

Q12

LIFE OF JESUS

Jesus Sitting on the Throne

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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're talking about another dream the apostle John had. It was all about what heaven will be like. Now, people talk about heaven as a cool place but John actually got to see a glimpse of it in this dream and he shared about what he saw in one of the very last chapters in the whole Bible. John describes heaven as a beautiful place full of bold colors and roads made of gold. There is also a throne at the center of heaven and guess who sits there? Jesus! In heaven, we'll get to see Jesus and be in his presence. We'll be able to tell him how much we love him and thank him for all he's done. And, heaven will be a place that is full of happiness. There will be no more crying or pain. Everything will be made new again. Every day in heaven will be like the best day you've ever had! Doesn't that sound amazing? And, anyone can go to heaven if they've put their trust in Jesus. So, share Jesus with your friends so they can live in heaven some day, too.

Big Idea

Jesus makes everything new.

Key Question

How does Jesus make us new?

Memory Verse

Revelation 21:4 "He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **PLAY: Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: Describe the worst day you've ever had. How did you get through it?** (Tip: We all have bad days when we forget our lunch or get in a fight with a friend. In heaven, there won't be bad days!)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **He forgives our sins and he is making a new life for us in heaven.** (This is why Jesus came to walk the earth. He came to die for us sins so that we could be free of our sinful ways to live a new life with Jesus. When we trust in Jesus, he lives in our hearts and helps us to say "Yes" to God's way and "No" to sin. Not only that, the Bible says that Jesus is preparing a new home for us in heaven. Some day, he will return to take us to live in the coolest most awesome place ever- HEAVEN!))
 - **Bonus Questions:** What does Jesus do with our sins? What do you think our new life in heaven will be like?
4-5th: Why do you think there is a throne in the middle of heaven for Jesus?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. What does it mean that we can be a new person and what is the old stuff we need to get rid of?** (Answer: Jesus came to take away our old way of living, which is to live for ourselves and to ignore God. But, when we trust in Jesus, our heart changes and we care about God's opinion more than our own. We want to get rid of our sinful, selfish ways and replace them with things that honor God.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: HEAVEN SCAVENGER HUNT

Instructions:

- Before class, cut out and color each item from the Scavenger hunt template (page 5) and hide around the classroom.
- To start the hunt, explain to the kids that they will go in search of some items in the class that represent things about heaven. As they find each item, have them tape them to the whiteboard. Once they've all been found, talk about the meaning of each item.
 - Throne-Where Jesus will sit in the middle of heaven
 - Happy face-heaven will only be full of joy and happiness
 - Tear drop-there won't be any crying or sadness in heaven
 - Jewel-heaven will be filled with beautiful things.
 - Gate- big gates will be open in heaven
 - Sun-there won't be darkness or night. It will be bright with the radiance of God's glory

Supplies needed: Scavenger hunt template (pg.5, pre cut, color) Tape

OPTION 2: HEAVEN CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a Heaven template (page 6) and a styrofoam cup.
- Have them color their cups blue and have them color Jesus. Have them tape the clouds around the sides of their cups.
- Give each kid a piece of yarn. Using a pencil, help the kids poke a hole in the bottom of their cup and have them feed the yarn through the hole.
- Then, have them place the cloud phrase at the top of the yarn and have them tape it in place. Then, have them tape Jesus to the bottom of the yarn. Then the kids can pull the yarn up like Jesus is going up to heaven and pull the yarn down to make it look like Jesus is coming back.
- As they work, remind the kids that Jesus will come back to bring us to the coolest place ever- HEAVEN!

Supplies needed: Heaven template (pg. 6, pre cut, 1 set per kid), Small styrofoam cups (1 per kid), Tape, Crayons, Yarn (cut into 10 in. pieces, 1 piece per kid), Pencils

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Someday, in heaven, Jesus is going to sit in the middle of it all and make the world perfect.

Key Points:

- Heaven will have a throne right in the _____ of everything.
Revelation 21:1-3
- The one sitting on the throne will be _____.
- In Heaven, all the _____ things will be gone forever. Revelation 21:4
- Jesus himself will make everything _____. Revelation 21:5

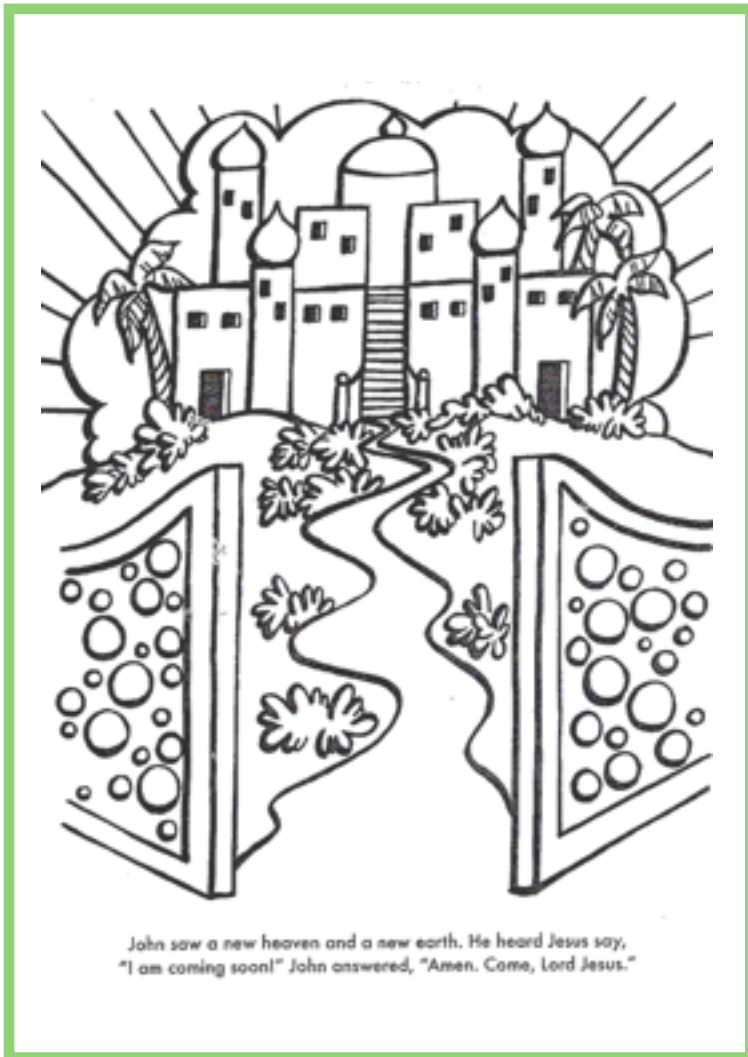
Memory Verse:

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Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *Describe the worst day you've ever had. How did you get through it?*
3. *Where can we all live with Jesus someday? What will be in the middle?*
4. *What won't be in heaven? How does Jesus make us new?*
5. *Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. What does it mean that we can be a new person and what is the old stuff we need to get rid of?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Color the picture and solve the puzzle.

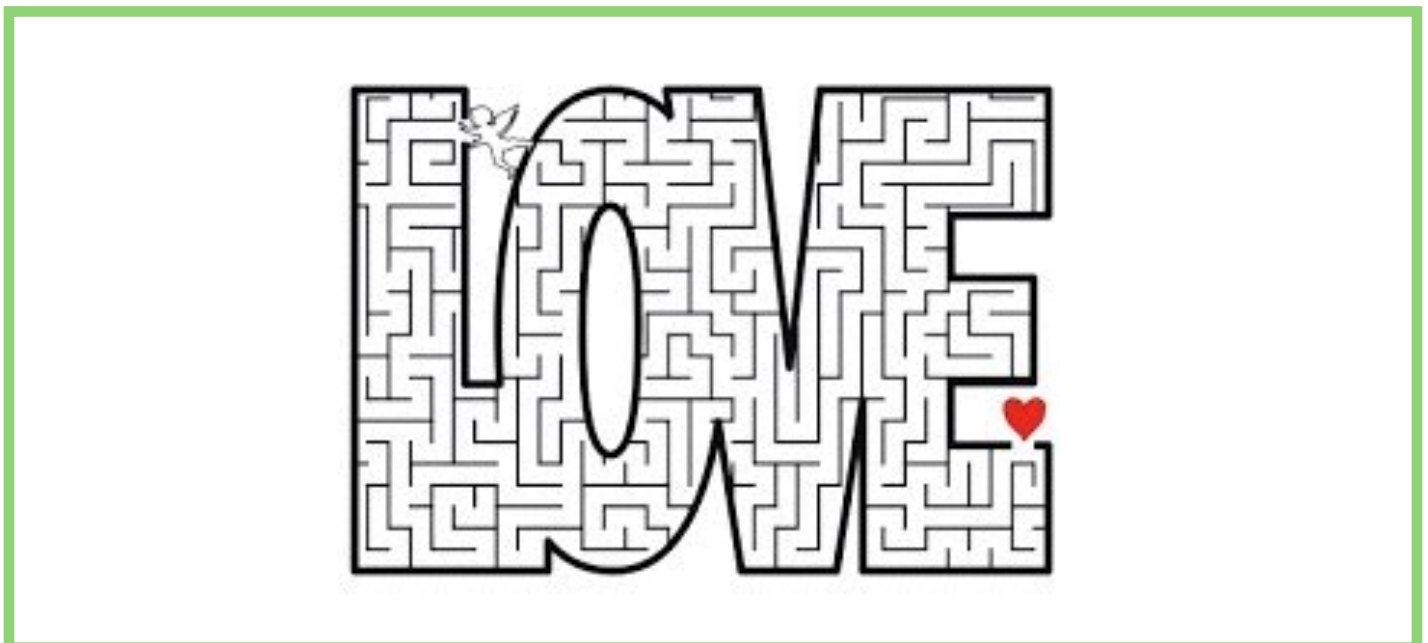


Big Idea

Key Question

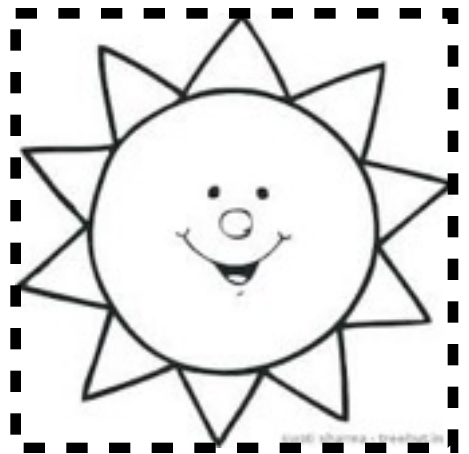
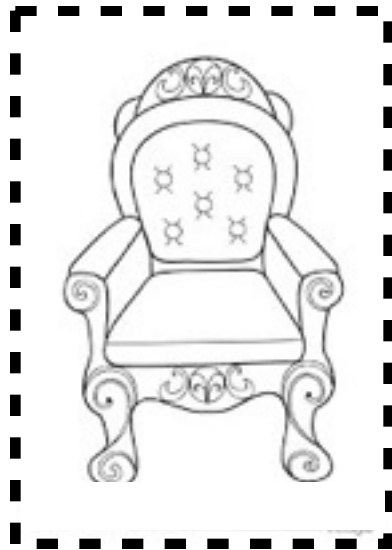
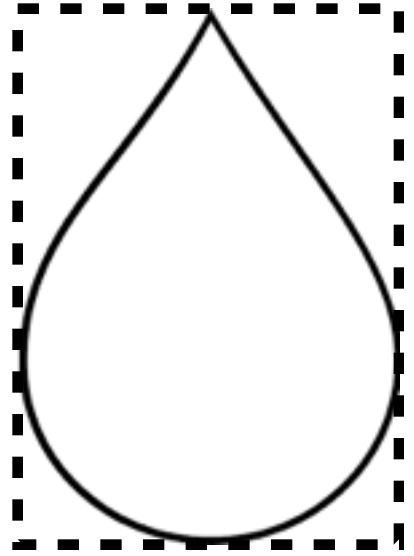
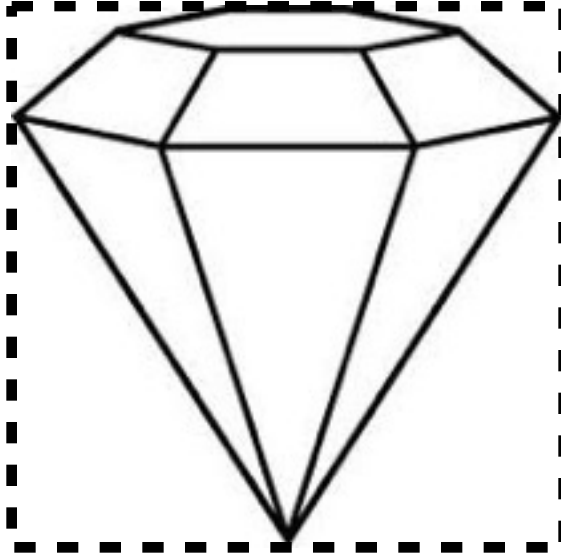
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