

This is it...**Challenge #6!** Congratulations on sticking with it and digging into the greatest story ever written! The best part of all is that this story is true! You are loved by the Almighty, Creator of the universe!



Do you remember how God's story with his people began? *With a choice; God's choice to love us.* God's desire was to live connected heart-to-heart with his most treasured possession. He would teach us his right way and be our God. At first, all was well in the garden with the first two people. God walked and talked with them in the garden. *But it didn't last...*



God's love for his people and his desire did not change. *Our Bible is the big story of the things that God did and the things that God said to show us what he was willing to do to repair that broken connection.* God gave us the Bible so that

- we could know him: creator, provider, protector, strength, comfort, sovereign, mighty, powerful, holy, loving, and so much more.
- we could know that through Jesus, the damage that sin has caused has been made right and we are forgiven.
- we could know God's right way and what God's kingdom is like.
- we could know the *great big promise that God has for all of us!*

What is this great big promise?

Check out **Revelation 21:3-5**.

Before you read these verses, here's something you need to know. The person writing these words is John, one of Jesus' disciples and best friends. The words he is writing come from Jesus, the pictures John describes come from Jesus.

Did you hear it?!?!? *God will make his home on the earth again someday...just the way he wanted it to be from the beginning!* The trickster, Satan, will have no more power. Sin will be gone. All will be new again...just the way God desires it to be.

Don't miss the words that Jesus told to John, 'Write this down for these words are trustworthy and true.' **We can count on it!**

What happens in the meantime?

Check out **1 John 4:15** and **1 Corinthians 3:16**. This is really cool! Can't wait for you to read it!!

Did you hear it?!?!? *God will make his home with us through his Spirit. He lives with us every minute of every day.* We can live an adventure with God right now! We don't have to wait.

God the Father, creator and author of all that is, created us in his image and he loves us and wants to live connected heart-to-heart with us.

God the Son, Jesus, through his gift of forgiveness, washes the yuck sin away and gives us a new, 'God-before-me' heart attitude.

God the Spirit, lives with us now and gives us love, courage, and strength to live God's right way.

What could be any better than that?

Challenge

God's big story is worth celebrating! How do you want to celebrate the love of God that knows no limits? Submit a picture, video, or a description of how your family celebrated to cokesburykids@cokesbury.tv

Some ideas to get your creative juices flowing...

- Have a party!! It can be as elaborate as you want to make it.
- Write a letter to God...let him know how it makes you feel to know that he chose to love you and wants to live with you.
- Paint a picture or draw a sidewalk chalk mural.
- Dance and sing...maybe at your party!