



LESSON 5
NEW CREATION

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: Jesus Makes Us New

SCRIPTURE: Romans 5

GOD'S BIG STORY: God loves us so much that He sent His Son to die, so we can be forgiven. Because of Jesus, our relationship with God is healed, and we are made new!

WORD OF WONDER: When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone! The new is here! —2 Corinthians 5:17

CURIOSITY 15 minutes • Large Group or Small Group

Hands-on activities to spark curiosity and get kids thinking about the wonder of God

- Welcome Question: How have you changed over the last year?
- Curiosity Questions
- Elementary Interactive Game: Let's Make It!
- Preteen Multisensory Activity: What's It Made Of?
- Declaring God's Wonder



BELIEF 25–35 minutes • Large Group

An interactive dive into Scripture that guides kids into knowing God, exploring His big story, and marveling at His wonder

- Prayer of Invitation and Worship
- God's Big Story: Hear It, Watch It, Experience It!
- Connecting the Wonder Truth
- In Awe of God's Wonder

FAITH 15 minutes • Small Group

An intentional conversation that helps kids see the wonder of God's story and how it connects to their own

- Word of Wonder Activity
- Discussion Questions for Elementary Kids and Preteens
- Small Group Prayer Time

IDENTITY 10 minutes • Large Group or Small Group

An interactive worship response activity that creates space for God to remind kids that they are known, loved, led, and their lives can tell of God's wonder

- Elementary Responding in Worship: Created New Posters
- Preteen Responding in Worship: Upcycled Art
- Blessing Your Kids

Wonder@Home™

Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

INVITATION

We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father ...

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A good friend of mine during college was an amazing gift giver and loved to give big (and sometimes expensive!) gifts, including the latest electronics. This friend was in vocational ministry at the time and earning a very modest income. As much as I appreciated the gifts, I was concerned about how much money my friend was spending, so I asked about it. The secret was that the gifts were certified refurbished items. The items my friend purchased had been sent back to the creators, fixed, and resold at a discounted price—but they functioned as brand new!

Read Romans 5:1–8 and 11. Paul explains that God loves us so much that even while we were still His enemies, He fixed our relationship with Him by sending Jesus to die for us. We cannot make ourselves new, no matter how hard we try. We cannot fix our sin problem on our own. God—our Creator—alone makes us new. And He invites us to lay down the old and receive His new. What are some problems you've been trying to fix for yourself instead of taking to the original Creator? What are some remnants of the old self that you're holding onto?

Because of God's vast, endless love for you, it's not up to you to fix yourself (or the world around you!). So, take a deep breath. Lift your eyes to the Father—your Creator—and remember that you are made new!

—Catherine Hwang-Jin

Children's Pastor

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DID YOU KNOW?

FOUNDATION BUILDING BLOCKS

WHO?

Romans was written by Paul, a man who persecuted Christians before he knew Jesus. After his conversion, Paul devoted his life to sharing the good news about Jesus with gentiles—non-Jewish people. He wrote this letter to the Roman church, the majority of whom are Gentiles.

WHAT?

Romans is Paul's most theologically systematic book. It's filled with explanations of the work of the gospel—God's salvation, His plan, and His invitation to us. Paul often references the Old Testament as he explains God's big story of salvation.

WHERE?

The church in Rome was at the heart of the Roman Empire, where Caesar was declared as the "savior of the world." Gentiles and Jews in the Roman church were called to live out the way of the kingdom of Jesus—the true Savior.

WHEN?

Paul likely wrote Romans in AD 57 while on his third missionary journey. Although it's the first of Paul's letters that we read in the New Testament, it was likely written after he wrote to the Galatians, Thessalonians, and Corinthians.

CONNECTING TO GOD'S BIG STORY:

Paul writes to the Romans about the basics of the gospel—God showed His love for us by sending His Son Jesus, who died for us while we were still sinners. Because of Jesus, we are made right with God and filled with joy!

Large Group or Small Group

Spark curiosity and get kids thinking about the wonder of God.

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Series Bumper and Countdown Videos

Choose between the [Created New Series Bumper Video](#) and [Countdown Videos](#) to introduce the kids to the series.

Welcome Question

SUPPLIES: paper, coloring utensils, whiteboard (optional), dry-erase marker (optional)

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: New Creation Welcome Question Slide

Before kids arrive, display the New Creation Welcome Question Slide or write the following question on a whiteboard: “How have you changed over the last year?” Set out paper and coloring utensils.



As kids arrive ...

Greet kids by name as they arrive. Show kids the Welcome Question and encourage them to share their answers with one other person. Assist younger kids by reading the question to them or have an older kid help them read the question.

At your start time ...

When it's time to start, gather everyone together and invite kids to share their answers to the Welcome Question: **How have you changed over the last year?** After several kids have shared their answers, share your answer to the Welcome Question with the kids.

In God's big story, we're going to explore how Jesus transforms us from something old into something new! But first, it's time to be curious.

Curiosity Questions

Ask the following “I'm curious” questions. Say “I'm curious ...” before each question and give kids a chance to think about and answer each one.

I'm curious ...

- **When have you wanted to start over at something?**
- **Do you think change is good or bad? Is it easy or hard? Why?**

Elementary Interactive Game: Let's Make It!

SUPPLIES: interlocking blocks (at least 10 per kid), timer

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Let's Make It! Slide, New Creation Wonder Truth Slide

Ahead of time, gather enough interlocking blocks that each kid will have at least 10.

Display the Let's Make It! Slide and gather the kids. **Today, you're going to work with partners to make a new creation. The first partner will have one minute to make something out of their blocks. When their time is up, the second partner will have one minute to make something new out of their partner's creation. But there is a catch: The second partner cannot tear apart the original creation. You can add blocks and alter ones to be different directions. You're creating something new out of what is already built.**

Does that make sense? Any questions? Allow kids to ask any questions they may have. Pass out the interlocking blocks to each kid.

When you say, "Go," the first partner can begin building with their blocks, and the one-minute timer can start. Once one minute is complete, partners switch, and the next round of building (or re-building) can begin. Set the timer for one minute again.

After the end of the two rounds, invite kids to gather together and share what they created. **It's amazing how creative you all were in your building. You were able to see how you could add and adjust the blocks to transform the original into something brand new. Today we're going to hear how God can transform us into new creations, taking what is already a part of us and making it even more incredible.** Display the New Creation Wonder Truth Slide. **Today's Wonder Truth is JESUS MAKES US NEW!**



Preteen Interactive Game: What's It Made Of?

SUPPLIES: table; metal wrench; plastic bottle; glass bottle or packing material; plastic grocery bag; bottle cap; a flooring tile; and a few additional materials like paper, bubble wrap, cardboard box, broken crayons, candy or food wrappers

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: What's It Made Of? Slides, New Creation Wonder Truth Slide

Ahead of time, gather the supplies listed. In order to make this game challenging, have more materials for kids to choose from when guessing which material was used to make the artwork pictured. Place the supplies on a table in front of the room, so all kids can see them.

Show the first What's It Made Of? Slide. **Have you ever heard of upcycled art? Allow kids to respond. It's when a person takes something that is considered trash or junk and uses it to create something magnificent and beautiful. Many times, the art that's made can also be very useful! We're going to play a game called "What's It Made Of?" In this game, you're going to see pictures of upcycled art, and your job is to figure out what things make up the art. You'll take turns coming up to the table and selecting what item you think the artist used to make the art piece in the picture. Then everyone else will clap if they agree with what is chosen or stay silent if they disagree. Any questions?** Allow kids to ask any questions they have.



Advance to the image of a fish. **What do you think this is made of?** Choose a volunteer to come up to the table and choose the item they think the artist used in making their art piece. Allow kids time to then agree by clapping or disagree by staying silent. **Did you choose correctly? Let's find out! It's made up of old wrenches and pieces of metal.** Thank the volunteer and encourage them if they didn't choose correctly. **Let's check out the next one.** Display the next What's It Made Of! Slide, which shows a snowman. **What do you think this is made of?** Choose a volunteer to come up to the table and choose the item they think the artist used in making their art piece. Allow kids time to then agree by clapping or disagree by staying silent. **This one is made with the bases of plastic bottles! How cool is that?** Thank the volunteer and encourage them if they didn't choose correctly.

Advance to the next slide, which shows the bottle sculpture. **What is this one made of?** Choose a volunteer to come up to the table and choose the item they think the artist used in making their art piece. Allow kids time to then agree by clapping or disagree by staying silent. **Let's see if you guessed correctly! This one is made from old glass bottles and packing material.** Thank the volunteer and encourage them if they didn't choose correctly.

Advance to the slide that shows colorful baskets. **What do you think these baskets are made of?** Choose a volunteer to come up to the table and choose the item they think the artist used in making their art piece. Allow kids time to then agree by clapping or disagree by staying silent. **This one is trickier. Let's find out if you are correct. These are made of plastic bags! The bags are cut into strips, braided, and then woven together! Pretty cool!** Thank the volunteer and encourage them if they didn't choose correctly.

Show the next What's It Made Of? Slides, the image of a flame. **What could this be made of?** Choose a volunteer to come up to the table and choose the item they think the artist used in making their art piece. Allow kids time to then agree by clapping or disagree by staying silent. **Let's see if you're on the right track! This is made from different types of bottle caps. That is a very creative way of using bottle caps.** Thank the volunteer and encourage them if they didn't choose correctly. **We're on to the final piece of art.**

Show the final slide of the mosaic. **This one is the biggest piece of art in our game. What do you think was used to create this mosaic?** Choose a volunteer to come up to the table and choose the item they think the artist used in making their art piece. Allow kids time to then agree by clapping or disagree by staying silent. **Were you right? They used discarded materials from houses, like flooring tiles and stone countertops. They broke them into smaller pieces and then used cement to connect them together in these amazing patterns!** Thank the volunteer and encourage them if they didn't choose correctly.

Leader Tip: Look up upcycled art in your preferred internet search engine and see all the different pieces of art made from recycled materials. It will inspire you (and your kids!).

It's amazing how something that was seen as old, discarded, and unusable can be turned into a brand-new, beautiful work of art. Today we're going to hear how God can transform us into new creations, taking what is already a part of us and making it even more incredible. Display the New Creation Wonder Truth Slide. **Today's Wonder Truth is JESUS MAKES US NEW!**



Declaring God's Wonder

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: New Creation Declaration Slide

Display the New Creation Declaration Slide. Read each line boldly and invite kids to repeat after you.

Thank You, God, that You are good! (Kids repeat.)

You made me on purpose, for a purpose. (Kids repeat.)

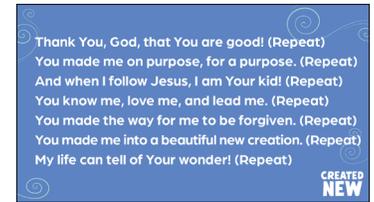
And when I follow Jesus, I am Your kid! (Kids repeat.)

You know me, love me, and lead me. (Kids repeat.)

You made the way for me to be forgiven. (Kids repeat.)

You made me into a beautiful new creation. (Kids repeat.)

My life can tell of Your wonder! (Kids repeat.)



LESSON 5 **ELEMENTARY & PRETEEN**

Large Group

Guide kids into knowing God, exploring His big story, and marveling at His wonder.

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Prayer of Invitation

Lead kids in a prayer of invitation before entering into worship and God's big story: **God, thank You for being present with us today. May Your Holy Spirit help us keep our minds focused on You. Thank You for loving us, leading us, forgiving us, and making us into new creations. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Worship

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: songs from the [Created New Elementary Spotify playlist](#)

We are made new, and that is something to celebrate. Let's praise God together! Play songs from the [Created New Elementary Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance as they praise God.

God's Big Story

Hear It, Watch It, Experience It!

This lesson includes three opportunities for your kids to enter the story—each one reinforces the others! **HEAR** it read directly from the Bible. **WATCH** it in a video. **EXPERIENCE** it through the live script.



SUPPLIES: Bibles (1 per kid)

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: New Creation Title Slide, [New Creation God's Big Story Video](#)

Display the New Creation Title Slide. Gather kids together. Encourage kids to hold up their Bibles if they have them. Pass out Bible to kids who do not have one. In your Bible, show them where the book of Romans is in the New Testament, and help them find it in theirs.

Let's start by reading part of God's big story directly from the Bible. Afterward, we'll watch and experience more of the story!

Read Romans 5:1–8, 11 aloud from your own Bible and encourage kids to follow along with the passage. You can also ask for several kid volunteers to each read one verse aloud. Then do one or both of the following:

- Use the following New Creation Experience It! Script
- View [New Creation God's Big Story Video](#)

LESSON 5 NEW CREATION EXPERIENCE IT! SCRIPT

SUPPLIES: clear vases/cups of various sizes (7), black marker, water, measuring cup, spoon, bleach, iodine, box or crate, small table or flat surface, tablecloth, towels for cleanup

Ahead of time, near the top of the largest vase/cup, write *Jesus*. Near the top of the smallest vase/cup write *Sin*. Near the tops of the other five vases/cups, write *You*, *Me*, *Him*, *Her*, *Everyone*. Pour about 32 ounces of water into the *Jesus* vase, along with a capful of bleach. Pour about four ounces of water into the other five vases. Pour about 16 ounces of water into the *Sin* vase, along with a capful of iodine.



Leader Tip: You can find all (or most!) of the supplies for this activity at most dollar retailers.

Gather the kids together. Then move the table into place at the center of your room, put the tablecloth on top, and move the vases/cups behind the table as you explain the background of Paul's letter. Set towels aside for cleanup.

Not long after Jesus died, rose again, and returned to heaven to be with God the Father, He appeared to a man named Paul. Paul was an enemy of Jesus and His followers, but God changed Paul's heart. God sent him to tell people of many different lands and cultures about Jesus. Paul wrote many of the books in the New Testament, including a letter to Jesus-followers in Rome.

For years, Paul traveled around the lands bordering the Mediterranean Sea. Since Paul had never visited the Jesus-followers in Rome, he wrote them a letter to introduce himself and tell them the good news of Jesus. Hence the title of this book of the Bible—Romans!

Place the vases/cups with the corresponding titles on the table in a line as you narrate.

Paul begins the letter by pointing out that all human beings have sinned: you (place the *You* vase stage right on table), **me** (place the *Me* vase to the left of the first), **him** (place the *Him* vase to the left of the previous one), **her** (place the *Her* vase to the left of the last one), **everyone** (place the *Everyone* vase stage left). **We all make wrong choices.** Hold up the *Sin* vase. **We all disobey God, which is called sin.** Slowly pour a little "Sin" into each vase on the table. **Sin separates us from God.**

Pause to look at the colored water in the vases for a moment.

Because of our sin, every one of us needs God's forgiveness. We need God to make our relationship with Him right because we cannot do it ourselves: our bad choices (pour more "Sin" into all the vases) **lead to more bad choices, a cycle we cannot escape on our own. We need God to make us brand new, so we can start again.**

Place *Sin* vase behind the line of people vases and come to stand in front of the table.

In Romans 5, Paul explains how Jesus heals our relationship with God. Because of the bad choices we made, we acted as God's enemies rather than His friends. How does an enemy act? Allow kids

to respond freely. **Maybe you have someone in your life who acts like an enemy. They make choices that hurt you without thinking about your feelings. Acting like God's enemy is even worse because God is our best friend. He has given us every good thing that we enjoy in life—food and the warmth of the sun and friends and family to laugh and play with. God created everything good in the world: love, beauty, play, and joy. When we disobey God, we don't appreciate all these good things He has done for us. We hurt Him like hurting a friend. If someone hurt you like that and decided to be your enemy, you probably wouldn't want to be that person's friend.**

Walk back behind the table.

Thankfully, God is different: God loves us so much that, even while we were His enemies, He fixed our relationship with Him by sending Jesus to die on our behalf. Place the Jesus vase in front of the line of vases. **Jesus is God's Son. He lived a perfect life, never sinning, never disobeying God.** Pour some of the Sin water into Jesus and watch it disappear. **Jesus died for us and defeated death, and when He did that, Jesus healed our relationship with God. Jesus made it possible for us to be forgiven of our sins.**

When you (pour some of Jesus into each of the vases and stir with a spoon until the water clears), **or I, or he, or she, or anyone trusts in and follows Jesus, God forgives us for all of the bad choices we have made and puts His Holy Spirit inside of us.** Place the Jesus vase in front of all the others, showing they're all clear. **The Holy Spirit is God's powerful, wise, and loving presence who changes us from the inside so that we can love God and be His true friends. The Holy Spirit is God. And with the Holy Spirit comes a promise: just like God raised Jesus from the dead, He will one day raise us too, and we'll live forever with Him.**

Paul says that God's forgiveness and the gift of the Holy Spirit don't necessarily make life easier. Followers of Jesus still experience pain, loss, and other difficult things. But by continuing to trust in Jesus, we'll be able to make it through hard times and become more like Jesus. We'll show that in the choices we make and the attitudes we take. Our relationship with God is healed, and we can experience life forever with Him because Jesus makes us new.

Leader Tip: Kids who have experienced trauma or abuse, especially at the hands of a trusted adult, the content of this story may prompt big feelings. Be sensitive to every kid, and if you ever suspect that a child may be experiencing abuse, talk with your ministry leader immediately.

Connecting the Wonder Truth

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: New Creation Wonder Truth Slide

Display New Creation Wonder Truth Slide. **Our Wonder Truth today is JESUS MAKES US NEW! Where did you see our Wonder Truth in the story?** Allow kids to answer freely.

In Paul's letter to the Romans, he explained the basics of the gospel: God showed His love for us by sending His Son Jesus, who died for us while we were still sinners. All of us have done wrong things that separate us from God. Through Jesus, our relationship with God is made right, and we're filled with joy!



Leader Tip: Some kids may have questions about choosing to follow Jesus! Invite their families to join you as you talk and pray together. The Salvation Path resource also includes helpful Bible references and information!

In Awe of God's Wonder

Spend a few moments allowing kids to think about the wonder of God's story.

What stood out to you most in today's story? What are you most likely to remember? Allow kids to share freely. Consider sharing your answers to these questions as well.

God wants to make you new! What does that tell you about God? What does it say about God's feeling for you? Allow kids to process their thoughts silently or out loud, with a friend or with the whole group.

LESSON 5 ELEMENTARY & PRETEEN

Small Group

Help kids see the wonder of God's story and how it connects to their own story.

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Word of Wonder Activity

WORD OF WONDER

When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone! The new is here!

—2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIRV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

—2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

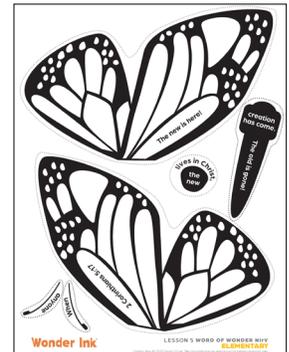
SUPPLIES: Bibles (1 per kid), paper (1 sheet per kid), coloring utensils, kid-safe scissors, glue sticks or tape

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Butterfly Word of Wonder Sheet NIV or NIRV (1 per kid), Word of Wonder Slide, [Elementary Word of Wonder Video](#) (optional)

Ahead of time, print a copy of the Butterfly Word of Wonder Sheet NIV or NIRV for each kid.

Our Word of Wonder for the Created New series talks about being made new! Let's say the verse together. Open your Bible to 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Display the Word of Wonder Slide. If possible, watch the [Elementary Word of Wonder Video](#). Pass out both a Butterfly Word of Wonder Sheet and a plain sheet of paper to each kid. Encourage them to color the butterfly parts and then use kid-safe scissors to cut them out. They can use glue sticks or tape to put the butterfly parts together on the plain sheet so that the Word of Wonder is in order. Once they finish, encourage them to read the verse several times.



Leader Tip: For Younger Kids. You may have to help younger kids get all the butterfly parts in the correct spots.

Make It Inclusive: Some kids will benefit from seeing a finished example! Consider coloring and cutting apart a Butterfly Word of Wonder Sheet ahead of time and gluing it onto a plain sheet of paper.

Elementary Questions

- **What are our wrong choices—the wrong things we do, say, and think—called?** (*Sin*)
- **Who has sinned? What does sin do to our relationship with God?** (*Everyone has sinned. Sin breaks our relationship with God.*)
- **What did God do (or who did He send) to fix our relationship with Him?** (*He sent His Son, Jesus.*)
- **When we trust and follow Jesus, what does God do?** (*He forgives our sins, makes us new, makes us His children, calls us His friends, promises to be with us forever, etc.*)
- **Does God promise that life will be easy once we're living for Jesus?** (Let kids answer this one together!) **So, how does He help us get through hard times?** (*Possible answers: gives us courage when scared; listens to our prayers; comforts us; gives us His Word to know Him better.*)
- **What hard things are you going through in life right now? As a follower of Jesus and a friend and child of God, how can you respond?**

Jesus made the way for us to be new creations when He died on the cross for our sins. God wants to make us new—to help us transform into people who think and act like Jesus! The Holy Spirit helps us to make choices that honor God and give us peace, no matter what hard things we face. Let's thank Him now for making us new!

Make It Inclusive: Open-ended questions, while great for prompting kids to think deeply, can feel overwhelming to some kids. Offering sentence starters can help kids get started and build their confidence! For example, “To fix our relationship with Him, God sent His Son _____” or “One hard thing I’m going through is _____.”

Preteen Questions

- **What is sin? What does our sin do to our relationship with God?** (*the wrong things we think, say, and do; sin breaks our relationship with God.*)
- **What did Jesus do so that our relationship with God can be fixed?** (*He died on the cross to make the way for us to be close with God again. He defeated sin and death once and for all.*)
- **When you trust in Jesus and follow Him, how does God see you? How can this affect the way you see yourself?** (*God sees you as a new creation and as His child!*)
- **Does God promise that life will be easy once we're living for Jesus?** (Let kids answer this one together!) **How can we become more like Jesus through the difficult times in our lives?**
- **What hard things are you going through in life right now? As a follower of Jesus and a friend and child of God, how can you respond?**

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Small Group Prayer Time

Ask if kids want to share any prayer requests or praises. Then open your prayer time by thanking God for Jesus, for forgiving our sins, and for making us new! Invite kids to popcorn their own prayers of thanks to God by spontaneously speaking out. Then close your prayer time by praying with the kids.

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Large Group or Small Group

Create space for God to remind kids they are known, loved, led, and their lives can tell of God's wonder.

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Elementary Responding in Worship: Created New Posters

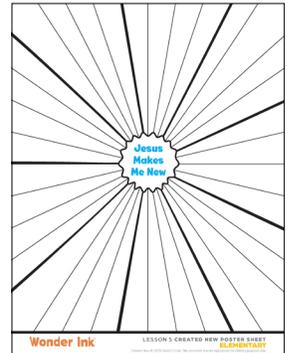
SUPPLIES: cardstock, scissors (prep only), tissue paper (cut into 1" squares), glue, brushes for glue, kid-safe scissors (optional)

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Created New Poster Sheet (1 per kid printed on cardstock), Created New Core Truths Sheet (1 per kid), Created New Posters Slide, "Made New" from the [Created New Elementary Spotify playlist](#)

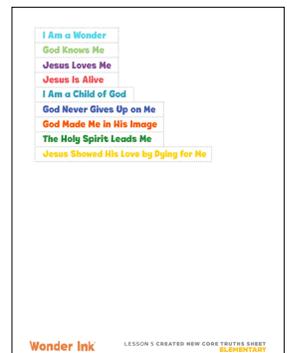
Ahead of time, print copies of the Created New Poster Sheet onto cardstock, one per kid. Print copies of the Created New Core Truths Sheet, one per kid, and cut out the phrases along the dashed lines. Cut the tissue paper into approximately 1" squares. Have enough brushes and glue for each kid (or use glue sticks for less mess). Alternatively, have kids cut out the phrases themselves.

Display the Created New Posters Slide. **Jesus makes us new! We are no longer stuck in our sin, but we are new creations! From the very beginning, God knew us and made us. And when we sinned and became separated from God, He had a great rescue plan for us to be reunited with Him. He didn't give up on us! He sent us Jesus, His one and only Son, to show us how much He loves us. And Jesus showed us His never-ending love by dying for us. But He didn't stay dead! He rose again, and He lives! Because He lives, we can be with Him again. When we choose to follow Jesus and accept Him as our Savior, He makes us new creations!**

We have learned so many truths about who God is and God's big story of redemption. Let's reflect on these truths while we create pieces of artwork!



Leader Tip: If you want to make this simpler, you could do a large poster as a group to hang in your ministry space. You could also use crayons and markers instead of tissue paper.



Give the supplies for creating the poster to each of your kids. Using the sample on the slide as a guide, have kids paste pieces of tissue paper into the different sections on the poster sheet.

Encourage them to mix colors and make it their own. Once kids have added the tissue paper, have them paste the core truths on the different sections of their poster. While the kids create their posters, play “Made New” from [Created New Elementary Spotify playlist](#).

As kids are finishing up their posters, lead them through a call-and-response prayer using some of the core truths that are on their poster:

Leader: **I am a wonder.**

Kids: *Jesus makes me new!*

Leader: **God knows me.**

Kids: *Jesus makes me new!*

Leader: **God made me in His image.**

Kids: *Jesus makes me new!*

Leader: **Jesus loves me.**

Kids: *Jesus makes me new!*

Leader: **Jesus is alive!**

Kids: *Jesus makes me new!*

Leader: **God never gives up on me!**

Kids: *Jesus makes me new!*

Preteen Responding in Worship: Upcycled Art

SUPPLIES: various materials such as empty paper towel rolls, empty cereal boxes, broken crayons and pencils, bubble wrap and packing materials, empty and washed-out yogurt containers and drink bottles, plastic grocery bags, cardboard boxes and shipping packages, old t-shirts and cloth, buttons, ribbon, paper clips, leaves, twigs; coloring utensils; paper or cardstock; tape; glue; kid-safe scissors

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Upcycled Art Slide, [Created New Elementary Spotify playlist](#)

Ahead of time, set out various materials that could be used to make upcycled art. Kids will take something that is considered trash or junk and use it to create something new that is beautiful. The suggested materials in the supplies list are just the beginning! Get as creative as you want for this project.

To support kids in making their upcycled art, have other art materials available that they can use, such as coloring utensils, paper or cardstock, tape, glue, and kid-safe scissors.

Display the Upcycled Art Slide. **Jesus makes us new! We are no longer stuck in our sin but are new creations! From the very beginning, God knew us and made us. And when we sinned and became separated from God, He had a great rescue plan for us to be reunited with Him. He didn't give up on us! God sent us Jesus, His one and only Son, to show us how much He loves us. And Jesus showed us His never-ending love by dying for us. But He didn't stay dead! He rose again, and He lives! Because He lives, we can be with Him again. When we choose to follow Jesus and accept Him as our Savior, He makes us new creations!**



Today you're going to be upcycle artists and make new creations out of something old and discarded. Show the variety of materials the kids can use for their artwork. You can use any of these materials to make your own upcycled art. You're going to bring new life to these items and create something beautiful from something that was once considered discarded.

Play music from the [Created New Elementary Spotify playlist](#) as kids create their works of art. Help any kids who may be struggling to start or need help creating their artwork.

Leader Tip: Some kids may struggle with how open-ended this art project is. That's OK! Encourage them to pick one or two materials they like and start from there. Remind them that there is no right or wrong way to do this. It's about the process of making something new.

Gather the kids when they're finished and invite them to show the progress of their works of art. **Every time you look at your artwork, remember that Jesus makes you a new creation when you choose to follow Him. He brings new life!**

Blessing Your Kids

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: New Creation Blessing Slide

Close your time together by blessing the kids in your group. If you bless kids individually, insert each kid's name into the blessing. Display the New Creation Blessing Slide.

Blessing: May you go today with energy, passion, and excitement—knowing that you are a new creation in Jesus—and may you live in the peace that God gives, even when you go through difficult things!

