



Important Directions for Parents:

Below are additional lesson notes and activities you can use to stretch this lesson over more days and reinforce the main lesson page, videos, and songs provided on the KIDS CLUB Family Resources webpage. The formatting and page breaks for these pages don't always translate so well from their original electronic file, but you should be able to see how it works.

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 Grades 3-6

 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.
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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 draw amazing places and create advertisements for heaven.

Supplies

- Bibles
- paper
- crayons or markers
- tape



DEEPER BIBLE

Kids wonder what heaven will really be like.

Supplies

- Bibles
- “Amazing Universe” handout (download [here](#))
- paper
- markers
- gold (or gold-colored) item

Easy Prep

- Cut the “Amazing Universe” handout into 4 sections.



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Draw Awesome Places

Say: Today we're learning that Jesus is forever, so we can live forever in heaven. To help us think about how awesome heaven will be, let's think about awesome places on earth.

Distribute paper and set out crayons or markers to share. Have kids each draw a picture of what they consider to be the greatest place on earth. It might be an amusement park, a beautiful place in nature, a sports arena, or some other exciting place.

As kids draw, get them talking about what they're drawing and why they think it's so great. Try to spend only about two or three minutes on the drawings.

When everyone has finished drawing, have kids hang their drawings on the wall together like a collage.

Ask: • **What do you think when you see all these awesome places together?**

• **How would you feel if I told you you'd just won a free trip to that place for a whole week?**

Say: **When something exciting is going to happen, we look forward to it with anticipation. Heaven is going to be so much better than all these awesome places combined! The main reason isn't because of what it looks like or what we'll do there; it's because *Jesus* is there! Jesus is forever, so we can live forever.**

Ask: • **If you could spend all day with one person doing whatever you wanted, who would you pick and what would you do?** Share your own answer first.

Say: **Heaven is a place, but it's so much more than that. It's days like the ones you just described...with *Jesus*...forever! So let's find out more about heaven.**

Make Brochures and Commercials

Say: In our Bible story today, we'll hear about how an angel showed a guy named John a glimpse of what heaven would be like. It was hard for John to describe what he saw because he had to try to compare it with things he'd seen or experienced on earth...even though heaven's so much better.

Now you're going to take on John's job. Imagine you work at an ad agency, and your job is to come up with a commercial or another advertisement that describes heaven. You'll work in groups, and your group can either make a travel brochure or act out a commercial based on John's description of heaven. Try to include our Bible point: Jesus is forever.

Have kids form groups of three to five. Ask groups to read the following verses together and use them to make their brochures or commercials.

- Revelation 21:3-4
- Revelation 21:10-14
- Revelation 21:18-26

Allow plenty of time for groups to read and work on their marketing campaigns. Then allow time for groups to present what they came up with.

Say: Jesus is forever, so we can live forever with him in heaven. That's awesome! There's a lot about heaven that we don't know or understand; the Bible only tells us so much. But we know we'll never be sad, we'll never feel pain, it will be a perfect place, and we'll be with Jesus!

Invite Kids to Heaven

Say: Jesus is forever, so we can live forever in heaven. It'll be amazing there! Everyone is invited to heaven, but you have to do one thing to accept the invitation: Believe in Jesus and love him.

Following your denominational traditions, invite kids into a friendship with Jesus.



What Will Heaven Really Be Like?

Supplies

- Bibles
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- paper
- markers
- gold (or gold-colored) item

Easy Prep

- Cut the “Amazing Universe” handout into 4 sections.

Amazing Universe

Say: **We’re learning that Jesus is forever, so we can live forever in heaven. But it’s hard to imagine how wonderful heaven is. When you think about it, it’s hard to imagine how amazing our world and solar system are, and those are things we can see pictures of!**

Have kids form four groups, and give each group a picture from the “Amazing Universe” handout. Set out paper and markers to share. Make sure groups don’t show anyone from the other groups the picture. Then have kids try to describe their group’s picture to the other groups while the kids hearing the description draw what they think the animal looks like. When they’ve finished, have kids show their pictures to everyone.

Ask: • **How well did the picture you drew match what the weird animal really looked like?**

Say: **God made some weird-looking things in our world! Trying to describe them to someone who doesn’t know what they look like is hard. That’s kind of like what John had to do to describe what heaven looks like! And that makes heaven hard to imagine.**

So what will heaven *really* be like? Let’s dig in to that.

Wonder

Hold up the gold item, and then pass it around. Say: **Here’s one thing we know from today’s Bible story: We know that parts of heaven are gold. But somehow, they are a clear gold, which is different from gold we have.**

We also know that heaven won't be sad or painful. Have a child read Revelation 21:4.

Say: **But there's a lot we don't know. Let's wonder about heaven.**

Fill in the blank of this statement: I wonder if _____ will be in heaven. Start with your own example, such as pets or your favorite food, and then allow plenty of time for kids to wonder. Don't try to answer any questions; this is simply a time for wonder.

Say: **Now let's fill in the blank of another wondering statement. For this one, you can do Charades to show your answer, and we'll try to guess what your answer is. Here's the statement: I wonder if we'll be able to _____ in heaven.** Allow time for kids to act out their answers while others guess. Kids could act out playing sports, riding roller coasters, playing video games, and so on.

Say: **We have a lot of things we wonder about heaven! Unfortunately, I can't point you to a Bible verse that will tell you whether there will be pizza or roller coasters in heaven. We just don't know everything about what heaven will be like. But we *do* know Jesus will be there, and we'll have endless joy and no pain. Let's see what the Bible says about going to heaven with Jesus.**

Dig Deeper

Have a child read 1 Thessalonians 4:17.

Ask: • **How do you feel when you think about Jesus coming back to take everyone who loves him to heaven?**

Have a child read 1 Thessalonians 5:10.

Say: **Jesus wanted us to be in heaven with him so much that he was willing to die for us! That tells me that being in heaven with Jesus is going to be *super awesome*. In fact, if pizza and roller coasters aren't in heaven, I don't think we'll even care! We'll be amazed by being with Jesus and all the things that are even *better* than pizza and roller coasters. We'll be happy forever! Jesus is forever, so we can live forever with endless joy and no pain.**

Let's imagine what it'll be like to be with Jesus. Close your eyes and imagine yourself hanging out with Jesus, doing your favorite activity in the whole world. Pause for about 30 seconds.

Say: **What you just imagined would be fun. But heaven? Well, that will be even better! Jesus is forever, so we can live forever and have an amazing time with him in heaven.**
