

PARENT GUIDE

Hello 4th and 5th Grade Parents!

Here are some At Home Activities *suggestions* for you to do with your child(ren). Everyone is different, so feel free to pick any or all of these ideas to fit the needs and desires of your family.

1. Watch YouTube Worship Song and Bible Story Video
 - SEE PAGE 3
 - Scroll down on link box to see suggested YouTube worship song
2. Discuss Bible Story
3. Memory Verse Activity
4. Pray Together
5. "God Time" pages to reinforce the lesson throughout the week
6. FOR PARENTS ONLY: Parent Cue Weekly Blog – LAST PAGE

YOUR CHILD WILL EARN 3 POINTS TO SPEND AT THE STORE FOR EACH COMPLETED ACTIVITY AND 10 POINTS FOR A COMPLETED "GOD TIME"

~ PLEASE EMAIL ME POINTS EARNED EACH WEEK ~

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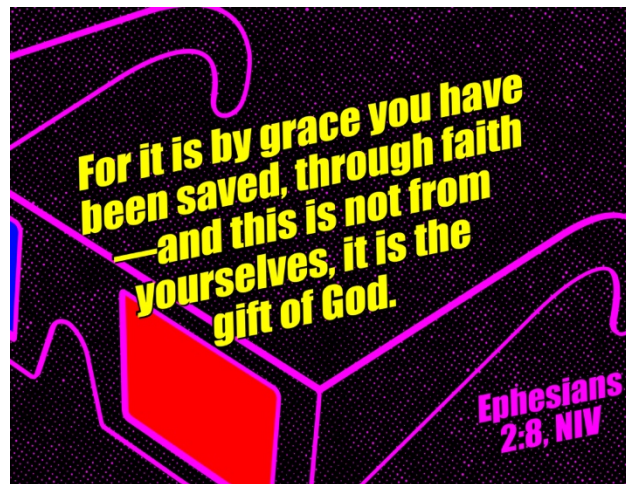
Also, don't forget to fill out the hckids online connection card to say "hi" or to let us know your prayer requests or questions:

<https://hillcrestcov.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/284/responses/new>

Praying you all are well, safe, growing in faith, and having fun during our time apart!
Please reach out if you need anything at all.

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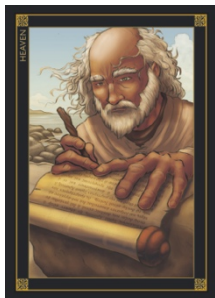
FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, WE WILL BE STUDYING:



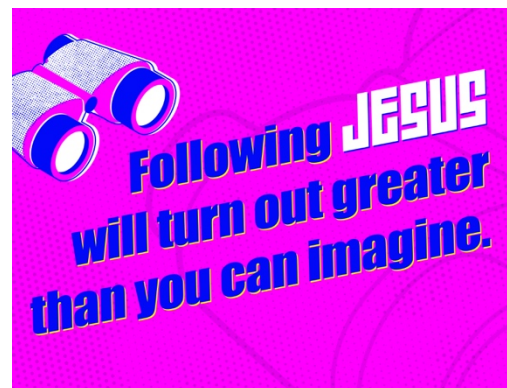
THIS WEEK WE FOCUS ON:

BIBLE STORY

Revelation 21:3-5a



BOTTOM LINE



SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

1. *WATCH YouTube worship song (scroll down on link box to see YouTube link) and Bible VIDEO HERE* <https://at-home.playlister.app/3e01533f-d769-41b3-9cff-91ac5761fbc5/f72b86c7-6adb-4186-b232-da31dee495a2>

2. TALK ABOUT: Heaven Painting

What You Need: Art paper, paint and paintbrushes, cups of water, and Bibles

What You Do:

- **Pass** out the painting supplies.
- **Ask:** What do you think heaven is like?
- **Explain** that John saw a vision from God and had the challenge of putting it into words.
 - **Ask** kids to imagine what it would've been like to try to find words to describe a vision from God!
- **Tell** them that they now have the job of hearing John's words and painting a picture of what they think John is describing.
- **Encourage** kids to paint whatever comes to mind as you read the Scripture. (NIRV is quoted below for your convenience.)
- **Read** the verses aloud slowly.
- **Repeat** the verses every two or three minutes as kids paint.
 - I heard a loud voice from the throne. It said, "Look! God now makes his home with the people. He will live with them. They will be his people. And God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death.' And there will be no more sadness. There will be no more crying or pain. Things are no longer the way they used to be. He who was sitting on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Revelation 21:3-5a
- **Remind** kids that just like we don't know exactly what John is describing or what his vision looked like, we don't know exactly what heaven will be like.
 - But we do know that following Jesus will turn out greater than we can imagine.

Ask:

- 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?

3. MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY – Bible Study

What You Do:

- **Open** the Bible and read John 14:2-4 aloud.
- **Discuss:** What is Jesus talking about in this passage? What is He preparing?
 - When someone prepares for you—maybe prepares for you to visit or to have dinner or prepares for a party on your behalf, what does it tell you about your relationship with that person? (When you prepare you communicate worth, value, and importance.)
- **Emphasize** that Jesus is doing that for us—He wants to be with us forever, so He has gone to prepare a place for us!

4. PRAY TOGETHER

What You Do:

- **Take** a moment to point out that God always hears us when we pray—whether it's with a group or alone, out loud or in silence, heads bowed or eyes wide open as you walk.
 - There's no one particular way you have to pray, but we often bow our heads and close our eyes to help us focus.
- **Explain** that you're going to pray aloud and that you'll be pausing for them to think or to pray silently along the way.
 - “Thank you, LORD, for loving us so much that You made a way for us to be with You forever.”
(Pause)
“Thank You for Jesus and thank You for heaven. We know that You have gone to get heaven ready for us, Your Word tells us so.”
(Pause)
“We know that if we trust You God, we will get to spend forever in heaven with You.”
(Pause)
“We look forward to heaven even though we don't know what it's like and don't know what to expect.”
(Pause)
“Sometimes the unknown is almost scary, but we know that in heaven everything will be made perfect and we will never have to be separated from You.”
(Pause)
“Thank you for the Bible that tells us Your story—and thank You for keeping Your promises.”
(Pause)
“We need You! It's in Your Son's name that we pray, amen!”

5. GOD-TIME THROUGHOUT THE WEEK TO REINFORCE BIBLE STUDY (NEXT 2 PAGES)

~ WORTH 10 POINTS FOR THE “STORE”

WHAT DO YOU THINK HEAVEN WILL BE LIKE?

DAY 5

After the author of Revelation tells us what He saw in his vision of Heaven, the One sitting on the throne says,

"Write this down. You can trust these words. They are true."
Revelation 21:5b, NIV

This verse tells us the most important part of having faith—you can trust what God says. You can trust that Jesus is His One and only Son, sent to earth so that we could be in God's family forever. When we are faced with something hard or something confusing, we can have faith and trust in God. We can follow Jesus. We can know that no matter what, God loves us and Jesus wants to have a relationship with us.

There are already ways following God has helped your life. Think of one person you can talk to about the ways following God has turned out greater than you imagined. Tell them about Him, about His love, and about how following God is the best choice you've ever made.

WEEK 4

FAITH

TRUSTING IN WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE
BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU CAN SEE

DAY 1

Go to Studio252.tv and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show.
(Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.)

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that . . .

1) YOU LIKED: _____

2) YOU LEARNED: _____

3) YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW: _____

PRETEEN

DAY 2

READ REVELATION 21:3-5A

The book we're reading from this week is called Revelation. Revelation basically means *made known*. And in the book of Revelation, we uncover many truths about what heaven is like. Check out what Revelation says about heaven:

"... God now makes his home with the people. He will live with them. They will be his people. And God himself will be with them and be their God." Revelation 21:3, NIV

We learn one important fact about heaven: **GOD WILL BE THERE**. He will actually live with us in Heaven. He will be our God—meaning, He will be in charge. That sounds amazing, right?

We're going to talk a lot about heaven this week. Before we get there, think about this...

If you could ask one question about heaven, what would it be?

DAY 3

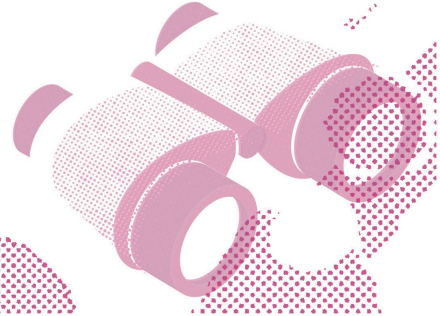
One of the most important ways to following Jesus is to talk to Him. He wants you to tell Him everything—even ask Him questions.

Look at your question from yesterday. **Spend a few minutes praying to God, telling Him you're curious about heaven.** Tell Him you want to know more about it—more about Him.

DAY 4

Following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine. It's true! Do you know someone who is following Jesus right now? Take some time to talk to that person. If you can't do it in person, you can text, email, or even video call them. Ask them all the ways that following Jesus has been good—even great—for them.

If you have time, ask them what they think about heaven. What will it be like? Compare what they think to what you think



AN OPEN LETTER TO THE FUTURE THERAPIST OF MY CHILDREN

By Jon Acuff

Dear therapist who may one day be counseling my children,

There are two things I need to say right out of the gate:

1. I tried my best.
2. I hope you have a sound machine.

The second point is more of a personal preference rather than a revelation. Having gone to counseling myself, I appreciate when a therapist has some sort of sound machine that makes you feel like you're at the beach. Gentle electronic waves lapping against the shore tend to help you forget you're actually in a strip mall off the highway. The second point is easy to address, the first point is a little more detailed.

I did try my best as a parent, but I know my kids are going to have many, many things to tell you about someday. They will sit on a couch and regale you with stories from their childhoods. Some will make you laugh. We put a high price on humor in our family, and laughter often filled the halls of our home.

Some stories will be gross. Ask them about the time we thought a squirrel had died within our walls. Turns out it was a year-old ostrich egg that had cracked undetected in a decorative bowl. The smell was like getting punched in the face by a vengeful bird from another continent.

Other stories will not be as funny, and you will quickly discover something I had to admit a few years into the adventure of parenting. I am not perfect. I tried to be for the first few years. I promise I did. But all too often . . .

I was impatient with my kids.

I lost my temper over things that didn't really matter.

I discouraged when I should have encouraged or encouraged when I should have been more realistic.

I gave them bad advice.

I took some things too seriously and others too casually.

I chased after my work instead of after them. I was on the road traveling for business, trying to be somebody when I already was somebody . . . A dad. A father. And in this case, a launch pad for some therapist's new boat.

Tell my kids I love them. That I'm so proud I got to be their dad. Tell them parenting involves a lot of mistakes, and forgiveness, and messiness, and laughter. Tell them I'll pick up the bill for your work—which I assume might be high, depending on the quality of sound machine you've got.

Sincerely,

A not-so-perfect parent.

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