

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter defines apocalyptic literature, explains that the world began and will end according to God's design, and explores the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

Scripture



Read **2 Peter 3:11b–12a** to find out about a new Heaven and a new Earth.

Catholics Believe

- God will triumph over evil when Christ comes again in glory.
- In the new creation, God will reward good and punish evil.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1038–1041, 1042–1047 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint John the Evangelist. John and his brother James both became Apostles of Jesus.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the New Creation and the End of Time

Your child may not think about the end of time very often, but children this age are often curious about what Heaven will be like. Their strong sense of justice also makes the idea of a final reward for good and punishment of evil very attractive to them. As they consider this, it is important that they reflect on what God has planned for their lives and how they can faithfully follow his plan and thus find lasting happiness.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

How do you remain hopeful in the midst of overwhelming evil?

Life can present us with experiences so filled with darkness that we struggle to hold on to hope. It is in those desperate moments that we need to put our hope in the name of the Lord. Through his Death and Resurrection Jesus teaches us the greatest truth: there is no evil that love cannot conquer. God can make all things good. As Catholics, we know that “God permits such moral evil in part out of respect for the gift of freedom with which he endowed created beings. But his response to moral evil is an even greater act of love through the sending of his Son who offers his life to bring us back to God” (*USCCA, p. 57*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to tell you about the Book of Revelation.
- Talk about how your family shows your belief that God will triumph over evil and good will reign.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Dear Saint John, help us always to keep our hearts and minds focused on Heaven. Amen.



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