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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to talk about the coolest place ever! We're going to learn about heaven. Now, picture your best vacation or the best birthday party you've ever been to and then multiply that level of fun by a billion! That's how much better heaven will be than even your best day ever. The Bible says that heaven will be a beautiful place full of color, happiness and fun. And, it's the place where we'll actually be in the presence of God! It will be a perfect place where there will be no more sadness, pain, disappointment, upset stomachs or broken arms. It's the place we all want to end up when we die. But, there is a catch and it's really important to remember. Heaven is reserved for those who have put their trust in Jesus. That means you tell Jesus that you're sorry for your sins and you put your trust in what Jesus did for you when he died on the cross for your sins. It's that easy! So if you haven't done that yet, do it today! Heaven will be awesome and you don't want to miss out on it!

Big Idea

The only way to heaven is through Jesus.

Key Question

Why is Jesus the only way to heaven?

Memory Verse

John 14:6 "Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: Describe your best day ever. (Where you'll be, what you're doing, who you're with and what you'll eat).** (Tip: Maybe you're at the beach or at an NFL football game with your friends and family. Perhaps you're eating endless amounts of candy! Heaven will be even better than that!)
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: **Because Jesus is God who came to fix us.** (The Bible teaches that we all have a sin problem that breaks our relationship with God. Jesus came to die to pay for our sins because he's perfect because he's God. When we trust in Jesus, are sins are forgiven and we get to live in heaven with him some day.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** Who is Jesus? What do we have to do to go to heaven? **4-5th** Why do you think God only made one way for us to get to heaven?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read Revelation 21:3-4. Who do we get to live with in heaven? Describe what you think heaven will be like?** (Answer: Heaven will be amazing! We'll get to finally be in the presence of the God of the whole universe! The Bible says heaven will be the most beautiful place and it will be full of joy and laughter!)
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 pursueGODkids.org to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: HEAVEN MOBILE CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a Heaven template (page 5). Have them cut out and color each letter.
- Once they're done coloring, have them place the letters in the correct order to spell "Heaven" and have them flip the squares over.
- Give each kid a piece of string and have them place the string down the middle of the back side of the squares and have them tape each square to the string to create a mobile.
- As they work, talk about the acronym of Heaven and what each letter signifies.
 - Heaven will be full of **H**appy people, it will be **e**xciting, **a**marzing, full of **v**ibrant colors and lots of **e**nergy for playing games and having fun. And, there will be **n**o sadness.
- Heaven will be the most beautiful and fun place we can ever imagine! Remind the kids that all it takes to guarantee a future in heaven is by putting their trust in Jesus.

Supplies needed: Heaven template (pg. 5, 1 set per kid), Scissors, Crayons, String (cut into 15 in pieces, 1 per kid), Tape

OPTION 2: BIBLE BINGO

Instructions:

- Give each kid a Bingo template (page 6). Give each kid a Bible and have them open to the table of contents. Have them choose 24 books from both the OT and NT and have them write each book into one of their squares on the board. Give each kid some buttons or pieces of candy for their playing pieces.
- Then, the teacher will call out books from the Bible. Kids will fill in their card as their books are called. First to fill their board wins.

Supplies needed: Bingo cards (pg. 6, pre cut, 1 per kid), Buttons or candy (enough for each kid to cover their board) Bibles, Pens

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BIBLE BASICS

What is Heaven?

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We talk about Heaven a lot in church, but have you ever wondered what Heaven is really like?

Key Points:

- Heaven is a lot _____ than earth.
- Heaven is _____ than the best birthday party you've ever been to.
- In Heaven, we get to be with _____ forever.
- There's only _____ to get to Heaven.

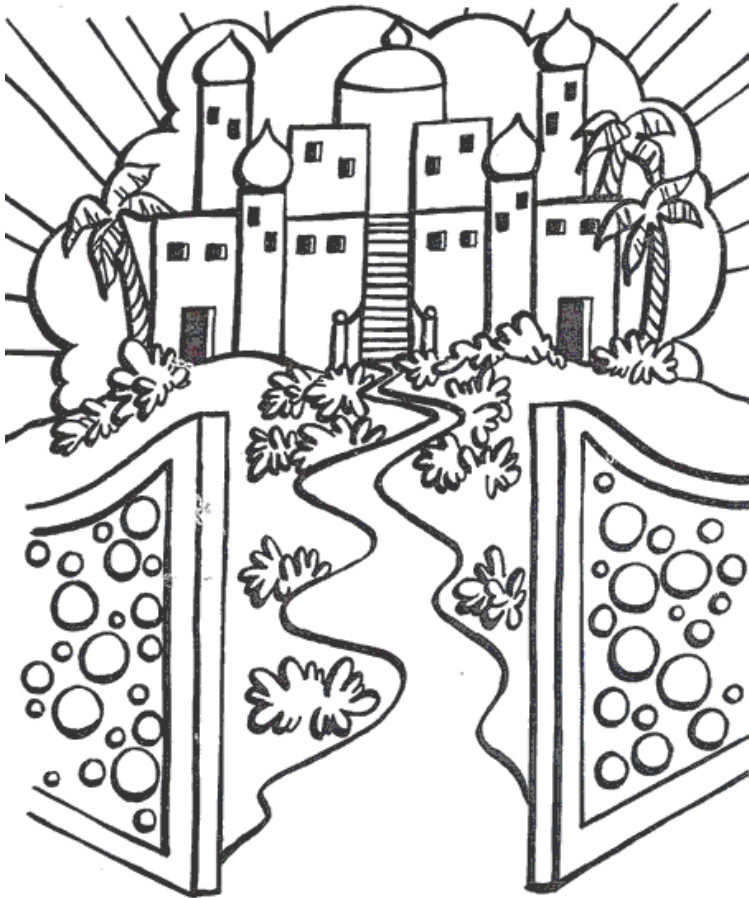
Memory Verse:

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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 your best day ever. (Where you'll be, what you're doing, who you're with and what you'll eat).*
3. *How is heaven different from living on earth?*
4. *What do we have to do to get to heaven?*
5. *Read Revelation 21:3-4. Who do we get to live with in heaven? Describe what you think heaven will be like?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Color the picture and answer the questions.



John saw a new heaven and a new earth. He heard Jesus say, "I am coming soon!" John answered, "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."

Big Idea

Key Question

Memory Verse

John 14:___ "___ told him, "I am the ___, the truth, and the ___. No one can ___ to the Father except through ___."

QUESTIONS

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPORT?

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE RESTAURANT?

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE VACATION SPOT?

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