



Heaven is a place that believers talk about as our eternal home with Jesus. What do we know about it? How often do we think about it? Hopefully these questions and Scriptures will help us take a closer look at this amazing place God is preparing for those who truly believe in the awesome truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This “lesson” is to serve as an introductory discussion on the HUGE subject of heaven. Our desire, as a ministry, is to talk more about heaven over the Summer. This is just one stop to close up our five year chronological curriculum!

Hopefully these questions and Scriptures will get your family excited and talking about heaven. This is an ongoing discussion all believers should continue to have. Studying heaven allows us to remember God’s purpose and perspective in all of the joys and trials we experience in our short time on earth.

Music & Worship: Another way to think about and imagine heaven is through music. Hymns are another wonderful way to worship the Lord and live in light of eternity. The Church through history used hymns to teach deep truths about heaven and other theology to keep their lives here in perspective.

- I Can only Imagine – Mercy Me
- Home – Christ Tomlin
- This World is Not My Home – many different artists

Activities:

Draw, Read, Compare: Before reading anything, have children draw a picture of heaven. Then read Revelation 21:9-21 and Revelation 22:1-5. Work together to draw a picture of what heaven will actually be like (this is just fun, of course it will be difficult to draw) and compare!

Pin the Jewels on the Walls of Heaven: Outline walls on a piece of poster board. Pin the poster board to the wall. Blindfold the children, spin them around, and let them try to stick the jewels on the walls of heaven.

Video:

God's Story: Re-Creation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-eZxdYQCoUE>

Prayer:

Pray together and thank God for heaven. Thank Him that, because of Jesus, we can go to heaven to be with Him one day.

Instructions: Look ahead and consider how you would like to discuss the following twelve questions. You might try discussing 3 questions per day over 4 days or 2 questions for 6 days. Have a fun sword drill to open to the scriptures. Read and discuss together! HAVE FUN!

All of these questions are taken from the book, "Heaven for Kids" by Randy Alcorn. We may explore this book further through the summer in Kingdom Seekers.

1. Why should we look forward to heaven?

"We are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for Him to return as our Savior." Philippians 3:20

2. What can we know about heaven?

"He showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God and sparkled like a precious stone....The city wall was broad and high....The twelve gates were made of pearls....And the main street was pure gold, as clear as glass....The glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light. The nations will walk in its light." Revelation 21:10 – 12, 21, 23-24

3. After we die, then what?

"Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43

4. How will we relate to God in heaven?

"I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see Him with my own eyes." Job 19:25-27

5. What is the new earth? What will it be like?

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth....And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them. They will be His people and God Himself will be with them and be their God'... [Jesus] said, 'I am making everything new!'" Revelation 21:1,3,5

6. Who rules?

"The holy people of the Most High will be given the kingdom, and they will rule forever and ever." Daniel 7:18

7. What will our lives in heaven be like?

"You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of Your presence and the pleasures of living with You forever." Psalm 16:11

8. Who will we hang out with in heaven?

“We want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope....First, the Christians who have died will rise from their graves. Then together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. So encourage each other with these words.”

1 Thessalonians 4:13, 16-18

9. Will animals live on the new earth?

“Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang: “Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever.” Revelation 5:13

10. What will we do in heaven?

“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on ... They will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them ... The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and His servants will serve Him.” Revelation 14:13, 22:3

11. How can we know we’re going to heaven?

“I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.” 1 John 5:13

12. The great story that goes on forever!

“God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace.” Ephesians 2:6-7

*In addition to the question and Scripture answer format, Randy Alcorn introduces each chapter with a quote from the Chronicles of Narnia. Although not an exact biblical representation of heaven, this timeless collection of stories by C.S. Lewis are a great way to get us thinking about eternal ideas and would be a wonderful family summer reading pursuit for all ages of children and adults in your home.

Let’s remember “this world is not my home, I’m just a passin’ through!”