

LEADERS GUIDE

SPOKENTRUTH

GOSPEL TRUTH • SPOKEN WORD



SESSION 7

BEAT 6 HOME



INTRO

Convo kick-starter (3minutes)

Below are a series of convo kick-starters for Session 7. You will also find a session link for reference.

1. What does a perfect world look like to you? (What does it not look like?)
2. What is heaven to you?

SESSION LINK

The Bible story concludes with a picture of a new heaven and earth. A place where there will be no more tears, and where those who trust Jesus will be reunited with him forever.



ICEBREAKERS

Record breakers

The following icebreakers are 60-second challenges, often with a chance of breaking a world record (all world records are correct as of March 2024). With each icebreaker challenge there is a link to the session's theme. If you have a scoring system in your youth group, you could award an extra point if they guess how the challenge connects to the theme of the session.

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OPTION 1

Get one of the youth leaders to build a three-level house of cards. Next, split the young people into groups and give them a pack of cards each. Give them two minutes to have a go and then nominate one person from each group to take on the challenge. Time them to see who is the fastest.

How quickly can you build a three-level house of cards? (**World record is 6.8 seconds.**)

(Note – you can start with a two-level house of cards first and build to three, or just do two levels depending on ability.)

SESSION LINK

The final beat of the story gives us a glimpse into a future home God is preparing for those who trust in him. Unlike this house, his home will never collapse like a deck of cards.

NEED

Packs of playing cards and a stopwatch.

ICEBREAKERS cont.

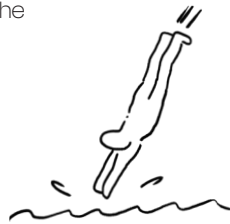
Vic Verbatim (5minutes)

Similar to learning a memory verse, the idea is to practise saying a verse in an expressive way. You can either use the entry level 'cannonball' option, or the 'deep dive' option depending on your group. The verse(s) for this session are:

Cannonball option

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death" or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away!

Revelation 21.4 (NIV)



Deep dive option

'Look! God's dwelling-place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death" or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'

Revelation 21.3-4 (NIV)

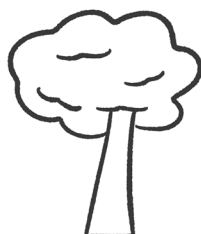
- Assign a 'Reverend Ref' who has the scripture verse to hand, to referee biblical accuracy!
- Give everyone 30 seconds to memorise the verse (you can use the slide for this session or find it on page 63 of *Six Beats One Story*). After the time is up, deliver the memory verse in one of the following ways:

'On the head-to-head, son' – two people take quick-fire turns to say one word each, back and forth, until the verse is complete or a mistake is made

Han Solo/Lone ranger – ask one person to share the Bible verse

'Let's circle back' – go around the room quick-fire, one word each

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The six selfies in 60 seconds challenge

LEADERS NOTE

This icebreaker challenge is designed to get the young people to act out six key poses that capture this part of the story. The poses can also be reused in the 60-second sum-up at the end of the session.

Split the young people into six groups and provide paper and pens, as well as a props and costumes box with different items, relevant to this part of the Bible story. Tell the young people to make it fun and capture each part of the Bible story in either selfie poses or freeze frames. They can write clues to appear in the pictures too if they want.

Ready for the 60-second sum-up at the end of the session, they can take pictures of the poses to use in the slide show (choose six). Alternatively, they can perform their freeze frames live as you go through the sum-up.

**If you don't think this task is a great fit for your young people, leaders/church members could take pictures of themselves doing the selfie-poses in advance and surprise the young people with a fun slideshow in the 60-second sum-up at the end.*

'DO'

This is a selfie freeze frame challenge. In your groups, your mission is to capture the essence of the phrase you will be given in a selfie pose/freeze frame. You can use any props and costumes you like, and you can also write clues on the paper to add to your picture. As well as the prompt/phrase, there's also a clue/suggestion of what you could act out if you're stuck.

You have 60 seconds to create your selfie freeze frame. Time's up when you hear the klaxon.

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Suggested place names or phrases written on paper:

#NoMoreTears, #Revelation21, #HeavenOnEarth

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Suggested props:

Angel halo, wings, crutches.

1. **The trailer to how the story ends** – (e.g. VR headset, very excited or watching a film and captivated)
2. **Jesus is coming back**
3. **I am making all things new**
4. **New heaven and earth**
5. **No more tears, no more pain** – (e.g. people hug, high five, fist bump, sign saying #NoMoreTears, #Revelation21)
6. **Perfect love present in person**

INTER-ACTIVITIES

Couplet up

Out out the six **A** cards and the six **B** cards – give them a good shuffle and then spread them around the room (*alternatively, divide the cards across the group*).

‘DO’

There are 12 cards – six **A** cards and six **B** cards –, each with a line from Dai’s ‘Home’ poem (or one half of a couplet). Together they sum up Beat 6 of the Bible story through spoken word, with God giving John a vision down load on how the story ends **#ReturnOfTheKing #GoodNews #NoMoreTears #Revelation**. Your mission is to match up the correct **A** card with the correct **B** card. Can you couple up the couplets? Can you find your mini poem’s perfect partner?

Hint from Dai

‘If you can’t find your poem pal, then listen now to me – listen out for rhyme, and listen to the story!’

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LEADERS NOTE

Below are the answers of the coupled-up couplets, in order of the story. You can reveal the answers and order in one of two ways:

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Cannonball option:

Once they have matched **A** with **B** cards, ask them to stand in line in their couplets and, starting with **1A**, give the correct answers and rearrange themselves to reveal the Bible story in order.

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Deep dive option:

Below are the answers of the coupled-up couplets, in order of the story. After they have had a go at matching up, ask them to stand in the order they think it happened in the Bible story – from beginning to end. **Once in order, encourage the group to say the couplets together.**

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1. **A** – God draws back the curtains as John peers in
B – John takes it all in, he sees the climax of everything
2. **A** – Risen Jesus returning in all of his glory
B – Fully fulfilling every single prophecy
3. **A** – Sin’s death grip which brought depravity
B – Evil’s chokehold on humanity. will. cease.
4. **A** – Like a redemptive game of hide and seek
B – Though once lost, they’ll be found
5. **A** – ‘Cos love won on a jagged cross – No more graveyards, cremes and tombstones
B – we’ll R.I. with perfect P cos the stone rolled and the tomb was empty
6. **A** – From despair there’ll be perfect repair
B – And hope will be there as the highlight for all time.

You’re a bit of a character

LEADERS NOTE

In this session, ask the group to read the clues and guess which Bible character they’re hinting at. Remind the group that these characters will only be from this section of the Bible story. In terms of delivery, think of a pub quiz set-up. This is best as a group activity (aim for three to four per group). You can use print-outs of the activity (one per group) or use the PowerPoint slides. Along with the clues, there is the option of giving multiple choice answers (see below). Encourage them to confer in their groups to come up with the answer. Once everyone’s ready, reveal the answer and the **‘Did you know?’** fact together.

‘DO’

Using the following clues, see if you can guess the Bible character from this beat of the story.

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Character 1

Clue 1 Had epic visions of the future
#Revelation
#WhoNeedsSpecSavers

Clue 2 Last disciple standing
#Pensioner

Clue 3 Prisoner on an island
#NotLovelsland
#Patmos

Is it...

- a. Matthew
- b. Mark
- c. Luke
- d. John

Answer: John

Did you know?

Some Bible nerds think this was the same John who was a fisherman and besties with Jesus, while others think it was another known as ‘John the elder’. Either way, God gave John a vision of how the Bible story ultimately ends – with Jesus returning! He wrote it all down in a book called Revelation.

Spoken word (4 minutes)



THE POEM

Watch the 'Home' film, or read the poem aloud from pages 65–67 of the *Six Beats One Story* book.



Response

LEADERS NOTE

Depending on your group, you can ask them to engage in a reflective way or in an active way, with the following response options.

REFLECT

(The following questions can be discussed as a group or reflected on individually.)

What stood out to you, surprised you or confused you in the poem?

- What Bible characters can you remember from the poem? If you were telling this beat of the story, would you have mentioned different characters? (If so, why?)

ACTIVE RESPONSE (5 minutes)

- Sketch a three-frame cartoon strip to sum up the story of 'Home'
- Film yourself performing a ten-second rap of the 'Home' story
- Write a spoken word sum-up of the 'Home' story for socials *(try getting creative with hashtags)*
- Dai's example (slide optional): 'John gets a snapshot of how the story ends. Sin's death-grip will cease, fears forgotten and baggage sent packing. A community of grace gifted misfits welcome in the homecoming!' **#NoMoreTears #NewHeavenOnEarth #PlaylistOfPraiseForEternity**

REFLECTIVE RESPONSE (5 minutes)

- Listen to the audio of the poem or watch the video again
- Using emojis, how would you express the story and how it makes you feel?



SHARING IS CARING (2-3 minutes)

- Invite the young people to share what they've done

OUTRO

Summary of the Beat 6 'Home' story

LEADERS NOTE

Below is a summary of each part of the story in a 60-second recap of where we've been. You can read this out as a script or encourage some of the young people to perform it. The **60-second selfie challenge** can also be revisited for this section to help bring each point to life in a playful and visually engaging way. These can be done as freeze frames performed live as you go through the story, or pictures you advance through that show on the screen.

Underneath the 60-second sum-up script is a taster for the next session.

In following sessions, these sum-ups can also be used to recap the previous session.

60-second sum-up script

- 1. The trailer to how the story ends** – on Patmos island, John gets a vision download from God on how the story ends. **#ClimaxToTheStory**
- 2. Jesus is coming back** – the climax of the story is Jesus returns to complete the story. **#ReturnOfTheKing**
- 3. I am making all things new** – those who trust in Jesus as their rescuer who reconciles, will know full restoration and relationship with him.
- 4. A new heaven and earth** – not spirits wafting about in the clouds, but physical bodies. Ones that don't wear and tear, break down or decay, but a heavenly upgrade of resurrected new creation bodies.
- 5. No more tears, no more pain** – brokenness will be past tense and joy will be the describing word for all eternity. **#Revelation21.4 #PainPastTense**
- 6. Perfect love present in person** – those who trust in Jesus, won't just experience perfect love as an idea or a feeling, but meet him and know him, face to face. **#PerfectLove #Jesus**

Pray

- Pray to close the session