



Important Directions for Parents:

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If you'd have questions, feel free to reach out. May the Lord guide your teaching. *Dr. Nelson*

LESSON: FOREVER IN HEAVEN

Leader Guide for Preschool-Grade 2

 Revelation 21

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Teachers Dig In

Dig In to the Bible

- Read: Revelation 21
- In This Passage: The Bible describes what heaven is like. It's a beautiful, golden city full of light from God himself! There isn't any pain, sadness, or dying. And best of all, we'll live forever with Jesus!
- Bible Point: Jesus is forever...
- Application: ...so we can live forever.
- Summary Verse: "A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power" (Ephesians 6:10).

Dig Deeper

- You'll Be Teaching: *Jesus is forever. Forever* is a hard concept for kids (and adults!) to understand. And for some kids, the idea of heaven might seem boring, and thinking about being there forever could be a little intimidating. Help kids focus on the fact that heaven is where we can be face to face with Jesus—and that'll be better than anything we can imagine.
- Think About: What excites you most about heaven?

Dig In to Prayer

- Ask God to give your kids a genuine excitement for the hope of heaven.

Quick Tip

- Your attitude is contagious. If you have a genuine excitement about how awesome heaven will be, most kids will feel the same way! If you're scared or uncertain about heaven, that will show through to kids and give them pause. Ask God to help *you* convey a true excitement for forever life with him.

This Lesson at a Glance



CORE BIBLE DISCOVERY

Kids close their eyes as they hear about heaven and create a picture of what they see.

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- Bible
- craft supplies (see Easy Prep for examples)
- white construction paper (1 piece per child)

Easy Prep

- Gather plenty of craft supplies for children to create images of heaven based on what they learn about heaven from the Bible. Consider crayons, markers, glitter glue, cellophane, tissue paper, gem stickers, and anything else you think they might want to use.



DEEPER BIBLE

Kids play Charades to imagine what won't be in heaven.



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Listen and Create

Seat kids around a table or in a circle on a hard floor where they can draw. Spread out all the craft supplies so kids can choose from them as they create their heaven scenes. Give each child a piece of white construction paper, and tell kids not to touch the craft supplies yet.

Say: **Today we'll learn that Jesus is forever, so we can live forever. *Forever means something never, ever ends. Think about a day that was so great that you didn't want it to ever end.* Pause. **Jesus is making a place where we can live forever, and it will be the best place we can ever imagine! That place is called heaven. Let's listen to what the Bible says to find out a little bit of what heaven will be like.****

Open the Bible. Say: **As you listen to what the Bible says, close your eyes and create a picture in your mind of what heaven looks like.** Lead kids to close their eyes and picture what you're describing. **God's angel showed a man named John what heaven looks like. John saw a new place—not an old place—that would forever look new. He saw a very special, beautiful city with all God's friends. He heard someone shout, "God's here with all his friends. This is a place with no sadness, pain, or tears."**

Have kids open their eyes. Say: **Use the supplies to make a picture on the paper in front of you—show what you saw when you were listening with your eyes closed. We'll hear even more later, so don't worry about filling the whole piece of paper right now. Just show what you saw as you listened just now.** Encourage children to create a picture based on what they saw as they listened. They

can make a city that looks “new and not old” that’s beautiful and full of God’s smiling friends.

After a few minutes, say: **There’s more! Let’s find out some more things the Bible says about heaven.** Lead kids to close their eyes and picture what you’re describing. **As John was looking at heaven, he heard God say that no bad people are in heaven. And one of seven angels took John to see the new city from on top of a high mountain. The city was sparkling with bright and precious gems.**

Have kids open their eyes. Say: **Add to your picture what you saw from what I just told you about heaven.** Allow time for kids to add an angel and a mountain and make the city bright and sparkling with gems. You may need to remind them of what you said.

After a couple of minutes, say: **There’s still more! Let’s keep going.** Lead kids to close their eyes and picture what you’re describing. **The walls of heaven are higher than we can imagine—they’re the tallest walls we’ll ever see. The walls are so thick that no bad people could ever get in. The walls are beautifully made of gold. And the city is big—there’s plenty of room for all God’s friends. The gates are all made of pearls, which are beautiful gems.**

Have kids open their eyes. Say: **Add to the picture what you saw from what I told you about heaven.** Allow time for kids to make the walls so they look tall and thick and made of gold. Remind them to show the gates made of pearls using any of the supplies they choose.

Say: **There’s one more thing I want to tell you about heaven.** Lead kids to close their eyes and picture what you’re describing. **There’s no sun or moon in heaven, but it’s as bright as day! That’s because God gives light to heaven. God is so amazing that his brightness brings light to all of heaven.**

Have kids open their eyes and add to their pictures based on what they saw with their eyes closed as they listened. Invite them to show their pictures to those around them.

Add Hopes to Their Pictures

Say: **Wow! Heaven is going to be amazing! It’s going to be all new and beautiful, and it will be the happiest place you can imagine. We’ll love everyone there, and everyone there will love us. And our best friend Jesus will be there, too. Jesus is forever, so that’s why we can live forever, too. We’ll get to celebrate with Jesus, and we’ll have everything we need.**

Share something *you* hope will be in heaven.

Ask: • **What’s something *you* hope will be in heaven?** Allow time for children to add the things they shared about to their pictures.

Say: **We can't be sure whether everything we shared about will be in heaven, but we can be sure that Jesus will make sure we have everything we need in heaven. And we can be sure that heaven will be way more amazing than our best day ever. Heaven is forever, and Jesus is forever. When we're friends with Jesus, we'll live forever in heaven where we'll never be sad, we'll never get hurt, and we'll never cry sad tears. We'll be happy and filled with joy forever!** Lead kids in a group hug, and have them say, "Jesus' love is forever!"



DEEPER BIBLE

[15 min]

No More

Play Charades

Say: **It's so exciting that all of Jesus' friends get to live in heaven with him forever. Today we talked about what heaven is like. There are so many wonderful things the Bible promises we'll see in heaven. And the Bible also promises that there won't be any bad things there. Let's play a game to imagine some of the things we're glad won't be in heaven.**

Invite a willing child to come up to the front of the group and act out being sad. Remind kids when they're acting something out that they can't say any words. If needed, give the child some suggestions for acting sad (rubbing eyes, sniffing). Some kids may want you to act along with them. Encourage the rest of the kids to guess what their friend is doing.

When kids guess correctly, say: **That's right! The Bible promises there won't be any tears in heaven, and we get to live there forever!** Have the first child sit down, and invite another willing child to play. Continue having kids act out bad things that won't be in heaven. After kids guess correctly, remind them that those things won't be in heaven and we get to live there forever. Here are some ideas to act out:

- sickness
- darkness
- blindness
- getting hurt, such as falling and scraping a knee
- being afraid of something
- someone dying
- someone being mean and picking a fight

Talk About It

Say: **I am so glad there won't be any bad things in heaven.** Share with kids something *you're* glad won't be in heaven. It might be disease, sadness, or people hurting you.

Ask: • **What things are you glad there *won't* be in heaven?** Kids might say tummy aches, scraped knees, or mean people.

Say: **It'll be so wonderful to live in heaven without anything bad or scary or painful. Everything in heaven will be perfect. And because Jesus is forever, we get to be in heaven forever with him. That's good news!**
