



Group Leader Guide

GIVERS // WEEK 1 THE GIFT OF HOME

The Verse

Hebrews 13:14 NLT

For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come.

The Point

God's Gift gives me a heavenly home!

Group Activity Directions

My Heavenly Home // You'll Need

- Sheet of origami paper (1 per child)
- Adhesive bow (1 per child)
- Markers (1 set per group)

To Do

Say: I can't wait to see the amazing gift of Heaven God has for us! Let's imagine what our heavenly home might look like!

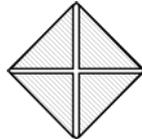
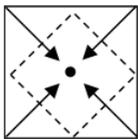
1. **Give** each kid a sheet of origami paper.

Ask: What do you hope your heavenly home will look like? How will it make you feel? Who do you hope will be there? *Answers to each question will vary.*

2. Kids **write** or **draw** their answers on the white side of the origami paper.

Say: Let's turn these pictures into a gift for someone else, so they can learn about the gift of Heaven, too!

3. Kids **lay** paper with white side facing up.
4. Kids **fold** all 4 corners of the colored paper to the center, colored side facing out, as in the pictures below.



5. **Give** each kid a bow.
6. **Stick** bow in the center of the gift to hold the folded corners together, as in the picture below.



Bonus

1. Kids **share** their pictures with others in the group, and **talk** about what they've imagined.

GROUP DISCUSSION IDEAS

Choose the best questions for your group.

Get Everyone Talking

1. **What was the funniest thing that happened on the Konnect Space Station this week?**
2. **Mike gave his time so everyone else could go home for Christmas. What did you think about that? How did it make you feel?**

Check For Understanding

1. **What does generosity mean?** *Be a giver like God. Give cheerfully; give much.*
2. **Think about the Bible story and the drawings we made. What is Heaven like?** *No sadness, crying, or bad feelings, no sickness or hurting, no boredom or frustration. Colorful, full of worship for God, etc.*
3. **How can you know that you will get the gift of Heaven when you die?** *If you have accepted God's gift of Jesus, and you have made Jesus your leader and best friend, you can be sure He has a home in Heaven for you.*
4. **How can you find the truth about Heaven?** *The only truth about Heaven we can really trust is from the Bible.*
5. **When you choose to accept God's gift of Jesus, where is your real home?** *In Heaven*
6. **What feelings do you have about going to Heaven when you die?** *Answers will vary.*
7. **Why can't we go to Heaven until we die?** *Heaven is for your spirit, not your body. When you die, your spirit leaves your body to go be with God if you chose to follow Jesus.*

Apply To This Week

1. **God gave you a VERY generous gift by sending Jesus to Earth. When you accept God's gift of Jesus, you get ANOTHER generous gift of having a home in Heaven. What does that make you want to do for others?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What can you do this week so others can accept God's gift of Jesus and have a home in Heaven, too?** *Tell others about Jesus, pray with them, serve others, treat others kindly, be a friend to someone who doesn't have friends, read about Jesus to them from the Bible, etc.*
3. **Think about the present we made out of a picture of Heaven. Who will you give it to?** *Answers will vary.*
4. **What will you tell them about Heaven when you give them the present?** *Answers will vary.*

Pray: God, thank You for sending us the Gift of Jesus for Christmas. Please remind me every day that I have a home with You in Heaven when I accept Jesus as my leader and best friend. In Jesus' name, amen.