

God is: **The ALPHA and the OMEGA!!**

As we begin a another attribute of words from the Greek Testament of our written around 2000 language. The two



are letters in the Greek alphabet which represent “alpha” and “omega”. Alpha and omega are the letters found at the beginning (Α) and the ending (Ω) of the Greek alphabet, much like the letters **A** and **Z** are in English. There are many places in the Bible where God is said to be both the beginning of all things, and the end of all things, and we will take some time now to think about that idea!

Memory verse: **Revelation 22:13**

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”

Bible story: Let’s look at Revelation 21: 1-7, 9-27 in the NIV Bible, “A Dream of Heaven” on pages 342-352 in the Jesus Storybook Bible, or “John on the Isle of Patmos” on pages 565-568 in the Egermeier Bible. These verses show part of a vision the Apostle John had of the new heaven and the new earth, which will come down at the end of this age.

Thinking about it: Many weeks ago when we began studying about the attributes of God, we started with the story of creation. We learned that God is the Creator. We know that God was at the beginning, when the world and everything in it began. God **IS** the **BEGINNING (ALPHA)** of all things, in fact, God always existed, even before the creation of the world! He is the source of all that is! There are many ways we can see and understand “beginnings”—some beginnings that we experience include: the beginning of each day—a sunrise; the beginning of the year—January OR the school year; the beginning of someone’s life—when a baby begins growing inside of their mother. As you may have noticed, however, our Bible verse, as well as our story for today, shows that God is NOT ONLY the **BEGINNING of all things**; it says that God will be **THE ENDING (OMEGA)** of all things. We can understand endings through these experiences: the end of a story—whether it is in a book or a movie; the end of a day—when the sun sets and the moon rises; the end of life—when we or a loved one dies and goes on to be with God. It may be hard to believe that God **WANTS** this world to end as it is right now, but we should not fear the ending of this world. God promises a much better world for His children! God has a wonderful plan to make the earth perfect again, just as it had been at the very beginning! This “ending,” then, is really the beginning of a **MORE PERFECT WORLD** with God at the very center! We can look forward to the world as God plans it to be!

new year we will learn God; this time using language! The New Bible was originally years ago in the Greek symbols in the picture

Suggested video clips: **God's Story: Re-Creation**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-eZxdYQCoUE&t=15s>

Activity: This particular craft idea is inspired by the image on the previous page—the stained glass window showing the Greek letters **ALPHA** and **OMEGA**. It is an attempt to create a “stained glass” image using cardboard, a long piece or pieces of string, glue, aluminum foil, and Sharpie markers (yes, Sharpie markers work best as the ink adheres to the aluminum foil better than regular school markers!)

- **Using your cardboard piece, take the string and, with glue, place it in a desired pattern or picture on the cardboard.**
- **Once the string has dried onto the cardboard, carefully wrap a piece of aluminum foil over the string-side of the cardboard, pressing down over the string to recreate the picture with the foil.**
- **Secure the aluminum foil to the other side of the cardboard.**
- **Using Sharpie markers, color in the picture outlined by the string onto the aluminum foil.**
- **When finished, let the project dry before hanging!**



Questions:

- **According to John's vision, where will God be living when the new heaven and new earth come to be?**
- **What will life be like for those who dwell with God? Will they be happy? Why will they be happy?**
- **What are some of the details that you remember about the coming Holy City?**
- **Will people need the light of the sun or moon? Why or why not?**
- **Who will live there? (those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of Life—believers in Jesus Christ!).**

Prayer:

Amazing and great God, You are the source of all beginnings and the author of life. Thank You for Your incredible plan to make all things new! When our world seems dark and we are fearful about the future, help us to remember that You are even now preparing to RECREATE all things, making them new! The world's ending is really a wonderful new beginning, with You at the center! In Jesus name, AMEN.