be no more sadness or pain or death. It will be amazing! And when we look at what God shared with John in Revelation, we see how it reveals connections to the very beginning in Genesis! Show the first **Beginning End Slide**.

Each group has a bowl of beads, pipe cleaners, and a foam base. We are going to use these materials to create 3D artwork together. We are going to hear verses from the books of Genesis and Revelation. After you hear each verse, you can use the materials to create something that reminds you of what you hear. When we hear about how God made the world in the very beginning and then that God is going to make a new heaven and a new earth, what comes to your mind? What could you do with the pipe cleaners, beads, and foam to remind you of this truth? How might you work with those around you to make something together? We will hear five sets of verses. Between each set of verses, we will take time to create together to help us remember the greatness of God.

Display the second **Beginning End Slide** with the first set of verses. After you (or a kid!) reads the verses aloud, have kids work together to create their art. They can place beads on the pipe cleaners, attach pipe cleaners together, make symbols that will eventually be attached together—the possibilities are endless! As kids work, ask: **What connections do you see between these verses?** Repeat this process for each set of verses. If desired, play songs from the [I AMs of Jesus Elementary Spotify playlist](#) as kids create.

The Beginning End Slides include the following sets of verses: [Genesis 1:5](#) and [Revelation 22:5](#), [Genesis 1:21](#)

#### I AM THE ALPHA AND OMEGA

LESSON 4

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Goals and Objectives

[IA 3-6, 8-10, 13-16, 18-20, 23-26, 28-30](#) [IB 1, 3, 5](#) [IC 1-13](#) [IE 1-3](#) [IIIA 1-3](#)

#### WONDER TRUTH:

Jesus Is the Beginning and the End

#### SCRIPTURE:

[Revelation 21-22](#)

#### GOD’S BIG STORY:

John has a vision about when Jesus will bring His kingdom to earth. Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, and He reigns forever!

#### WORD OF WONDER:

[John 8:12](#)

*I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in darkness. They will have that light. They will have life.*

#### Teaching Tip:

Consider creating a sample piece of art with the planned materials for this response activity. What comes to mind when you read the Genesis to Revelation verse parallels? A visual for kids of how unique the artwork can be is helpful.



Lesson PPT Slides



Lesson PDF Slides



Lesson Printables

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and [Revelation 21:1, Genesis 3:8](#) and [Revelation 21:3, Genesis 2:9](#) and [Revelation 22:2, Genesis 3:19](#) and [Revelation 22:3-4](#).

Once you have gone through the Beginning End slides and read the verses, bring kids back together. Invite them to share their group creations.

**Jesus was there before anything was created, and He gets the last word on what happens at the end. Jesus was at the beginning of everything and will be there when God's big story reaches its good and happy ending. Jesus is King forever and ever, and one day the whole world will know it! He will bring His kingdom to earth, and He will live with us!**

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## BLESSING YOUR KIDS

Display the **Alpha Omega Blessing Slide**. Speak this blessing over your kids, as a group or as individuals. If you bless kids individually, insert each name into the blessing.

**Blessing:** May the Lord bless and keep you as you go this week. Know that He is Creator and King, the beginning and the end!