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3. Listen carefully to this passage. What happens if your name isn't found in the Book of Life?

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This is the second death, the lake of fire. And anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire. (Rev 20:11-15, CSB)

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Teacher Notes

In this lesson, read the various passages to the student. Read with animation, enthusiasm, and expression. Encourage him to observe carefully with his ears.

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Ask the student: what do you hear about God?

God sees Himself as the God of a specific Believer! God made a choice to be God to Abraham and to be God to his descendants.

I will confirm my covenant that is between me and you and your future offspring throughout their generations. It is a permanent covenant to be your God and the God of your offspring after you. (Gen 17:7, CSB)

This means God sees Himself as the God of student's name!

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Ask the student: what do you think "the life" is? How does this affect your understanding of death?

"The life" is about eternal life with God and His Son Jesus Christ. It is a blessed life where death no longer occurs.

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Encourage questions and discussion of what all of this means and their implications. As the teacher, be prepared to help a student who may be interested in salvation and the sinner's prayer.

If a person's name isn't in the Book of Life, the non-Believer experiences the second death.