

Driven by Heaven

week 3

Slides and Videos are in **bold**.

Props: Use pictures of cars, speedometers, or gear shifts. You can also incorporate the phrases "be driven to pursue God", "driven by joy and freedom", "driven by purpose" and "driven by heaven".

-SLIDE- Welcome

Start kid's countdown once all classes are present

-SLIDE- Series Intro (2 min)

Hey kids! Welcome to kids church. I'm so glad you could be here today. We're gonna have fun, right? Let's get started.

Who was here last week when we talked about being driven by purpose? **(allow kids to answer)** Now, does that mean that we drive a car around like Batman doing good things? **(allow kids to answer)** No! It means we are driven to pursue God because He created each of us with a special purpose. Is our purpose to sit around eating ice cream all day? **(allow kids to answer)** No? Then what does it mean? Hint: Jesus modeled it for us. It involves other people **(allow kids to answer)** Right! It means helping people, just like Jesus came down from heaven and helped us.

-SLIDE- Lesson Intro (2 min)

Today, we're going to talk about one last thing that makes us driven for God. Now, there are a lot of other things we could talk about, but this one is really, really amazing.

Before we talk about that I want you to close your eyes with me and imagine the most fun, exciting, happy place you can think of... Got it? Describe what you see? **(allow kids to answer)** Those are some awesome things! You know what I see? I see flowing rivers of chocolate and cotton candy for my bed!

Now that we've pictured such a cool place, let me ask you a question. Who here has heard of Heaven? **(allow kids to answer)** Is heaven a good place or a bad place? **(allow kids to answer)** You got it, it is the BEST place! The Bible tells us that Heaven is more amazing than anything we can even imagine!! So, all those great things we just described as the coolest place ever don't match up to how great heaven will be!

Raise your hands if this sounds like a place you want to go. **(allow kids to raise hands)**. Me too! Now, we'll talk about that more in a few minutes, but first, let's get ready to sing our first song. Thinking about heaven makes me feel so "fly" I can hardly stay in my seat! Stand and sing with me!

-SONG- Feeling Fly (3 min)

That was great! Good job. I think God loves to hear all your voices praising Him. Now, let's sit down and say our big idea and key question together!

-SLIDE- Big Idea: Getting to heaven is guaranteed because of Jesus. (repeat with kids)

-SLIDE- Key Question: How can we know we're going to heaven?

That's a great question, let's listen to our video closely to learn how we know we are going to heaven.

-VIDEO-Drive 3 (4 min)

-SLIDE- Recap (3 min)

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- Who will we be with in heaven? (God)
- True or False: There will be a little sadness in heaven? (False)
- Is heaven like any place on earth? (No)
- Who else will be in heaven? (Other believers)

Okay, heaven sounds pretty awesome, don't you think? Now, did God say we have to first pick up our room, then hug our sister, then make a card for our parents in order to get into heaven? **(allow kids to answer)** No! It's really simple. If we believe in Jesus and put our trust in Him, we get to go to heaven. So how does knowing we get to go to heaven drive us to want to pursue God? **(allow kids to answer)**. Those are some great answers. Heaven is the best reward we could ever receive. Remember, it will be more awesome than anything we can imagine.

God loves us so much and has promised that if we trust that Jesus died for our sins, we get to live with Him in heaven forever! Does that make you want to love God or hate Him? **(allow kids to answer)** Right, it drives us to love God! You guys are smarties. This reminds me of our memory verse, let's stand and read it together.

-SLIDE- Memory Verse: "We **(point at self)** are made right **(thumbs up)** with God

(point up) by placing our faith in Jesus **(hand forms C on left shoulder)** Christ **(bring hand to right hip)**. And this is true **(thumbs up)** for everyone **(sweep arms out)** who believes, no matter who we are **(point at kids on beat with "who we are")**.

Romans 3:22 **(Repeat)**

Great job! This verse is telling us that ANYONE, no matter how mean they can be or what they have done, can be in heaven with God if they just trust in Him.

That reminds me of our last song, let's stand and get ready to sing it together. Even though heaven sounds impossible, it is very real because of God's love and amazing power. Let's sing nice and loud!

-SONG- Imagine the Impossible (3 min)

Okay, we're ready to answer the Key Question.

-SLIDE- Key question: How can we know we're going to heaven? (allow a few kids to answer).

-SLIDE- The answer: Simply by putting our trust in Jesus.

It's THAT easy! If you aren't sure how to do this or have questions, your small group leader can help you put your trust in Jesus. You should also tell your parents to go over the kid and parent guide with you at home. There are some helpful resources there for you to learn more about how to trust in Jesus. Before we go to small group, let's say the Big Idea one last time...

-SLIDE- Big Idea: Getting to heaven is guaranteed because of Jesus. (Have kids repeat)

-SLIDE- Let's Pray (then dismiss)

-SLIDE- Let's go to small groups