

## LESSON OVERVIEW

**Big Idea:** Getting to heaven is guaranteed because of Jesus

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

**Memory Verse:** *We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.* **Romans 3:22**

**Overview:** We're finishing our series called Drive. We've been learning about the importance of pursuing God with all our hearts and the benefits that come from a relationship with Him. Just like the title implies, we should always be moving forward in our relationship with God. It's the only way to get to know what He's like and what He wants us to be like. The first thing we learned was that Jesus wants us to have a good life full of joy and freedom. We learned that being joyful doesn't mean everything is always great in our lives. We learned that true joy comes from knowing that Jesus loves us, protects us, and is waiting for us in heaven. We also learned that we can have freedom through the protection of the Bible. Last week, we learned that we have God given purpose. We all have a job to do as a member of His team. He wants us to be great helpers to our friends and family so that they see Jesus in us. Today, we're finishing by talking about the coolest place ever- HEAVEN! The Bible says that anyone who trusts in Jesus will live in heaven with Him some day, GUARANTEED! We don't have to worry about trying to earn our way into heaven. We can live with thankful hearts, eager to serve God knowing that someday we'll be with Him in heaven. The Bible says heaven is full of only happiness. There will be no sadness, pain or loneliness. It will be packed full of fun! Thanks to Jesus we get to go there!

## CLASSROOM AGENDA

5 min **PLAY:** Begin working on Activity Page #1.

5 min **WARM UP:** Describe what you think heaven will be like. (what it will look like, what kind of food they'll eat, what they'll do)

5 min **PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea and Memory Verse and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1. (if applicable)

20 min **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to small group to finish this guide.

5 min **RECAP:** Read the **Lesson Overview** from the Teacher's Guide to the class and then **answer** the KEY QUESTION.

5 min **EXPLORE:** Read [Colossians 3:1-2](#). What does it mean to keep your focus on heaven while still living here? What are the things of this world we should avoid? Why?

10 min **PLAY:** Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.

5 min **CLOSE:**

- Follow up: Ask kids who they helped last week
- Why are you thankful for Jesus?
- Share prayer requests and pray as a class.

## TEACHER TIPS

**2nd-5th grade puzzle key:** across 3 forgives 4 Jesus down: 1 sin 2 heaven

Allow each kid to share. The point: Get kids thinking about heaven. Even though we don't know exactly what it will be like, we know that it will be better than anything we can dream up.

**Answer:** Simply by putting our trust in Jesus.

Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me." **John 14:6**. Jesus came to pay for our sins so that we could live with Him in heaven some day. You can't pay to get into heaven. You can't ever do enough good stuff to get into heaven. You have to trust in Jesus. He's your ticket in!

**Bonus Questions:** How do we put our trust in Jesus? (**pray and ask Him into our hearts**) Why is Jesus the only way to get in? (**He's God so He's perfect. He dealt with our sin**)

**4-5th:** Why can't we earn our way to heaven? (**sin**) Why is it a gift to know that Jesus is the way to heaven, not our good works? (**fear would be if you did enough to get in**)

Paul isn't saying that we should only think about heaven in terms of how cool it is or about who will be there. He means that we should always be thinking about what honors God and choosing to do those things. He also wants us to think about our friends and family members we want to see in heaven and make sure they know Jesus, too. We also need to avoid all things that don't honor God. (lying, gossip, selfishness) We have to fight against the things of this world that lead to sin. We need to stand strong so we don't break God's heart.

Allow kids to share how they were good helpers. Then, allow each kid to share why they're thankful for Jesus.

# ACTIVITY PAGE #2

Classroom Activities 2nd-5th

## Option #1

### Remove The Word Game

- Write the Memory verse on the whiteboard.
- Say the verse with your class.
- Select one kid to come and erase one of the words from the verse.
- Have kids raise their hands to say the verse. If they get it right, they get to come up to the board and erase another word.
- Continue to do this one at a time until all the words are erased.
- See who can say the verse from memory once all the words are erased.
- If you have time, do the same activity but use the Big Idea instead

### Supplies needed

- Whiteboard/marker

### Bonus Activity

Play **Name that Person or Thing.**

Provide clues that describe the words below and see who is first to guess right.

Words:

Bible

Heaven

Jesus

## Option #2

### H-E-A-V-E-N Book

- Give each kid a Heaven template (**pg 5**), pre cut.
- Give each kid 6 precut pieces of construction paper.
- Have kids glue the letters spelling Heaven onto the construction paper, one letter per square.
- As they glue, explain what each letter represents.
  - H-happy people live there
  - E- eternal life-will live forever there
  - A- awesome things to do and see
  - V-very beautiful
  - E-every follower of Jesus will be there
  - N-no evil
- Have the kids stack their letters and staple on one side to make a book.
- Have kids color and decorate their letters.

### Supplies needed

- heaven template (pg 5), precut
- square template (pg 6) printed on construction paper, pre-cut, 6 per kid
- construction paper
- glue
- stapler
- crayons

### Bonus Activity:

Play the **Fast Facts** Game. Read the questions below and see who can raise their hand to answer the quickest.

1. Where do we get to live with God some day?
2. T or F. We have to pay to get into heaven
3. Who is our ticket to heaven?.

## 1 Discover Truth

Watch this week's lesson video as a family (see link above) and fill in the blanks.

1. In heaven, we get to be with \_\_\_\_\_.
2. In heaven, we get to be with \_\_\_\_\_ who love God..
3. Getting to heaven is guaranteed because of \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2 Talk about it

Answer these questions together as a family.

1. Describe what you think heaven will be like. (what it will look like, what kind of food they'll eat, what they'll do)
2. How does it make you feel to know that you'll never be sad or lonely in heaven?
3. Did you know that you'll have lots of friends in heaven? What do you think you'll do with friends in heaven?
4. Is there someone you've read about in the Bible that you look forward to meeting in heaven? Who?
5. Jesus is the only way to heaven. Have you [put your faith in Jesus](#) yet?
6. Read [Colossians 3:1-2](#). What does it mean to keep your focus on heaven while still living here? What are the things of this world we should avoid? Why?

## 3 Live it out

Memorize this week's Bible verse:

**"We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are."**

### **Romans 3:22**

Bonus: Read these additional passages as a family this week

- Read [1 John 2:17](#). If we know Jesus, where will we live forever?
- Read [2 Corinthians 4:18](#). What should we focus on the most? What are some examples of things from this world that won't last?
- Read [Hebrews 10:19](#). What did Jesus do for us that allows us to go to heaven?

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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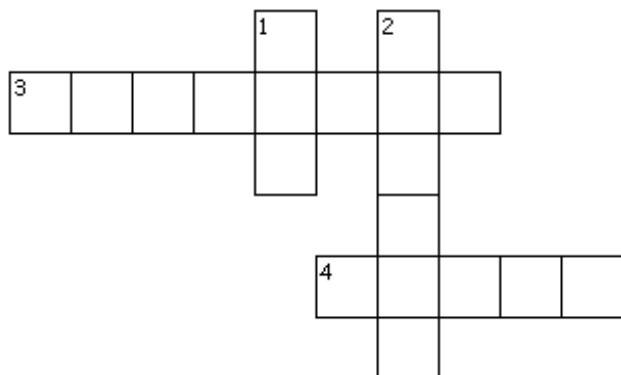


# ACTIVITY PAGE #1

2nd-5th Grade



## PUZZLE #1



### Across

3. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ our sins

4. died for our sins

### Down

1. stuff that doesn't honor God

2. where we'll live with God some day

BIG IDEA

KEY QUESTION

MEMORY VERSE

## COLOR



John saw a new heaven and a new earth. He heard Jesus say, "I am coming soon!" John answered, "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."

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