



Week 7 / Pre-School

Hope & Home

Session plan

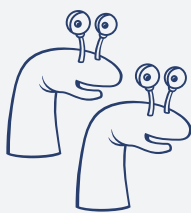
Core value : 'A whole new world. Everything new'

Key Verse:

Revelation 21.1–6 (ESV)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment."

Resources:



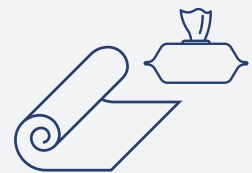
Two puppets



Large bucket or tough tray – large enough for your group to rummage in

Sand/soil/flour or leaves to fill the bucket or tray

Items to hide in the bucket/tray (toys could be good)



Wet wipes and a wipeable mat to place under the bucket/tray



ORIGINS
& MEANING



EXODUS
& FREEDOM



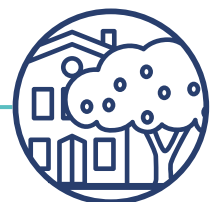
EXILE
& PEACE



MESSIAH
& LOVE



SPIRIT
& COMMUNITY



HOPE
& HOME



Activity: Puppet Story

Use two puppets and the following dialogue to tell the story below.
Feel free to name your puppets as you wish; we've used 'Moley' and 'Carlos'.

Moley: *(Crying and in a bad mood.)*

Leader: Moley, what's wrong?

Leader: Snake?

Moley: Steve Snake. He is a nightmare.

Leader: Why?

Moley: He has decided that he will wait by my mound every morning so that when I appear to go to school, he can follow me and laugh and 'SSSS' at me all the way!

Leader: Oh, Moley, that's unkind of Snake.

Moley: Snake is really unkind and makes me cry.
(Carlos Camel appears – he is a cheekier puppet)

Carlos: Steve the Snake is a smelly snake.

Leader: Carlos, we don't need to be mean back to Snake, even if he is mean to you.

Carlos: Why not he is a pain in the bum! *(pause to think)* Oh, hang on, he doesn't have a bum ... he's a snake *(laugh hysterically).*

Leader: What did Snake do to you, Carlos?

Carlos: Well I am a very cool camel, as you can see. The other day I fell and I broke my leg *(show a bandaged leg)* he came up to me and said 'You are the un-coolest camel in the world, now you can't even run!'

Leader: Poor Carlos, that's so unkind!

Carlos: Well I wasn't taking any of Snake's back chat, so I spat in his face!

Leader: CARLOS! Being mean back to someone who is mean to you never fixes the problem!

Carlos: I am a camel! Camels spit!

Leader: Yes I suppose so, but ...

Moley: *(Really defeated)* Oh it's so hopeless, Snake will always make all of us sad and angry.

Carlos: I have never met a snake I like. They are so slithery!

Moley: Its hopeless *(openly crying).*

Carlos: Hopeless.

Leader: Guys, that's not true. Nothing is ever hopeless. There are always things to look forward to, even when things are sad and bad.

C&M What?

Leader: Jesus IS hope! Jesus says that one day, he will come and take away sadness and crying.

Moley: *(stops crying)* Really?

Leader: YES!

Short game

Moley (or your puppet) cries and then when you say (to the children) 'Jesus brings HOPE' Moley stops crying. Do this a few times – the children will love seeing Moley crying and then stopping when you say 'Jesus brings HOPE'.

Leader: And when Jesus comes, he will make everything new and perfect.

Moley: So, Snake won't be mean and 'Sssss' at me all the way to school?

Leader: Nope! There will be NO MORE MEAN. People won't even get ill. Jesus will come and make everything new.

Carlos: Hmm, that IS something to look forward to.

Leader: It is! A whole new world.

Moley: *(starts singing the lyrics from Aladdin)* 'A whole new world, a new fantastic point of view ... a whole new world, the most dazzling place I ever knew.'

Leader: Great song, Moley. When Jesus comes, the new world will be just like that. Fantastic and dazzling!

Carlos: *(thinking)* Does Jesus make 'us' new too?

Leader: Yes! Your broken leg, Carlos, will be fixed and perfect in an instant

Carlos: *(to Moley)* Maybe in the new world, Snake might actually get a bum *(both puppets laugh hysterically).*

Moley: Maybe legs too.

Leader: Well, Snake might. But, remember that no matter how sad Snake makes you feel, how much your broken leg might hurt, Carlos, one day Jesus will come and make everything new. That is something to look forward to.

Moley: Ooh, it sure is.

Carlos: Cool, man!





Creative Prayer

Use your bucket or tray filled with leaves/soil/flour or sand (ideally you need something that sticks to the items in the bucket and needs clearing off). In the bucket/tray, hide a number of toys (e.g. Lego characters, action figures, cars or teddy bears (if using action figures or teddy bears, perhaps bandage up an arm or a leg; you could use some stickers to give them sad faces that can easily be removed to make smiling faces).

Invite each child to rummage in the bucket/tray to find what's hidden in there. Provide some wet wipes or cloths so that the children can clean the items they find.

As the children are cleaning the items they find, pray the following prayer:

Pray:

Jesus, thank you for giving us a brand new world to look forward to.

A world where no one cries,

A world where no one is ill,

A world where everyone and everything is made new.

That is SO exciting.

Amen.