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### Revelation 1-5

Heart graffiti:

**"I am the  
Alpha and the  
Omega, says  
the Lord God  
who is, and  
who was, and  
who is to  
come, the  
Almighty."  
Revelation  
1:8**



# Making it Mine

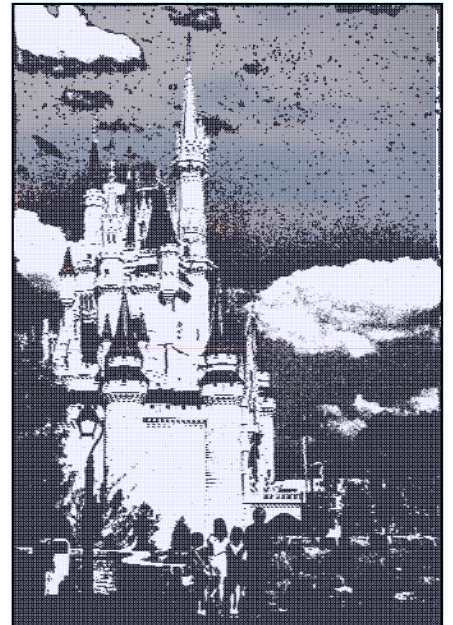
A Bible study for kids ready to  
grow a faith of their own.

**Month 8 Week 1**

**DESTINATION AHEAD**

We are all suffering from a terminal disease called life. The death rate is 100%, it eventually happens to all of us, unless, of course Jesus returns first. Every *second* an estimated 2-3 people worldwide die. Every second, at least two people move past the point of no return on their journey to either heaven or hell. Everyone on the planet has the same two choices of destination.

When I was 11, my family and I drove from Kansas to Florida to visit the then new Disney World. It was a three day drive and we saw many interesting things on the way. We made a few stops to visit other attractions, and we enjoyed them, but our final destination was never out of our mind. We never forgot where our journey was headed and we never spent long off the route we had carefully planned and mapped out. We understood at all times that we were en route and not at the goal in any other place. We had hotel reservations made and no intentions whatsoever of missing out.



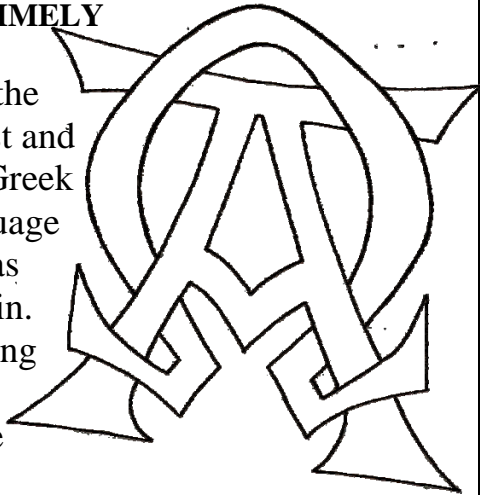
Do we approach our life journey toward our final destination in the same way?

*"It becomes us to spend this life only as a journey toward heaven.... Why should we labor for or set our hearts on anything else, but that which is our proper end and true happiness?"*

*Jonathan Edwards*

## TIMELESS AND TIMELY

The Alpha and the Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, the language that Revelation was originally written in. God is the beginning and end, the past, present, and future almighty God.



How does forever have a beginning and end? How can God be timeless, yet act with such perfect timing? How long is eternity? What was before time?

God moves outside of time. He has no time, He simply is. Yet He also moves in perfectly timely ways. Christ came at just the right time. The sea parted before Moses at just the right time. The walls of Jericho fell at just the right time. Our timeless God uses time to paint His masterpieces.

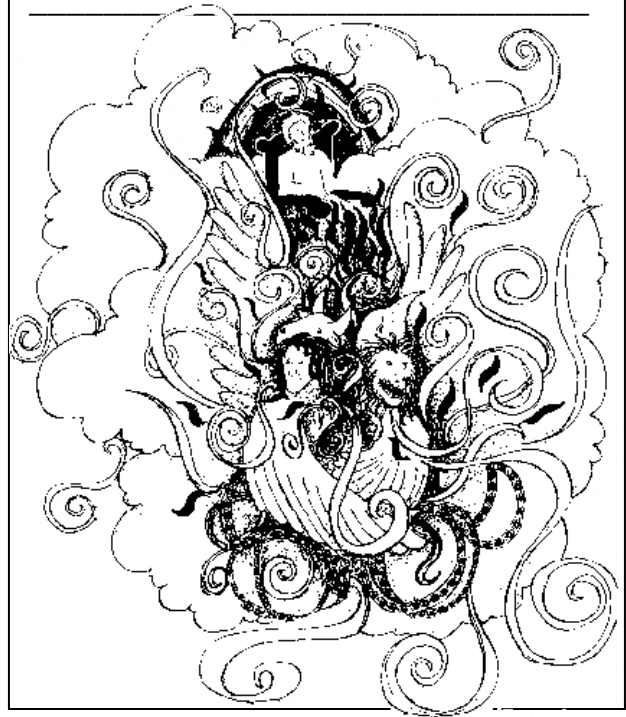
The part of my being that seems most real to me is but a brief moment compared to all of eternity. Yet the choices that I make in this present life and time have eternal significance. So I too operate in a way that is both timeless and timely. The time is now to prepare for forever. God has known me forever and planned for my now. What will I do with it?

## TO SEE JESUS

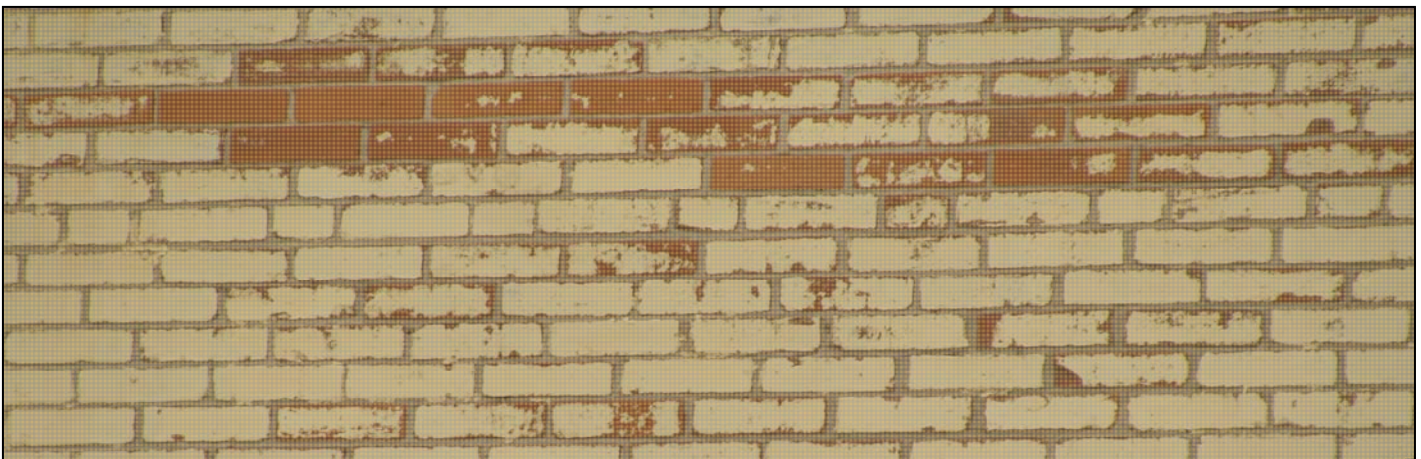
Where was John and what was he doing when he received God's revelation? \_\_\_\_\_

If this was John the disciple as is commonly accepted, what do we know about his relationship with Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

How can we put ourselves in a position to see spiritual things? \_\_\_\_\_



**Draw this month's heart graffiti (Rev. 1:8) on the wall below:**

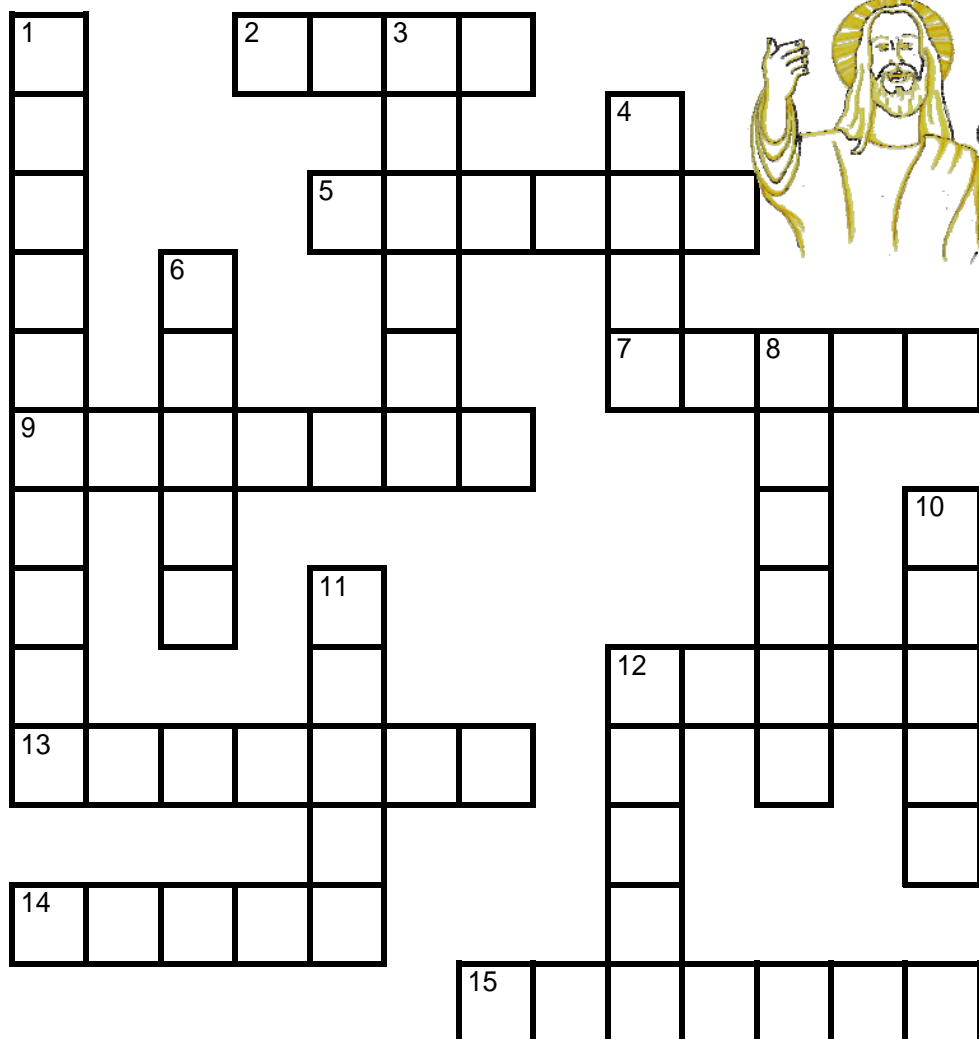






# PUZZLE PAGE

“one like a son of man” Rev. 1:8-20



## Across

- 2 dressed in one (4)
- 5 the sash around His chest (6)
- 7 held seven in hand (5)
- 9 loud voice (7)
- 12 forever (5)
- 13 face like \_\_\_\_\_ sun (7)
- 14 color of head and hair (5)
- 15 eyes like \_\_\_\_\_ fire (7)

## Down

- 1 among seven of these (10)
- 3 feet (6)
- 4 holds these for death and Hades (4)
- 6 sharp double-edged sword from here (5)
- 8 said "don't be \_\_\_\_\_" (6)
- 10 last (5)
- 11 like rushing water (5)
- 12 first (5)

**Do you ever wonder what it will be like to see Christ? John was quite familiar with Jesus during His presence on earth. Now John sees one “like a son of man” in a state of glory. Do you think Jesus will have the same appearance to us on our arrival to heaven, or will He appear differently according to our needs? Will our response to Him be the same as John’s?**

## TIPS for parents and teachers

This is a good time to pull out the fun glasses for some spiritual vision. If you have time, compare the visions of Ezekiel and Daniel with what John recorded in Revelation. What would it be like to see Jesus in all of His glory?

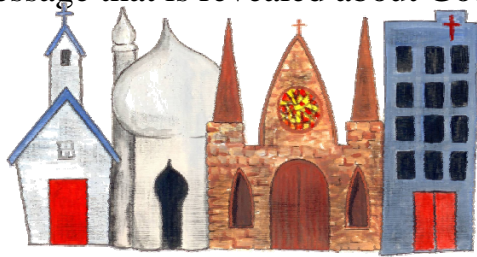
Read the lyrics from Mercy Me's song, I Can Only Imagine, at:

<http://www.mercyme.org/main/lyrics>

or watch the You Tube performance at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S70gwFcSK9k>

Encourage the kids to watch for what we can learn about Jesus in His eternal role and God's balance of justice and judgment with His love and protection, as they read through the book of Revelation. We can get sidetracked with the scary sounding events and miss the message that is revealed about God.



Spend a little time talking about the seven churches and what they did right and what they did wrong. How would your own church rate? What can you do to help it improve?



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