

PRAY:

First thank God for making a way for us to have a relationship with Him. Pray for the kids and families who might be struggling through tough circumstances at home.

Thank God for the opportunity to plant seeds about heaven in the hearts of your few. Pray that these concepts will begin to take root as your kids' faith grows and that today's conversations will serve as a jumping-off point for future growth.

Then, take a moment to pray together. Thank the Lord for His presence with you today. Pray for each other, for extended family, for friends, for teachers, for anybody else who comes to mind. Pray for strength and health in our community.

THE BIG IDEA:

FAITH -

Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see.

BOTTOM LINE:

Following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine.

MEMORY VERSE:

"God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift."

Ephesians 2:8, NIrV

BIBLE ACTIVITY 1: JUST FOR FUN

WHAT YOU NEED: Pieces of paper, pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct your kids to think about their favorite place. Then, write down three words or phrases that describe that place.
- Make sure the kids know not to write down the name of the place on the card.
- Collect the cards, read the statements on the cards out loud, and see if the group can name the place described.

BIBLE ACTIVITY 2: SUPER COLOSSALLY AWESOME ABODE

WHAT YOU NEED: Pieces of paper, pencils (markers, crayons, even rulers can be used too)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Pass paper and something to draw with.
- Encourage the kids to create their own "Super Colossally Awesome Abode" or their own perfect world on the paper using the supplies provided. Ask them to think about the coolest place they could imagine living.
 - What would be there?
 - Where would you sleep?
 - What would you do for fun?
 - What would you eat?

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Whoa! Awesome job, everybody! These are some seriously, Super Colossally Awesome Abodes! Do you know that God created a place that's more awesome and more amazing and even more incredible than any place you could possibly imagine? AND, God has made a way for everyone to get there! Do you know where that is? **Read together, Revelation 21:3-5a.**

BIBLE ACTIVITY 3: HEAVEN

WHAT YOU NEED: "Heaven Game Cards" Activity Page (or you can write them on pieces of paper)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide into two teams.
- Cut out all the cards and turn them face down in a pile on the table.
- Flip a coin to see how goes first.
- The "parent" picks up a card and reads the card aloud. The first kid to get the answer correctly gets a point.
- You can always come up with more items/topics if you choose.

ANSWERS:

In Heaven

- God's children
- God's word (Bible)
- Fun
- Friends
- Comfort
- Worship
- Contentment
- A place for everyone

Not in Heaven

- Skinned knees
- Medicine
- Tombstones
- Sin
- Broken arms
- Stomach bugs
- Hunger
- Mosquitos

OPEN DISCUSSION: For the whole family (that means adults too!)

- What would it be like to not have any sadness, pain, or anything bad happening to you?
- What else do you think heaven will have or not have?
- What part of heaven do you hope for the most? What are you really hoping is true of heaven or what would you be most excited about?
- Is there anything about heaven that makes you nervous? What would that be?

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What to Do:

Print on two different colors of cardstock/colored paper. Cut the cards apart. Provide one set of varying colors for each group.

Heaven Game Cards

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