How to use these materials and corresponding videos:

1. Description of material included in this PDF:
   - **Scripture reference** - These are the passages that Hillsong used to create this lesson.
   - **Big Word** - The memory verse we are learning for this section. You can read this with your child and practice it throughout the week.
   - **Intro to the Lesson** - A reading that helps introduce the BIG message and BIG Story points for this lesson.
   - **Story Points** - These summarize the main point of the video BIG message and BIG story.
   - **BIG questions & Prayer** - These are questions you can ask your children for further discussion. A prayer is also included.
   - **Activity Sheets and Craft** - Attached to this PDF are the corresponding activity sheets for this lesson and a craft that you can do with your child(ren) throughout the week.

2. We have uploaded the videos that go along with this lesson to our REUNION kids Facebook page (some of these videos were also included as part of our Sunday kids gathering)
   - **BIG Message Live** - The Hillsong team presents the lesson.
   - **Big Message** - The team at the BIG HQ present life-application lessons for children.
   - **Big Story** - The story told using visual art.
   - **Big Quiz** - Reinforcing the BIG Idea through an interactive question & answer time.
   - **Theme song** - A silly song to help remember the BIG idea & points.
   - **BIG word** - Bible memory verse segments for each BIG PICTURE, through song and dance to assist in remembering scripture.
BIG PICTURE: Never Ending
BIG IDEA: Coming Soon...
BIG POINT: We are Part of God’s Story

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
- Know that we are all part of God’s story.
- Learn that Jesus will return one day.
- Be introduced to the books of Hebrews through Revelation.

Scripture References:
- Ephesians 2:19-22
- Hebrews 10:23
- Hebrews 12:1-2
- James 5:7
- 1 John 2:28
- 1 John 3:11
- 1 John 4:19
- Revelation 1:7
- Revelation 22:20

THE BIG WORD

“Look! I am coming soon! I bring my rewards with me. I will reward each person for what they have done. I am the Alpha and Omega. I am the First and the Last. I am the Beginning and the End.” - Revelation 22:12-13 (NIRV)

INTRO - Timeline

The Bible is not just a book. It is the greatest story ever told! To help us understand what happened and when, let’s add to our timeline so we can see how it all fits together.
We complete our timeline today by looking at the last few books of the New Testament. These books are written to encourage Christians in their daily life – to live a life of bold faith that is obedient to God and gives an example for others.

The Church had spread across the then known world and believers were figuring out how to live out God’s purpose in what was often a tough environment. They faced persecution, oppression and conflict while they tried to navigate living God’s way when they feared it would get them in trouble with those in authority.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV), “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

These books encourage believers to persevere, work hard, trust God and live with patience. There are instructions for those in leadership, wisdom about the power of our words and an encouragement to care for those in need.

Of all God’s commands, we are reminded of Jesus’ teaching – a new command to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves and having been forgiven and lavished with the love of Christ, we can forgive and love one another. 1 John 4:19 (NIV), “We love because he first loved us.”
Believers were instructed to have hope. Hope for the future knowing that even though they may be in tough times that there would be glory in the end. Hope that one day Jesus would return. The book of Revelation is about that future for which we still wait. Revelation 22:20 (NIRV), “Jesus is a witness about these things. He says, “Yes. I am coming soon.” Amen Come, Lord Jesus!”

A movie preview gives you glimpses of what will happen in the storyline and ends with “coming soon”. The book of Revelation ends with those same words and gives us a glimpse of what will be coming in God’s story. This may be the last piece of the timeline but there is more to come. We are still writing the story until Jesus returns. We are part of God’s story and the Bible is not just a book. It’s the greatest story ever told!

**STORY POINTS**

1. **Supporting Character**

   Our part in God’s story is important. Sometimes it’s easy for us to feel like we don’t count or we’re not that significant. This is exactly how some believers were feeling when the apostles Paul, James, John, Peter and others wrote letters to believers to bring comfort and encouragement.

   Ephesians 2:19-22 (The Message), “God is building a home. He’s using us all – irrespective of how we got here – in what he is building. He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he’s using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together.”

   As you grow and discover your part to play, remember that God sees the Church (that is Churches all over the world) as the very center of His plan. They are in the middle, the main player, the big star of the show.

   The most important thing on earth isn’t celebrity, sport, news, music...It’s all the people gathering, just like you are now, as the church together. You are God’s choice to build His Kingdom!
2. He Will Be Back

Jesus had been on earth for such a short time after returning to heaven. He promised He would come back. Jesus never breaks His promises, so we’re still waiting for that promised day! Like so many believers before us, we’re on the lookout for His return.

James 5:7 (NLT), “Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord’s return.” We’re simply to wait for His return, watching for signs, living out His love and gathering as the Church. Jesus promised He would return – no one will be able to miss it! The Bible talks about it in Revelation 1:7 (NLT), “Look! He comes with the clouds of heaven and everyone will see him – even those who pierced him.”

3. The Final Chapters

The final few books at the end of the New Testament reveal some important things about being a Christian and the future of the world. From Hebrews to Revelation, these books of the greatest story ever told show how God’s love for us should affect every area of lives. That we should love one another; 1 John 3:11 (NLT), “This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another.”

The book of Hebrews talks a lot about standing firm and having faith in the face of trials and troubles; Hebrews 10:23 (TPT), “So now we must cling tightly to the hope that lives within us, knowing that God always keeps his promises!”

The book of Revelation is full of incredible images; beasts with four heads, heavenly cities, dragons and lions and in the end, Jesus – the ultimate King of all.

All these letters and books all point to one major theme. That theme is: keep playing your part in God’s story, keep loving, keep being faithful and keep showing your love to others. We’re all a part of God’s story. Just keep showing up for your part! Whether it feels small or big, we are all part of God’s story!
THE BIG QUESTION

1. **What is the last book in the Bible all about?**

The last book in the Bible is called Revelation. It gives us a glimpse of what will be coming soon in God’s story.

2. **Do we know when Jesus will return? Read Matthew 24:36**

Matthew 24:36 (NIRV), “But no one knows about the day or hour. Not even the angels in heaven know. The Son does not know. Only the Father knows.”

Jesus promised He would return - no one will be able to miss it! The Bible talks about it in Revelation 1:7 (NLT), “Look! He comes with the clouds of heaven, And everyone will see him - even those who pierced him.” James 5:7 (NLT) says, “Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord’s return.” We’re simply to wait for His return, watching for the signs, living out His love and gathering as the Church.

3. **How are we all part of God’s story?**

We are all part of God’s story and He is involved in every tiny detail of our story, weaving together His plan for our lives. The books of the Bible may come to an end but there are blank pages in the story, pages that have not been written yet. Stories that are yet to be lived. Who will these stories about? You and me! The people that have lived and served God since Bible times, those serving God here right now and those still to come.

**PRAYER**

Dear God,

Thank You that You give us Your word so we can learn about You. Help us to play our part in Your story as we live for You.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.
ACTIVITY SHEETS & CRAFT

1. Activity Sheet
These activity sheets summarize today's lesson and help your child put these items into practice. There are two sheets included, one is for younger elementary and the other is for older elementary.

2. The Big Activity (craft)
   - **Supplies needed:** ‘We are all part of God’s story bookmark’ page supplied at the end of this lesson, scissors, stickers (optional) and markers.
   - **Directions:** Give each child a ‘We are all part of God’s story bookmark’ shape to color and decorate with stickers. Encourage the children to use the bookmark to mark their place in their Bible to remind them that they are part of God’s story too.
   - **Explanation:** The Bible is not just a book, it’s the greatest story ever told and that story is still going, it’s never ending. We are all part of God’s story!

3. Family Game – Silent Ball
   - **Supplies needed:** A ball
   - **Directions:** Have your family arrange themselves in a circle. Players pass the ball to one another. If anyone talks, makes a sound, drops the ball, tosses the ball too high or too low for someone to catch it or passes the ball back to the person who passed it to them, they must sit down. The last two players standing are the winners.
We are part of God’s Story. Draw a timeline of your life so far, fill in when you were born, when you started school and any other important events. Write the year dates below the line and draw or write about it above the line.

Read Revelation 22:20 and write it below.

FOR PARENTS!
Use these questions to kick start discussion with your children!
1. Will Jesus return one day?
2. What’s your favourite part of The Greatest Story Ever Told?
3. How are we all part of God’s story?

BIG POINT: Today I learnt that...
If there was a book about your life, draw what the cover would look like.

God's Story is never ending!
Find the end of this line... if you can!

Colour in the verse, using a different colour for each letter.

Jesus says,
"Yes. I am coming soon."
Revelation 22:20 (NIRV)

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