

WEEK 3: Heaven

Big Question: What is heaven going to be like?

HANGOUT

1. Discuss: What is a place that you would really love to visit, that you've never been before? What do you imagine it is like? How did you find out about it?
2. Explain that today we are going to be talking about heaven, the amazing place that God has prepared for us to live with Jesus forever.
3. Ask: What do you think heaven is going to be like? What questions do you have about heaven?
4. Using paper and markers, encourage everyone to write or draw some of their ideas or questions about heaven.

Watch this week's video on the Kids and Youth playlist at youtube.com/themeetinghouse

HEAR

5. Tell the kids that today's God Story is from the book of Revelation, the last book in the Bible. Explain that Revelation was written by John, one of Jesus' closest friends. In Revelation, John gives us some glimpses that the Holy Spirit gave him of heaven.
6. Ask:
 - What does it mean to have a glimpse of something? (to have a quick or incomplete view).
 - Who is the Holy Spirit? (one of the three parts of God: God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit)
7. Remind the kids that while the Bible can give us clues about heaven, the truth is that we can't imagine how incredible it will be. What we do know is that we will be with Jesus.
8. Look up and read Revelation 4.
9. Ask:
 - In verse 1, what was standing open? (a door) What did the voice sound like? (a trumpet blast)
 - In verse 2, what did John see? (a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it) Who do you think is on the throne? (God)
 - In verse 3, what does John say the brightness of the one on the throne is like? (gemstones; if possible take a moment to look up jasper, carnelian and emeralds on your phone to show the kids).
 - In verse 3, what surrounded the throne? (a rainbow)
 - In verse 4, what are the elders wearing? (white robes with gold crowns)
 - What came from the throne in verse 5? (flashes of lightning and rumbles of thunder)
 - In verse 6, what does the sea appear to be made out of? (shiny glass)
 - What do the elders do in verse 10? (worship the one on the throne and lay their crowns before the throne)
10. Discuss: Is there anything in these verses that surprised you? Did you learn anything about heaven? What is it?

HUDDLE

11. Pray together and thank God for the amazing glimpses of heaven that he has given us in the Bible. Thank him for loving every child (by name if possible) and that he is preparing such a beautiful place for each of us to be with Jesus forever.

Word Search

H J R S R Z H Q Y R H F O N D
E W G E A I T S W O B N I A R
A S H Y V T O R C H E S A R E
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Throne

Elders

Trumpet

Heaven

Rainbow

John

Robes

Spirit

Crowns

Worship

Gemstones

Jasper

Carnelian

Emerald

Holy

Sea

Torches

Revelation