

## PARENT GUIDE

Hello 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd 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

**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 ~

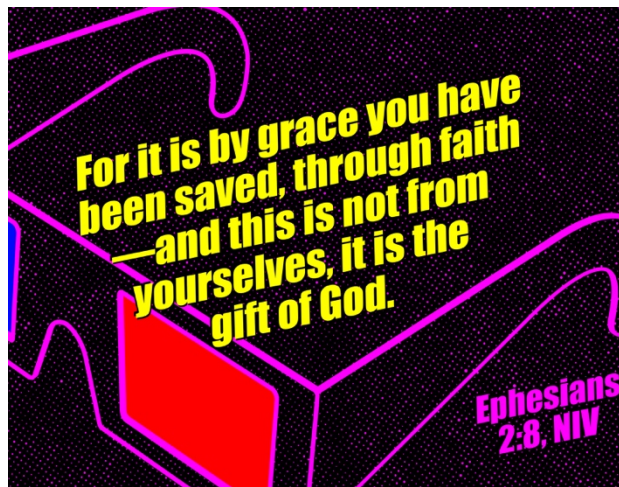
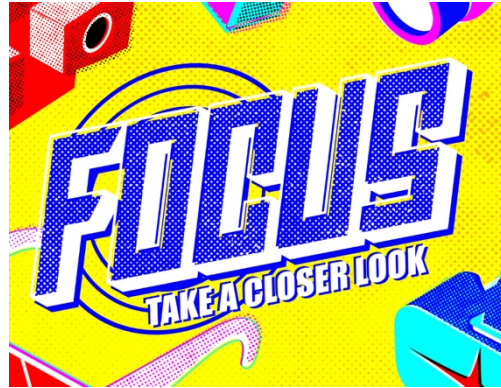
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Also, don't forget to fill out the hckids online connection card to say "hi" or to let us know your prayer requests or questions: <https://hillcrestcov.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/284/responses/new>

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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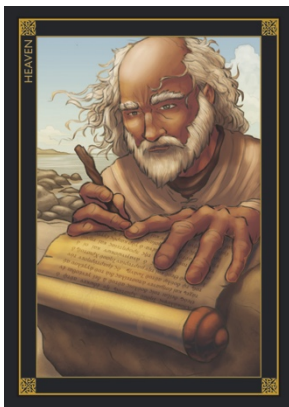
FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, WE WILL BE STUDYING:



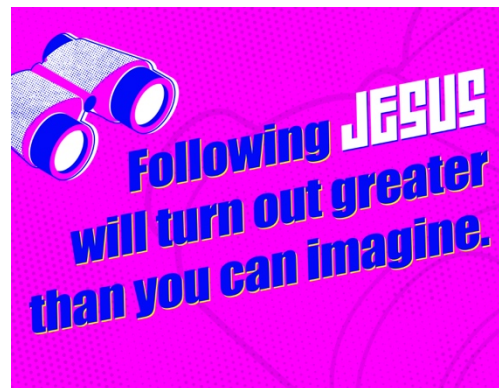
THIS WEEK WE FOCUS ON:

BIBLE STORY

*Revelation 21:3-5a*



BOTTOM LINE



## SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

1. *WATCH YouTube worship song (scroll down on link box to find YouTube link) and Bible VIDEO HERE:* <https://at-home.playlister.app/3e01533f-d769-41b3-9cff-91ac5761fbc5/0dddf5a3-77a9-4b39-b48f-79abe3a36a52>

## 2. TALK ABOUT      Watercolor Scripture

**What You Need:** Watercolor paints, art paper, “Scripture Strips” (Next Page), glue.

### **What You Do:**

- Print and cut out “Scripture Strips.”
- Choose a strip to read the scripture about heaven then use their watercolor paints to illustrate that verse any way they choose.
- Kids can use the glue sticks to glue their “Scripture Strip” to the page.

### **What You Say:**

“Your painting is beautiful. Jesus gave John a vision of heaven and he wrote down what he saw. God will make ALL things right in the end. We can be with Him forever in a place that’s more wonderful, more amazing, more mind-blowingly awesome than we can imagine! And while we may not know everything there is to know about heaven, we can know for sure that **[Bottom Line] following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine.**”

***[Make it Personal] (Select your favorite scripture from the “Scripture Strips” the kids illustrated. Tell kids why this promise is your favorite. Remind them, that while there are things we don’t know about heaven, God has made it very clear that the way to heaven is by trusting Jesus and that [Bottom Line] following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine.)***

“My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so,  
would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?”  
John 14:2, NIV

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“Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven  
and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.”  
Revelation 21:1, NIV

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“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now  
among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God  
himself will be with them and be their God.”  
Revelation 21:3, NIV

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“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’  
or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”  
Revelation 21:4, NIV

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“The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the  
glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.”  
Revelation 21:23, NIV

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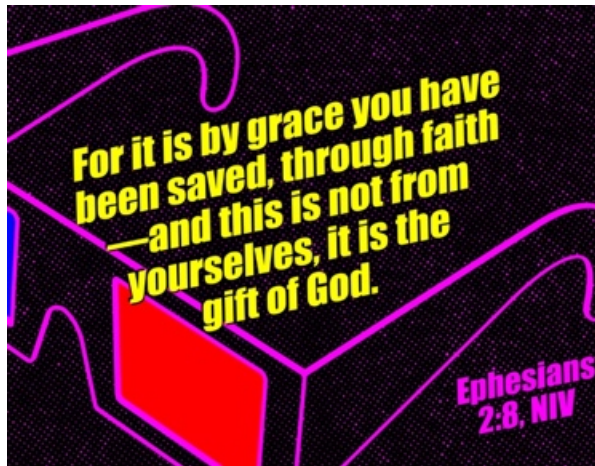
What to Do:

Scripture Strips (NIV)

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Print and cut apart two or three sets for each small group. Each kid will need one strip.  
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### 3. MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY -



**What You Need:** Hula hoop, hop scotch, jump rope, or any other physical activity (ie: jumping jacks or run in place) to do while reciting this months vers. grid“Verse Word Labels” (Activity Page), and Bibles

#### **What You Say:**

“We’ve been learning this month that faith is trusting in what you can’t see because of what you can see. Jesus left heaven to come to Earth. He walked and talked, healed and helped, died and rose again so that we could be saved. What Jesus did for us allows us to have a relationship with God, forever. It’s not based on what we do or don’t do. Jesus made a way for us to have a relationship with God! **[Bottom Line] Following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine.**”

### 4. PRAY TOGETHER

**What You Need:** Paintings from “Watercolor Scripture”

#### **What You Do:**

- Let them hold their watercolor paintings as they pray silently, thanking God for the promise that **[Bottom Line] following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine.**
- After a few minutes, close out your time with a prayer.

#### **What You Say:**

“Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus so that we can know You. We want to follow Jesus, always. Thank You for the promise that one day, You will make all things right and perfect. And help us to follow You, every day knowing that **[Bottom Line] following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine.**”

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

~ WORTH 10 POINTS FOR THE “STORE” ~



**FAITH**

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

## READ ECCLESIASTES 3:11-14

## DAY 1

Get a sheet of paper and draw the most amazing place you can imagine. It might be a real place, or it could be something you completely make up . . . like a real-life Candy Land. If you have time, go all out with markers and colored pencils and even glitter or stickers. Leave the paper blank on the other side and hold on to it for tomorrow.

No matter how awesome your imaginary land might be, it can't come close to what God says heaven will be like. As much as we want to imagine how things will turn out in the end, we simply can't imagine how great heaven and living with God forever will be!

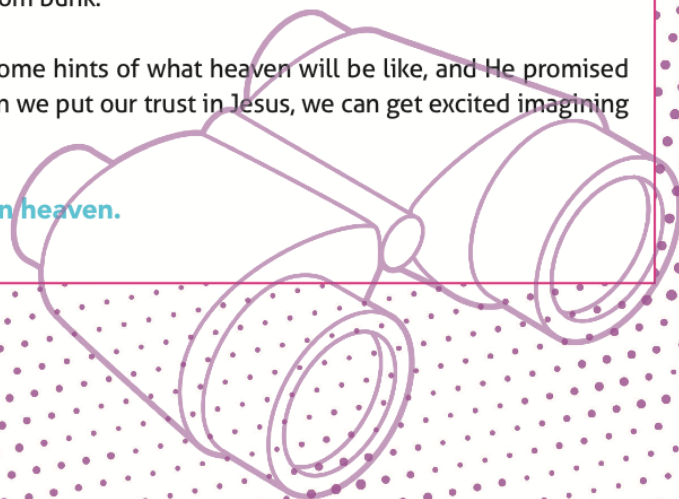
**Know that following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine!**

## READ JOHN 14:2-3

Grab your sheet of paper from yesterday, where you drew the most amazing place. Flip it over and now draw your dream room. What color would the walls be? Would you line it with bookshelves or display cases for your LEGO® creations? Would you have a bunk bed or maybe a canopy? Now think about who your roommate might be in this dream scenario—or your next-door neighbor. Maybe your parents are just down the hall, but your best friend is in the bottom bunk.

**It's fun to imagine, isn't it?** Jesus gave us some hints of what heaven will be like, and He promised there are many rooms—room for all of us! When we put our trust in Jesus, we can get excited imagining what following Him will look like for eternity!

**Thank God for preparing a place for you in heaven.**



## READ PSALM 16:11

## DAY 3

Put a smiley face besides the things that make you really happy. You can put two smiley faces besides the ones that make you the most happy.

PUPPIES  
MOVIES  
CANDY  
ROLLER COASTERS  
BOOKS

MUSIC  
FRIENDS  
VIDEO GAMES  
DANCING  
FAMILY

Believe it or not, following Jesus can give you more joy than all these things combined. That may be hard to imagine, because we're only experiencing Jesus on this side of heaven. But one day, when we are with Him forever, all these things will pale in comparison to being with Jesus!

Ask God to give you a taste of the joy to come in heaven.

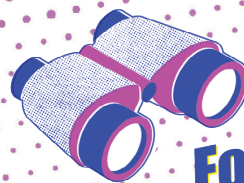
## READ 1 CORINTHIANS 2:9

## DAY 4

What is the coolest thing in nature you've ever seen? \_\_\_\_\_  
What is your favorite song to listen to? \_\_\_\_\_  
What is the most amazing fact you've ever learned? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Here's one for you . . . the woodpecker's tongue is wrapped around his brain for an extra level of protection when he pecks!)

Isn't it awesome to know that in heaven, you'll see things unlike you've ever seen before? And the sound of worshipping God will be the best music you've ever heard? And you'll know everything there is to know about God and Jesus? Put on your favorite song as you go about your day, and imagine how great heaven's sights and sounds will be.

Thank God for the promise of heaven.



**Following JESUS**  
**will turn out greater**  
**than you can imagine.**

## 6. PARENT CUE BLOG FOR REFLECTION

### 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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and parenting resources, visit:

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