
The Hope of Heaven

Children's Sermon Lesson on the New Heaven and New Earth described in Revelation 21:1-7



Lesson Summary: This message reassures children with the comforting hope of the resurrection. Though life on Earth is full of challenges, someday we will be with the Lord, and all things will be made new. Use simple items such as flashlights, tissues, band-aids, or water to explain how Heaven is wonderful enough to not require any “preparation supplies.” We won’t need tissues because God will dry our tears. There will be no pain, sickness, or sadness. We won’t even need light because the light of Christ will illuminate things! We can’t fully imagine how wonderful our future home will be.

Law/Gospel Theme: Young children (hopefully) don’t face thoughts of death very often, but they still encounter the fears and hardships of daily life. It’s important for them to remember that because of Jesus, we can look forward to the future and what awaits us after this life. The world now and what we do while we are here are all just a blink compared with eternity. The death and resurrection of Christ allow us to have hope that someday we, too, will rise again and have no more sickness or sorrow. This is a joyful and comforting thought for anyone, old or young!

Optional Object Lesson Materials: Simple items to illustrate things that won’t be necessary in Heaven: ideas include tissues, band-aids, medicine, water, or lights/flashlights.

Bible Passage: Revelation 21:1-7 (ready more [Bible verses about Heaven](#))

More Bible Teaching Activities on Heaven

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New Heaven and New Earth Children's Sermon from Revelation 21:1-7

Greet students and discuss some of life's hardships...

Hello, children of God! You know what I've noticed? Life can be tough. It is full of challenges and difficulties. And there are a lot of things that we need in order to face the hardships that come our way. *(As you describe, hold up items one by one.)* For instance, tissues! Sometimes we feel sad, and need a tissue to dry our tears. Or you might get a cold and need that tissue to blow your nose. You might also feel sick and need medicine to help you get better. Or sometimes you get hurt, and you need a band-aid to patch things up. Or how about this? Flashlights! There are times when things get dark, or perhaps the power goes out. It's important to have a flashlight ready to guide your way. Oh, and don't forget about sustenance! We need snacks and plenty of water to keep us going.

Phew, this sure is a lot of gear to lug around! Wouldn't it be nice if we didn't need all of this? In fact, wouldn't it be nice if we didn't face sickness, or sadness, or darkness at all? Well, guess what? I have some great news for you. Someday we won't need tissues or band-aids or medicine, or even water! We have some beautiful promises from God about how things will be in Heaven. God tells us that He is going to make all things new. When we finish this life on Earth, a new home awaits us, better than anything that we can imagine now. God says that He will wipe away every tear. We won't need tissues! There will be no more sorrow or sickness. There won't be pain. We won't even need the light of flashlights or the sun, because the light of Jesus will shine brightly. We won't need water, because God will give us living water. All of these things that trouble us now will be gone. No burdens, no hardships at all!

Of course, we don't know all of the details. We don't know when we will go to Heaven, and we don't know exactly what it will be like. But we have the hope that it will be wonderful. It's sort of like when you have a rough week at school, but you know there's something special or fun waiting for you when you get to the weekend. You can think about that special thing and feel a little better when times get rough. It is the same way in our lives. Yes, we have joyous moments, and we want to make the most of every day. But sometimes things get hard. When those times come, we know that this world is not our home, and difficulties won't last forever. God promises us eternal life with Him, free from all trials and pain. We can rest assured that something spectacular is waiting for us! So when we feel sad or

encounter challenges, we remember that there is hope in Heaven. God will make all things new, including our lives!

Let's say a prayer to thank God for the hope of Heaven and a future with Him.

Children's Prayer Moment:

(Have kids repeat each line, if desired)

Dear God,

Thank you for the hope of Heaven

We know you will comfort us with your peace

And wipe away our tears.

Help us to remember that when things are hard.

Thank you for loving us

We love you, God!

Thank you for Jesus

In His name, Amen!

Scriptures Verses / Bible Story to Reference:

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. 7 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. -Revelation 21:1-7

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