

★ Heaven

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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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4th - 6th Grade Lesson 13

This is probably the most exciting lesson that we will have had! This lesson is an encouragement and a motivation because it talks about the place where we will live forever. For all those who believe, our time here on earth is only for a short time. The songwriter wrote, “This world is not my home, I’m just a-passing through.” If we have asked Jesus to be our Savior, we will someday go to heaven to be with Jesus forever!

A New Heaven and a New Earth

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

The verse above tells us that after Satan is thrown into the lake of fire, everything will change. There is going to be a new heaven and a new earth! When we get saved, we become a new person. Earth is going to become brand new too! Everything will be different. We are going to live with Jesus forever!

No More Sorrow

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

The next thing we learn is that there will be no more sorrow and tears. There will be no more death! Can you imagine a place where everything is so wonderful that you never have to cry?

No More Sinners

We learned in an earlier lesson that we are all sinners. But God can take away all our sin when we ask Him too! In heaven, there will not be any sinners! Everyone in heaven will have already asked Jesus to be his Savior!

In heaven, no one will be sad because a loved one was murdered. No one will be sad because someone has died, or because someone did something wrong to them. Everyone will be happy! Everyone will get along and live in peace!

The Beauty of the New Jerusalem

The Apostle John saw a beautiful city in heaven that was called New Jerusalem. A massive wall surrounded New Jerusalem, and the wall had twelve gates, three on each side. Each gate was made up of a single pearl! Heaven is going to be a beautiful sight!

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

—Revelation 21:21

Here on earth, we have no way of understanding how a single pearl can form a gate. Heaven is going to be more incredible than we could ever imagine!

The Bible also tells us that the foundation of the New Jerusalem is built out of precious stones. Here on earth, we go to jewelry stores and see stones we can hold in our hands. These stones are very expensive, and the bigger they are, the more they cost. Can you imagine an entire city built on precious stones?

The Presence of the Lord

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

—Revelation 21:23

The Bible says that this city has no sun because Jesus will be there, and He will be the light! God is so amazing and glorious that His light is bright enough to illuminate an entire city.

The greatest joy of heaven is that Jesus is going to be there. Although there will be many beautiful and exciting things, Jesus will be all we need.

The River of Life

The Bible speaks of “a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal” (Revelation 22:1). This water will nourish 12 different kinds of trees that will produce 12 different kinds of fruit. We don’t know what kind of fruit it is going to be, but we know that it will be wonderful, because everything in heaven is perfect!

The Way to Heaven

Not only will Jesus be in heaven, but He is the way to heaven. It is impossible for anyone to go to heaven unless he accepts Jesus as his Savior. No one is good enough to get to heaven by himself. Every one of us has sinned, and because of that, we don’t deserve to go to a perfect place like heaven.

Jesus paid the price for sin so that you and I can have a home in heaven with Him forever. We have already learned about Jesus’ life on earth and how perfect He was. Yet, He took all of our horrible sin on Himself and died for us.

Heaven is the greatest motivation of all for us as Christians. We must not only be born again ourselves, but we must also go tell others about that beautiful place God has prepared for us. Someday, each person will stand before the Lord, and He will open the Book of Life. If a person’s name is not written in that book called the Lamb’s Book of Life, that person cannot go to heaven. Everyone who has accepted Jesus as Savior has his name in that book. Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior? Is your name written in that Book of Life? If not, make sure today that your name is written there. Ask Jesus to save you, then tell others how they can be saved too.