



## Unit Overview

# John Told About the Future



God's unfolding story is moving toward a climax, the moment in time and history when Jesus will return to the earth and judge the world. Believers will be tested, but not to determine where they will spend eternity; they are bound for heaven! Confident about the future, Christians joyfully can promote Christ's cause and engage in His work. Preschoolers cannot fully understand all these truths; but they can learn about and appreciate the fact that Jesus will take care of them in the future if they love Him.

### Kingdom Perspective

In Philippians 3:19-20, the apostle Paul told the Philippian believers that even though the ungodly "are focused on earthly things, ...our citizenship is in heaven." He went on to speak of eagerly awaiting Christ's return. The kingdom perspective to which Paul pointed offers believers unparalleled hope. Mindful that we are citizens of an eternal kingdom, we are empowered to encourage others and to challenge them to join us in living for Christ.

**Lesson 1: "John, a Friend of Jesus"**  
(Taken from the Gospels and the Epistles of John)  
Bible Truth: Jesus wants me to live as He would live.

**Lesson 2: "John Wrote About Love"**  
(Taken from 1 John)  
Bible Truth: God loves me, so I should love others.

**Lesson 3: "John Wrote About Heaven"**  
(John 14:1-4; Revelation 21:1-4, 12-14, 18-25; 22:1-6, 20)  
Bible Truth: Jesus is preparing a place for me in heaven.

**Lesson 4: "God's Unfolding Story"**  
(Genesis-Revelation)  
Bible Truth: Everything I read in the Bible is true.

### Making the Most of the "John Told About the Future" Unit from *God's Unfolding Story for Older Preschoolers*

The lesson plans and related resources for the above lessons can be downloaded from [SundaySchoolZone.com](http://SundaySchoolZone.com). In addition, there are a number of other helpful articles and resources on the website that can help you be an effective teacher and make the most of this unit. Below is a list of helpful articles you can link to or download in "Getting Started with God's Unfolding Story."

- The Session Schedule
- God's Unfolding Story Cube
- Lesson Components
- Who Developed this Stuff?
- Parents Connect
- Scripture References and Bible Phrases
- Why Are We Using Yahweh to Refer to God?
- Materials and Supplies
- What We Believe
- God's Unfolding Story for Older Preschoolers* Study Plan
- Preschoolers are Incredible People!
- Where Is this Going?