



JUNIOR

Student Guide



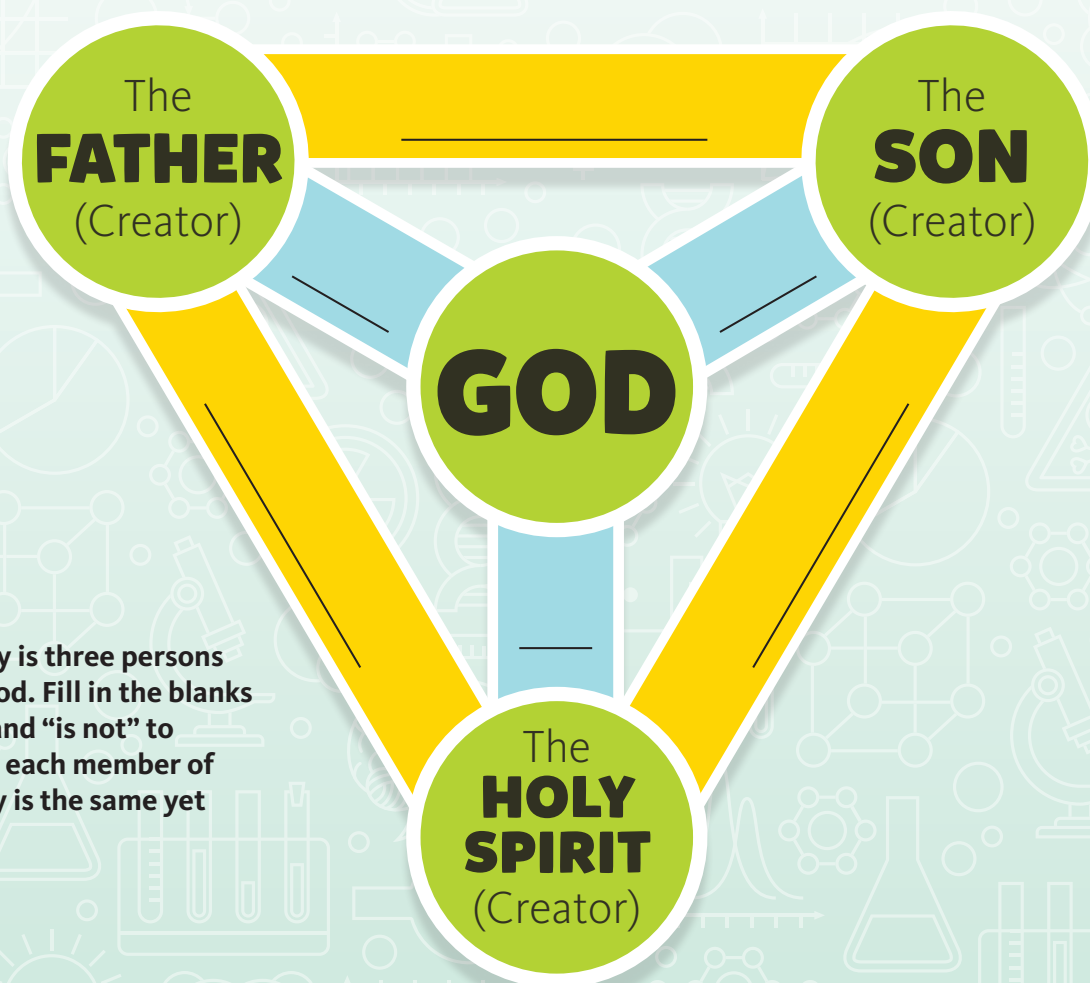
Day 1—Junior

Destination: Creation

Hello, Time Travelers! We hope you had a blast today at *Time Lab* where you started exploring the truth about Jesus from eternity past to eternity future! You learned that Jesus always has been and always will be! Jesus has always been; he doesn't have a beginning. Jesus was right there at the beginning of creation. In the creation account, God uses the words "us" and "our." God created so many different things, and all three persons of the Trinity—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit—were doing the creating!

We also learned that Jesus knows about everything and cares about everything—the big stuff like stars and planets and the small stuff like our animal pal, Flutter the Sparrow. He created *you*, loves *you*, and cares for *you* very much! The Creator of the universe, who has been around forever, cares about *you*!

Jesus is **ETERNAL**—he *always has been, always will be* with us!



The Trinity is three persons yet one God. Fill in the blanks with "is" and "is not" to show how each member of the Trinity is the same yet different.

High Voltage Verse

Today's Verse

All things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:16-17

Challenge: Find something that is a circle shape, like a hula hoop, a pool ring, or a jewelry ring. Circles have no beginning and no ending, like the Son of God. As you say today's verse, toss your circle up and try to catch it. Do this over and over and see how many times you can toss it without dropping it. Don't forget to say your verse as you toss your circle!



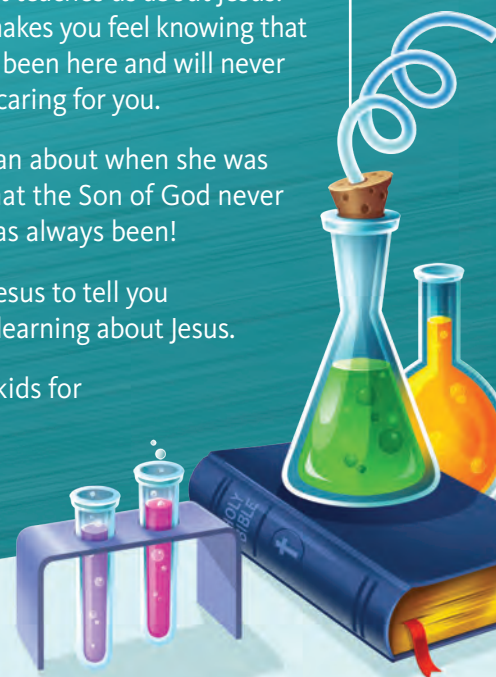
Tomorrow's Verse:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8

Ask YOURSELF: Do I know someone who needs to hear about this wonderful, caring, Creator Jesus?



- Find the New Testament. Look up Colossians 1:16 and read it to someone. Now go on a treasure hunt outside and see how many plants and animals you can find that the Son of God created!
- Talk to God (that's prayer!) and thank him for his Son, Jesus, and for the Bible that teaches us about Jesus. Talk to God about how it makes you feel knowing that the Son of God has always been here and will never leave you. Thank Jesus for caring for you.
- Ask your parent or guardian about when she was born. Marvel at the fact that the Son of God never had a starting point but has always been!
- Ask an adult who follows Jesus to tell you something he remembers learning about Jesus.
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Destination: Old Testament Locations

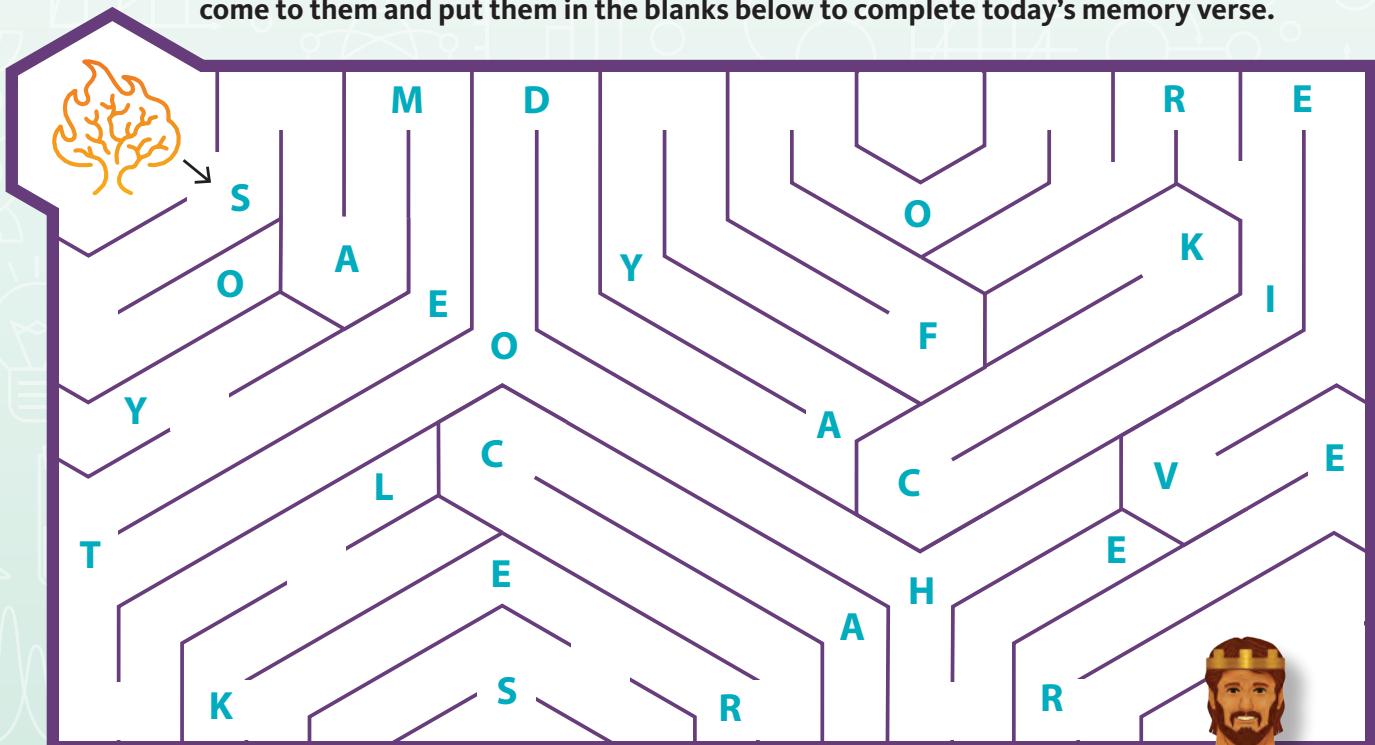
Welcome back, Time Travelers! We hope you had an awesome time at *Time Lab* today, traveling to Old Testament locations searching for Son of God sightings. Our animal pal, Lottie the Lamb, reminds us that Jesus, the Lamb of God, takes away the sin of the world—just as God promised in the Old Testament.

In our first Old Testament Son of God sighting, we met Abraham (Genesis 18), who was sitting by a tree when the Lord appeared to him. The Son of God promised Abraham that when he returned to visit a year later, Abraham and his wife Sarah would have a son. It happened, just as the Lord said! Next, we fast-forwarded to a man named Moses. The Angel of the Lord (the Son of God) appeared to Moses in the form of a burning bush and gave him a big job to do (Exodus 3). In both cases, things worked out just the way God said they would because he is a promise keeper!

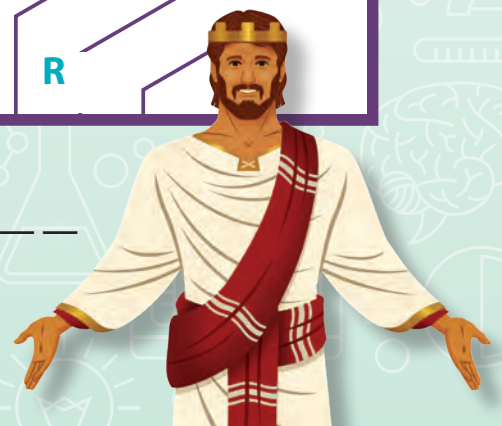
Jesus *always has been, always will be* a promise keeper—from even before Old Testament times to forever!



Complete the maze, picking up the letters as you go. Place the letters in order as you come to them and put them in the blanks below to complete today's memory verse.



Jesus Christ is the _____ yesterday and _____
and _____. Hebrews 13:8



High Voltage Verse

Today's Verse

Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday and today
and forever.

Hebrews 13:8

Challenge: Put down a really long line on the floor using either masking tape, rope, string, or yarn. Walk along the line as you say your verse. Think about Jesus being around forever and never changing.



Tomorrow's Verse:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

ASK YOURSELF: With
God's help, do I try to
keep my promises?

GO and DO

- Look up Exodus 3 and read the rest of the Burning Bush account. What do you find interesting about the Son of God here?
- Talk to God and ask him to remind you of the importance of being a promise keeper. If you say you will do something, you should do it!
- Decide on someone you can send a card to or visit. Tell her you are going to do it; then keep your promise and do so!
- Ask an adult who follows Jesus to share a favorite Bible account that has to do with the Son of God. Why does he like that one?
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Day 3—Junior

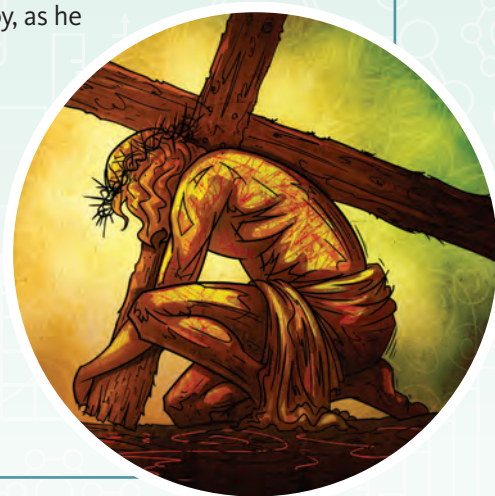
Destination: Visitation

Hello, Time Travelers! Today our animal pal, Sergeant the St. Bernard, reminded us that as he seeks and saves the lost, Jesus seeks and saves those who are spiritually lost! In the beginning, Adam and Eve disobeyed God's command about what they were to eat. After they disobeyed (sinned), the creation was no longer "very good." God said the punishment for sin is death, and he killed at least one animal to provide coverings for Adam and Eve. Then he sent them from the garden so they wouldn't eat from the Tree of Life and live forever on earth in their sinfulness. From that time on, people sacrificed animals as a way to cover their sin because every person is born a sinner and chooses to disobey God. Yet animal sacrifices couldn't take away sin—they only provided a covering for disobedience. And animals aren't people; we needed someone—a perfect person—to take the punishment of death on our behalf.

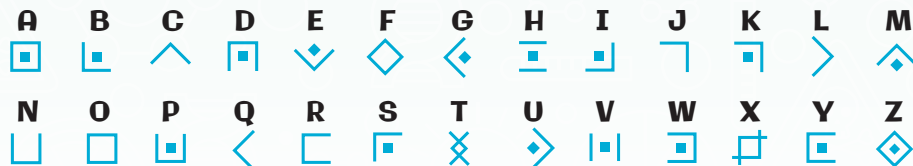
The Creator promised from the beginning to send someone who would save them (Genesis 3:15). This was the first promise that Jesus would one day come to save the world. About 4,000 years after Jesus created everything, God sent his Son to earth as a tiny baby, as he promised! Jesus lived a completely perfect life.

Jesus, the Lamb of God who was fully human and fully God, took our sin upon himself as he died on the cross to become the last, best, and final sacrifice. And he rose from the dead on the third day, showing that God had accepted his sacrifice! God sent his Son because he loved us! He came to seek and save us from our sin, provide a way for us to have fellowship with him again, and give us eternal life with him in heaven. We can receive the gift of eternal life when we repent of our sin (say we are sorry and turn from sin) and believe that Jesus is our only Savior from sin.

Jesus *always has been, always will be* ready to love and forgive those who truly want to become his children!



Use the code to discover today's memory verse.



For God so _____ the _____ that he gave his

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Son, that _____ believes in him should not

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but have _____ life. **John 3:16**

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High Voltage Verse

Today's Verse

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Challenge: Make a poster with a picture representing either Jesus' birth, death, or resurrection. Write today's verse on the poster.



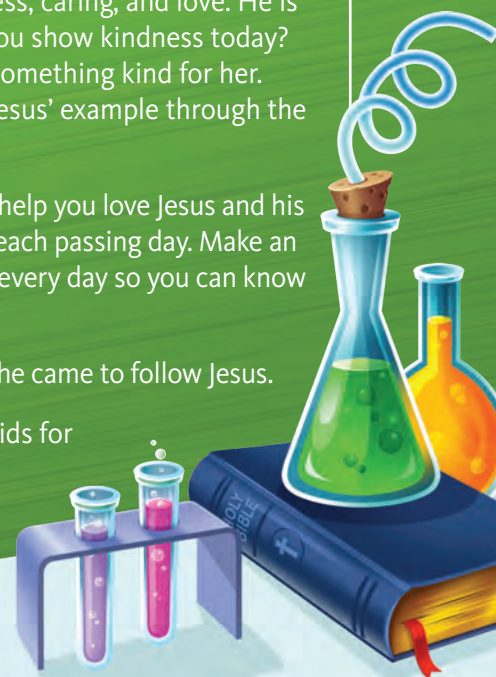
Tomorrow's Verse:

In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? John 14:2

Ask Yourself:
Am I part of God's family?



- Read all or part of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7). Marvel at Jesus' revolutionary teachings and make a newspaper front page with headlines announcing some of them, such as *Love Your Enemies!* Share your newspaper headlines with at least one other person.
- Jesus demonstrated kindness, caring, and love. He is wonderful! To whom can you show kindness today? Think of someone and do something kind for her. Tell her you are following Jesus' example through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Talk to God and ask him to help you love Jesus and his Word more and more with each passing day. Make an effort to study God's Word every day so you can know more about Jesus!
- Talk to an adult about how he came to follow Jesus.
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Destination: Preparation

Hi again, Travelers! We left off yesterday with Jesus coming back to life. Our animal pal, Bucky the Beaver, gives us a clue of what Jesus has been doing since he left earth and returned to heaven. Bucky is preparing his home, while Jesus is preparing a place for his children and is building and caring for his church. Jesus is currently in heaven building that place—an actual place (John 14:2–3).

When Jesus was on earth, the bridges the Romans built served as go-betweens. Today, Jesus is in heaven acting as our go-between, or Intercessor (Romans 8:34). There is a gap between us and God because of our sin. But Jesus, who became sin for us and who has given us his righteousness, bridges that gap for Christians (those who have received the gift of eternal life). When a child of God prays to God, Jesus brings that request to God the Father. Jesus is also in heaven protecting and caring for the church—not the church building but the people all over the world who have repented of their sins and believed in Jesus throughout time (Matthew 16:18). The church (God's people) may go through hard times because of the cursed, sinful world now, but the church will *never* be destroyed because Jesus is protecting and caring for it.

Jesus *always has been, always will be* caring for his children—even now from heaven.



Illustrate the three things Jesus has been doing in heaven since he left earth.

JESUS is building a PLACE
in HEAVEN. (JOHN 14:2–3)

JESUS is OUR BRIDGE.
(ROMANS 8:34)

JESUS CARES FOR THE CHURCH.
(MATTHEW 16:18)

High Voltage Verse

Today's Verse

In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

John 14:2

Challenge: Pretend to build a "mansion" as you say the verse.



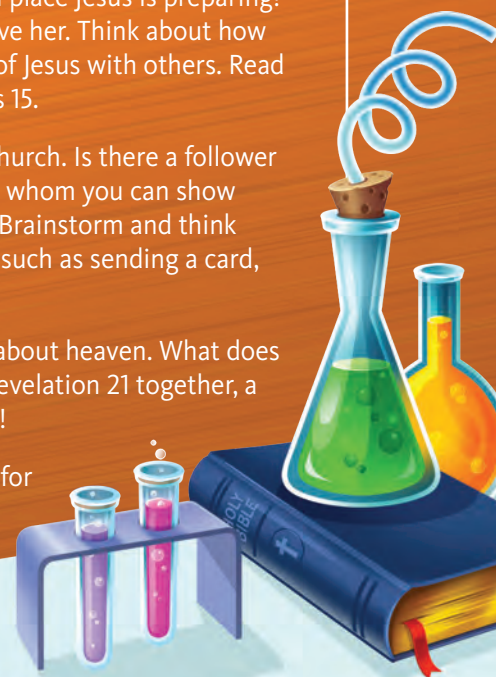
Tomorrow's Verse:

At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **Philippians 2:10-11**

Ask YOURSELF:
Could I explain to someone how to receive the gift of eternal life?



- Make a special place for yourself, such as a "fort" made with a sheet over a table. Gather paper and markers or crayons. Go into your special place and draw what you imagine the place looks like that Jesus is preparing for his children. Show it to someone and tell him about it.
- Is there anyone you know who is not a child of God and will not experience the special place Jesus is preparing? Pray to God and ask him to save her. Think about how you can share the good news of Jesus with others. Read passages such as 1 Corinthians 15.
- Jesus is always caring for his church. Is there a follower of Jesus (part of his church) to whom you can show care in a practical way today? Brainstorm and think of possible things you can do, such as sending a card, making cookies, or cleaning.
- Ask an adult if he ever thinks about heaven. What does he think it will be like? Read Revelation 21 together, a preview of coming attractions!
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Day 5—Junior

Destination: Celebration

Hello, Travelers! We hope you had an incredible time at *Time Lab* this week! Today, our animal pal, King the Lion, reminds us of Jesus the Lion of Judah, the King of kings. As we learned yesterday, Jesus has been busy preparing a place—a new heaven and a new earth (2 Peter 3:13). Heaven is a real place, where every child of God gets to live forever with Jesus. The Apostle Paul, in 1 Corinthians 2:9, tells us that we cannot begin to imagine the amazing place Jesus is preparing. The Bible tells us many things about the new heaven and new earth. There will be no sin or sickness. The streets are made of gold and the gates of pearls. We may hike mountains or swim with fish in the sea! As we enjoy its beauty and have fun playing in that place, the best part is that Jesus will be our Lord and friend as he sits on the throne.

Jesus is the King of kings. He will rule over everyone and everything forever. While we are still here on this present earth, it's important to take Jesus seriously, realize he is the King of kings and Lord of lords, and tell others about him!

Jesus *always has been, always will be* in charge, including when he reigns as King of kings in the new heaven and new earth.



A time warp has stretched these answers! Read Revelation 21–22 to fill in the blanks about the new heaven and earth. Hold the paper at about chin level and tilt it slightly downward. Let your eyes follow the direction that the arrows are pointing.

1. There won't be any _____.
2. There may be a city coming down in the shape of a _____.
3. The gates made of _____ will never be shut.
4. God will be sitting on the _____ in the middle of the city.
5. There will be _____ in heaven.



High Voltage Verse

Today's Verse

At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:10–11

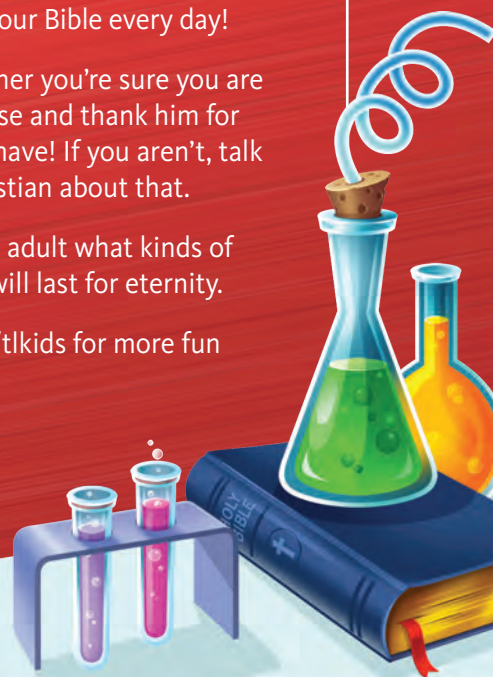
Challenge: Get a timer. See how long it takes you to say your verse without making any mistakes. Now try a lightning speed round. What's the fastest you can say it without looking at it and without making a mistake?



Ask YourSELF: What do I want to do as a result of this week? Ask God, by his grace, to help you!

GO and DO

- Tell someone about the new heaven and new earth. What sounds exciting about it?
- Read 2 Corinthians 5:10. Someday, you'll have to explain to God every choice you made, good and bad, while you lived here on earth. How should that affect the choices you make? Be sure to read and study your Bible every day!
- Talk to God about whether you're sure you are his child. If you are, praise and thank him for the exciting future you have! If you aren't, talk to him or a trusted Christian about that.
- Discuss with a Christian adult what kinds of things you can do that will last for eternity.
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Time Code

Write the letters above the numbers they have replaced on the clock face to finish the sentence.

Jesus

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Search and Discover

Find these words in the word search.

BELIEVERS

CLOUDS

CORRUPTION

CROSS

READY

CHRIST

CONSUMMATION

CREATION

MANSION

RETURN

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Now,

put the circled letters from the word search in order in the blanks to find the answer to this question. What is Jesus doing for his children—even now from heaven?

_____!

Eternity Maze

Jesus is our forever king. Follow the maze from eternity past to eternity future.

