

MAIN POINT:

God's Story Invites Us

MEMORY VERSE:

"I have told you these things so that you can have peace because of me. In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world." John 16:33

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

In the book of Revelation, God shares with us the promise that He will make all things new. Everyone who loves and believes in Him, will join Him in heaven. The Bible is God's story of invitation. He wants a relationship with each one of us, forever!

WATCH IT

Find the lesson video on our website: <https://cchurch.ca/childrens-online>

DO IT → SUNCATCHER

Supplies:

- 0.8mm stretch cording (20 inches per child)
- Transparent rainbow-coloured pony beads (approx. 16 per child)
- Prism bead (1 per child)

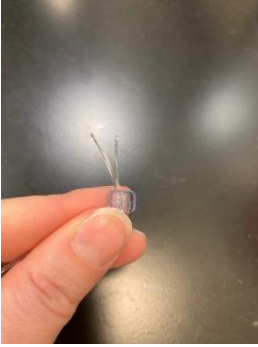
Activity Instructions:

- Have children thread the prism bead onto the cording first, and centre it. Tie a knot right above the bead by looping the cord around itself like tying a balloon.



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- Place both ends of the cording together and place the pony beads onto the cord.



- For the final bead, place it on only one piece of the cord, place the cording back together and tie a knot as before.



- Thread one end of the cording back through the loop. (This will place the knot inside and the bead will lay straight). To make a hanging loop, tie one final knot as before, but near the tip of the ends



- When placed in the window, the suncatcher can remind children of God’s glory lighting heaven, and the amazing place that God is preparing for those who follow Him.

TALK ABOUT IT:

1. **What is the most exciting thing you have ever been invited to?** (A surprise birthday party; a special outing with your best friend; a trip somewhere.)

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2. **When you think of friendships that you have, what is the best thing about those friendships?**
(Someone you can trust, someone you enjoy being around, experiences you can do together.)

3. **God invites each person to be in a friendship with Him that will last forever. He is someone we can trust, we can enjoy being in His presence, we can experience life with Him. When we choose to follow Him, we will get to spend forever with Him. It will be even more wonderful than spending every day with our very best friend. God wrote the Bible to invite each person to that friendship. God's Story Invites Us. What's your favourite thing about having a friendship with God?** (He loves us no matter what. He forgives us. He is always there for us. We can talk to Him anytime, anywhere, about anything. Encourage answers and be prepared to share yours.)

FAMILY PRAYER:

Dear God, Thank You for inviting us to be Your friend forever! Thank You that You love us so much that You sent us Jesus. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

OFFERING:

Our Children's Ministries offering from April to June will be going to The Well Cafe, a ministry of Centre Street Church. The Well Café is a place for people to connect in community as they share a free, hot meal together.