

### LESSON 4

## I AM THE ALPHA AND OMEGA

### LESSON AT A GLANCE

**WONDER TRUTH:** Jesus Is the Beginning and the End

**SCRIPTURE:** Revelation 21–22

**GOD'S BIG STORY:** John has a vision about when Jesus will bring His kingdom to earth. Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, and He reigns forever!

**Activity: Sing the ABCs**

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**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!

## Activity: Sing the ABCs

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

**Welcome! I'm so glad you are here today!**

**We are going to sing our ABCs!** Encourage the kids to sing The Alphabet Song with you.

**The letter A is the beginning of the alphabet. The letter Z is the end of the alphabet. The ABCs have a beginning and an end!** Sing the song again.

## Activity: Guess the Ending

**SUPPLIES:** scissors (prep only), cardstock (optional)

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** Guess the Ending Toddler Cards

Ahead of time, print the Guess the Ending Toddler Cards and cut apart the pictures. You can print them onto cardstock to make them more durable.

Hold up the picture of the sunflower seed. **This is a sunflower seed. This is how sunflowers begin—as little, tiny seeds.** Hold up the picture of the sunflower. **This is how sunflowers end—as really tall flowers! There's a beginning and an end.** Repeat with the other pairs, ending with the Jesus cards. Hold up one of the pictures of Jesus. **This is Jesus: He is the beginning!** Hold up the other picture of Jesus. **And the end!**

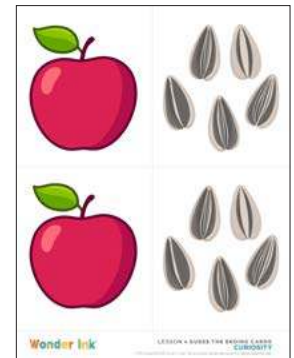
**Our Wonder Truth today is JESUS IS THE BEGINNING AND THE END.**

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

**JESUS**—Point up.

**IS THE BEGINNING**—Point to the left.

**AND THE END.**—Point to the right.



## Worship

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** songs from the [I AMs of Jesus Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

**Today, we're learning that Jesus is the beginning and the end. He always has been and always will be. Let's sing and thank God today!**

Play songs from the [I AMs of Jesus Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

## God's Big Story

**SUPPLIES:** Bible, scissors (prep only), tape, disposable cups (5)

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** Beginning and End Toddler Pictures, [God's Big Story Video](#)

**Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about a person named John.** Encourage the kids to say, "John." **Let's find out from the Bible what vision John had. It's written in the very last book of the Bible, Revelation.**

Ahead of time print out one copy of the Beginning and End Toddler Pictures. Cut the five pictures apart on the dotted lines as indicated. Tape each picture to a different disposable cup.

Show the kids the God's Big Story Video or read the story from the Bible or use the script provided.

Gather kids together and set the previously prepared cups nearby.

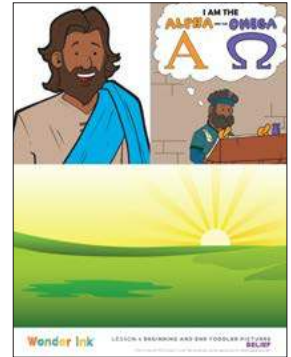
**Before Jesus rose from the dead and went to be with God the Father, He promised His disciples He would prepare a place for them in God's family. Jesus was going to heaven to His Father's house—the place where God lives.** Show the kids the picture on the first cup. **Who do you think this is a picture of?** Allow answers. **It's Jesus! Jesus is the beginning of our story.** Place the cup where kids can see the picture.

**Years after Jesus returned to heaven, God gave a vision to a man named John. A vision is a special picture from God.** Show the kids the picture on the second cup. **Here is a picture of John! John's vision was about God's great power and Jesus beating evil! God was going to make a home with His people forever.** Place the second cup in line next to the first cup.

**In his vision, John saw what will happen at the far end of history.** Show the kids the picture on cup #3. **He saw a new heaven and a new earth. What John saw was beautiful! Look at the beautiful picture on this cup!** Place the third cup in line next to the other cups.

**At home with God, no one would feel sad. No one would cry or feel pain. People would only feel happy! God is making everything new!** Show the kids the picture on cup #4. **Look how happy these people seem!** Place the fourth cup in line next to the other cups.

**We are almost at the end of our story for today, but really this story has no ending!** Show kids the picture on cup #5. **Who is on this cup?** Pause for answers. **It's Jesus again.** Place the cup at the end of the line of cups. **At home with God in the new heaven and the new earth, God's people will live with Him forever. Followers of Jesus become children of God! They have a place in God's forever family. All because of Jesus, who can forgive us and save us! Jesus is the beginning and the end.**



## Prayer and Blessing

**Let's talk to God. Thank You, God, for being the beginning and the end. Thank You for making everything new. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

**Blessing:** May the Lord bless and keep you as you go this week. Know that He is Creator and King and the beginning and the end!

## Activity: Follow the Line

**SUPPLIES:** painter's tape

Use painter's tape to make a long line on the floor. Gather kids together at the beginning of the line.

**This line has a beginning.** Point to the beginning of the line. **And an ending.** Point to the end of the line. **We're going to take turns following the line from the beginning to the end.**

Guide kids along the line from the beginning to the end. If you have time, you could have kids do other actions while following the line, such as crawling or jumping along the line.