

GOD IS FOREVER

JOHN 1:1-18; REVELATION 22

HERE'S WHAT HAPPENS...

John writes the "the Word" (which is Jesus) has always existed and came to earth to live among us. In his vision of heaven, John talks about how Jesus is the beginning and the end. God always was and always will be, because God is forever.

"God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him." 1 John 4:9



WHAT YOU'LL NEED THIS WEEK...

- Bible
- Paper Plate
- Tape
- Glue
- Scissors
- Brown Yarn or Twine
- Colored Paper or Tissue Paper
- Hole Punch

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

FOREVER NEVER SCOOT - Students will play a game where they scoot from one wall to another.

WHO HAS THE TIME -Families will go over their calendar for the week to see how time is limited, but God is forever.

TREE OF LIFE -Students will make a tree of life to remind them that in God there is eternal life.

FOREVER NEVER SCOOT:

Easy Prep:

Clear the room enough that kids can scoot from one wall to the opposite wall.

- 1) Have kids sit side by side on the floor, their backs against one wall.
- 2) Challenge kids to call out how long they think it will take to scoot across the room and reach the far wall.
- 3) Explain that you'll time them, but you are adding one more scooting-related room to the mix: when they are halfway across the room, kids must pause for one second. Everytime they split the remaining distance in half, they need to pause for one second.
 - You may need to mark the halfway points beforehand so kids know when to stop.
- 4) When everyone is ready, say go and watch them scoot.
- 5) After the first kid touches the wall, stop the game and gather kids.

Explain: None of you will ever reach the wall because you'll always be stopping halfway. At first it was stopping feet, then inches, then fractions of inches...til what is left is teeny-tine fractions of space left. It would take forever. God is forever and he never gets tired of loving you!

TREE OF LIFE CRAFT:

- 1) Cut out the center of the plate.
- 2) At the bottom of the plate, hole punch 5 holes close together. At the top of the plate, hole punch 5 holes spaced farther apart.
- 3) Cut 5 pieces of yarn or twine, about 10 inches in length. Place one piece of yarn or twine in each of the bottom holes and tape each piece in place on the back. These will be the roots of your tree.
- 4) Twist the yarn or twine together to make the tree trunk.
- 5) At the end of the twisted yarn, separate out the individual pieces and put in each of the top holes, and tape in place. These are the branches of your tree.
- 6) Glue various colors of paper to your branches to make leaves on the tree.
- 7) Tie yarn or string around plate to hang.



WHO HAS THE TIME:

Write out a family calendar for the week. Include everyone's activities: preschool, play dates, school, work, sports, music, etc.

On each end of your week's calendar, draw arrows pointing out to illustrate that your time is limited, but God is forever.

The God that Never Ends:

He is the God that never ends,

Yes, he goes on and on, my friends.

Some people started praising him and giving him applause,

and they'll continue praising him forever just because... (repeat from beginning)