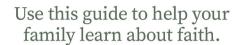
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Ready, Set, Move: Follow Jesus Here, There, and Everywhere!

PARENT GUIDE Elementary





First, watch this week's video!

Faith: Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

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 Story

Heaven Revelation 21:3-5a

Bottom Line

God will make everything right in the end.

Activity

That Would Be Heaven!

What You Need:

Various art supplies, craft paper

What You Do:

Set out all the art supplies. Make sure you set out enough for you to craft too!

Invite your child to do an art project with you. Say, "None of us really knows what heaven looks like. But today, we'll use our imaginations to create OUR version of heaven."

Using the art supplies, spend time with your child drawing/painting/coloring what you think heaven will be like. While you're talking, discuss all the things you've heard or read about what heaven will be like.

When you're finished, say, "It's so wonderful to know that God knows the end of the story. And the end of the story isn't just good—it's more amazing than we can even imagine! Remember, God will make everything right in the end."

Talk About the Bible Story

Were our drawings of heaven different or the same? Do you think that's okay? (Yes – none of us knows exactly what heaven will be like.)

What do we know about heaven from John's vision as described in Revelation? (There will be no more death, sadness, crying, or pain; see Revelation 21:4)

How can we know that heaven is real? (We can read in Scripture; see Jesus' words in John 5:24)

Parent: Share about a time when everything was not all right. Then, tell your child how knowing heaven is real gives you hope no matter what is happening in your life.



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, thank You so much for the promise of heaven. You will wipe away every tear from our eyes. There will be no more death. No more sadness. No more crying or pain. You are making everything new. We will live with you FOREVER! Thank You, Lord. We pray these things in Jesus' name, amen."