PARENT GUIDE - November 14th

Elementary Bible Story: Heaven (Revelation 21-22)

Preschool Bible Story: Heaven (Revelation 1, 5:13, 21:4, 22:5-7)

Materials Needed: Bible or Bible App



LET'S PLAY

Use this time to gather together those in the family that want to participate and get everyone relaxed and talking. THE GOAL is to simply connect and have fun as a family!

- PLAY "Clue Collectors".
 - CHOOSE a category. (Example: Animals, Movies, Places)
 - ALLOW everyone to take turns naming one thing from that category, without repeating.
 - ENCOURAGE everyone to help each other when needed.
 - o CONTINUE playing until everyone has had a turn.
 - o COUNT how many clues you collect together in a category.

LET'S WATCH

Watch today's Elementary and/or Preschool video on our website or on our YouTube channel.

Then, print the Coloring Pages and download the Activities to complete
as you discuss the message as a family.

PARENT TIP: As you discuss the message, keep your kids engaged by coloring, passing a basketball, etc. as you have a conversation. Moving their body while talking might help them focus.

Preschool Discussion:

- What do you think you will see in heaven?
- Do you like to sing songs? What is your favorite song? (*ALLOW responses*) We will get to sing songs to Jesus in heaven!
- Tell me about a time when you felt sad or scared? (ALLOW responses) In heaven, we won't feel any of those things. All we will feel is happiness and joy because we will be with God!

Elementary Discussion:

- What decision do we need to make to be able to live in heaven? (To believe in Jesus and that He died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins, and then came back to life)
- What do you think heaven will be like?
- Why do you think God wants us to be in heaven with Him one day? (Because He loves us and it's the best place ever—better than we can imagine)

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LET'S READ

Together, look up this verse in a Bible or on a Bible App.

PARENT TIP: Take this time to teach your child how to look up a book, chapter and verse in the Bible. Show them the Table of Contents to help learn the order of the books in the Bible.

SAY: Let's look up and read this verse together!

Revelation 21:4

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death. And there will be no more sadness. There will be no more crying or pain. Things are no longer the way they used to be."

SAY: God has promised us heaven, a place to live with Him forever after we die. It will be a wonderful place where we won't ever have to feel sad, hurt, angry or lonely. We can be excited to know that heaven is waiting for us!

LET'S PRAY

As a family, take time to share what you would like prayer for. Talk about what or who you are each thankful for and thank God for them. THE GOAL is for your family to freely share in struggles and thankfulness. Then, together, you can humbly take it all to God in prayer.

PARENT TIP: Keep it short and sweet for your Preschoolers. If your child is not ready to share or pray, take this time to model prayer to them.

Preschool Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for loving me so much that You made a way for me to live with You in heaven one day. I love you so much! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Elementary Prayer:

At this age, encourage your child to tell God whatever is on their heart. Encourage them to speak to God in all circumstances and know that God will always love and listen to them.