

MY PLACE IN SPACE

Stewardship of My New Country

- Display today's topic**
- Song service**
- Opening prayer**

Final Reinforcement Time With Show and Tell Volunteers

[Invite the show and tell volunteers to present what they have brought that illustrates good stewardship.]

[Sing two of the favorite songs from the quarter.]

[Review the New Jerusalem book(s) made last time.]

[Review the past 11 stewardship topics by inviting volunteers to finish the following sentence for each topic. "I can be a good steward of _____ by _____."

(Example: I can be a good steward of my body by eating healthy food.)]

[Again review the topics, asking the participants what they remember from each

program.]

[Encourage everyone to take a last look at all the good material that has been added to the Stewardship Bulletin Board.]

[Hand out stewardship certificates (P-22), unless you plan to present them during a final celebration (see "Culminating event" in the Introduction).]

Introduction: The New Jerusalem will not stay in heaven forever. After 1,000 years, what will happen? Someone please read Revelation 21:2.

We make another long trip with our family and friends and the angels and Jesus. This time the New Jerusalem comes with us, so we will continue to enjoy our city mansions.

Activity No. 1: *Our new homes in our new country.*

[Have a volunteer read Isaiah 65:21, 22.]
What do those verses tell us? [Wait for responses.] On the New Earth we will spend most of the time out in the country. We will go back to our mansion in the city to worship God on Sabbath.

As we read in Isaiah, we will build our own country homes. If you could build any kind of country house, what would you want? Remember that weather and safety are not a problem. Would you want to live in a tree or under ground, or under water? Do you want lots of windows, or would you make the walls out of transparent material, or maybe have very few walls? God is a God of creativity. He loves it when we use the creativity He has given us.

Around our country homes we can also grow our own gardens just the way we wish. What would you grow in your garden? [Don't give hints unless the group has difficulty thinking of answers. If needed, here are some suggestions: your favorite food to eat; beautiful things to look at; mazes to play hide and seek in; long vines for swinging on; or flowers that butterflies like. Encourage each person to describe his/her New Earth garden.]

[Provide materials and plenty of time for each participant to design a personal country house and garden.]



Activity 1: Bibles;
child

material for each

Activity 2: show & tell

Activity 3: paper & pencils for everyone

Activity 4: Bibles

Closing song: "All Things Bright and Beautiful," *Sing for Joy*, No. 51 (P-23)

Activity No. 2: *Show and tell.*

[Allow time for each one to show the newly designed house and garden.]

Activity No. 3: *What do you want to do?*

There will be lots of things to do on the New Earth because we will have forever to do them. How do you want to spend your time? [Encourage responses.] Name five things you want to do for a thousand years each. Remember that totals 5,000 years. You will still have forever after that to continue with the same activities or go on to other exciting ones.

Let's read *Education*, page 307, where Ellen White describes our opportunities in the New Earth. "There every power will be developed, every capability increased. The grandest enterprises will be carried forward, the loftiest aspirations will be reached, the highest ambitions realized. And still there will arise new heights to surmount, new wonders to

admire, new truths to comprehend, fresh objects to call forth the powers of body and

“All the treasures of the universe will be open to the study of God’s children. With unutterable delight we shall enter into the joy and the wisdom of unfallen beings. We shall share the treasures gained through ages upon ages spent in contemplation of God’s handiwork. And the years of eternity, as they roll, will continue to bring more glorious



revelations.”

Do those words give you more ideas of what you want to do on the New Earth?

Activity No. 4: *What do you want to learn?*

Since you have all the time in the world, what do you like to learn? Remember, you are not limited to planet earth. You can explore the solar system and visit other places in the universe. [Encourage ideas from each participant.]

This quarter we have thought about taking good care of things we are responsible for, being good stewards. Many times we make mistakes. In this sinful earth we are not always good stewards. Isn't God wonderful to give us a new world? There we will take care of everything right, and we will live happily ever after.

Ellen White has something to say about our stewardship. “In our life here, earthly, sin-restricted though it is, the greatest joy and the highest education are in service. And in the

mind and soul.

future state, untrammled by the limitations of sinful humanity, it is in service that our greatest joy and our highest education will be found—witnessing, and ever as we witness learning anew ‘the riches of the glory of this mystery;’ ‘which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.’ Colossians 1:27" *Education*, page 309.

God and Jesus Christ have invited every person to this new world of unlimited opportunities and wonders and joy. I have asked (name) to read Revelation 22:17, 20. [Choose a good reader.]

If you accept this exciting invitation to spend eternity with Jesus, right now I invite you to say out loud with me, "Amen, come, Lord Jesus."

Closing Song

All Things Bright and Beautiful," Sing for Joy, No. 51 (P-23).

Closing Prayer

Prayer of Dedication.

[**NOTE:** Have the participants take home the pictures and posters they have made.]