

★ Heaven

Jesus Is Preparing a Place

Lesson 13

The Teacher's Preparation

Scripture Passages to Study: Revelation 21, 22

Study Guide: Read "Heaven: *Jesus Is Preparing a Place*" from *New Testament Highlights - Part 2*.

Lesson Objective: Heaven is full of beauty and wonder, but the greatest joy of heaven is that we will be in the presence of the Lord.

Lesson Application: Heaven is a real place, a beautiful place, and the place where Jesus lives. I want everyone I know to go to Heaven!

Memory Verse: Revelation 22:5



"THY WORD HAVE I HID IN MINE HEART..."

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

—Revelation 22:5

The Teacher's Checklist

- Activity Worksheets and Pencils
- Attendance and Record Notebook
- Lesson Plan
- Cue Card
- Memory Verse Card
- Music Player
- Visual Illustrations for the Lesson
- Attention Getter: Plane Ticket

Teacher Tips

Creating a mental picture of something can be done effectively through a range of visual and vocal emotions. You don't need to be highly experienced. All you need is to be able to read and be imaginative.

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1st - 3rd Grade Lesson 13

Do you get excited about going on a trip? Maybe your parents have told you ahead of time, “This summer, we are going on a great vacation.” Then they tell you about the place where you are going. Isn’t it exciting to think about it? It’s hard to wait, isn’t it?

Jesus said in John 14:2, “In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.” Jesus tells us a little bit about that place, heaven, in Revelation 21.

A New Heaven and a New Earth

One day, Jesus will make a new heaven and a new earth. The Apostle John tells us about the New Jerusalem. It is a very beautiful city.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

—Revelation 21:1

No More Sorrow

Heaven will be beautiful, but that’s not all. No one will ever die in heaven. No one will ever be sad in heaven. No one will ever cry in heaven.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

—Revelation 21:4

No More Sinners

There will not be any sin at all in heaven. Everyone who believes on Jesus has his sins washed away. In Isaiah 1:18, God tells us that our sins will be as white as snow. We will never sin again once we get to heaven.

The Beauty of the New Jerusalem

Revelation 21 tells us about the beautiful city of the New Jerusalem. No one has ever seen anything like this city. There will be a huge wall all around it. There will be 12 gates in the wall. Each gate is made up of one, huge pearl. On earth, we use concrete for the foundations of buildings, but not in heaven. The foundation of the city is made of beautiful gemstones like sapphires and emeralds. Just think how beautiful it will be!

The Presence of the Lord

The Apostle John tells us that he “saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the

