Heaven & Jesus' Return - God Wants Us With Him Forever!

Bible Passage: John 14, Revelation 1, 5, 21, 22 Memory Verse of the Week: Now he says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! Revelation 22:20 (ICB)

Storytelling Video

Click <u>HERE</u> to watch this week's Kids Worship video.

Discussion & Activities

Review the story with your children. Use the image below to review the story in creative and unique ways that you know your child will enjoy. Use a Bible to read this story straight from God's Word as you review it. Encourage your reading-age children to practice using their own Bibles!



Story Overview:

Jesus came to earth to die for our sins so those who believe in Him can live with Him forever and ever. Before Jesus died, He told His disciples that He had to leave them, but He wasn't going to be gone forever! Jesus was going to prepare a place for them and for all of us who believe in Him. Jesus called it "His Father's house." Heaven will be a very beautiful place, with room for many people. God's Word tells us that if we choose to follow Jesus and trust Him completely, then we can live with God in heaven forever. And one day, Jesus will come back for good and we will live with Him forever!

Discussion Questions:

Adapt and ask these questions to fit your children's ages and developmental levels.

- 1. Who is preparing a place for Christians, God's children, in heaven?
- 2. How do you become one of God's children?
- 3. Who saw a vision of heaven?
- 4. What were some things John saw in his vision of heaven?
- 5. How does it make you feel that you could live with God forever in heaven?
- 6. What are other wonderful things about choosing to follow Jesus?

Prayer of Blessing

Bless each child individually by going around and gently placing your hand on their head or shoulder saying:

May you know God's love and trust in His words. May you be filled with the hope of being together with God in heaven forever. Amen.

Craft: A Vision of Heaven

SUPPLIES Paper, drawing materials

CREATE

In our story, we heard about the vision God gave John of heaven and of Jesus coming back. What were some things you remember hearing from the story? What do you think it will look like? Encourage your children to draw what they remember from the story and what they think heaven might look like.

Activity: Worship

What do you think we will hear in heaven? Happy sounds! Heaven will be full of singing, dancing, laughing, and clapping because people will be constantly praising and worshipping god. Below are some links to fun worship playlists that your kids can sing and dance to, just like we will do in heaven! Hillsong Kids: https://www.youtube.com/user/hillsongkids/playlists

CJ and Friends:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbAHzn2p9Fxsa-C72yzSEig/featured

Mannahouse Kids:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfGb352LYPHEx_Lwx0IMSgA/videos