



## WEEK OF JULY 26th

**Bible Story:** Heaven/All Things New • Revelation 21:3-5a

**Bottom Line:** Following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine.

**Memory Verse:** "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:8

### FOR STARTERS: GIANT PUZZLE

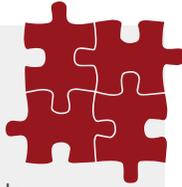
**What You Need:** "Giant Puzzle Pieces" (Activity Pages), scissors

**What You Do:**

- Don't show anyone the picture on the puzzle.
- Cut out the pieces of the puzzle beforehand.
- Reveal only one puzzle piece and ask what the finished puzzle will look like.
- Continue to hand out one piece at a time and try to guess what the puzzle is as you put it together.

**What You Say:**

"This puzzle can remind us that we won't know exactly what heaven is like until the very end. In our video today we will see that we have been given a few pieces of the puzzle of what heaven is like but only God knows what the finished puzzle will look like. He promises that it will be greater than anything we could ever imagine!"



### FAVORITE PLACES

**What You Need:** Paper, pencils 

**What You Do:**

- Think about your favorite place (don't tell anyone) and write down three words or phrases that describe that place.
- Read the statements on the cards out loud and see if others can name the place described.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

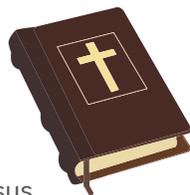
**What You Say:**

We don't know for sure what heaven is like but we can ask questions and be curious.

- What will it be like to not have any sadness, or pain?
- What else do you think heaven will have or not have?
- What part of heaven are you most excited about?
- What about heaven makes you nervous?

### GOD TIME PAGES

To use throughout the week.



### PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus. Thank You for the promise that one day, You will make all things right and perfect. Help us to follow You every day, knowing that following Jesus will turn out greater than we can imagine, Amen."

### WILL OR WON'T

**What You Need:** "Heaven Game Cards" Activity Page, "Heaven Game Signs" Activity Page

**What You Do:**

- Set out the heaven/not in heaven signs on a table.
- Choose one game card at a time, and decide if it will be "Not in Heaven" or will be "In Heaven". **Answers:**

#### NOT IN HEAVEN

- Skinned knees
- Medicine
- Tombstones
- Sin
- Broken arms
- Stomach bugs
- Hunger
- Mosquitos

#### IN HEAVEN

- God's children
- God's word (Bible)
- Fun
- Friends
- Comfort
- Worship
- Contentment
- A place for everyone



**What You Say:**

Of those items, which are you most glad to not see in heaven? Besides God, who will you be most glad to see in heaven?

### DRAWING SCRIPTURE

**What You Need:** "Scripture Strips" (Activity Page), paper, pencils, crayons, or markers, and (opt.) glue sticks

**What You Do:**

- Lay out the "scripture slips"
- Choose one or more of the verses to illustrate. Use glue sticks to glue your "Scripture Strip" to the page.

**What You Say:** "Jesus gave John a vision of heaven to share with us. God will make ALL things right in the end. We will be with Him forever in a place that's more wonderful, more amazing than we can imagine! And we can know for sure that following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine."

### MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: AS LONG AS IT TAKES

**What You Need:** Set of "As Long as It Takes Dice" Activity Pages, tape, paper, pencil

**What You Do:**

- Cut and assemble both dice (directions given)
- Roll both dice.
- If verse words come up, write them down
- If an action comes up, do that action.
- Once all of the words from the verse written down, put the words in verse order.

**What You Say:**

"That took a lot longer than expected, but we didn't give up. People in the Bible talk about heaven that way. They never knew exactly how God's whole plan fit together. Not even John knew, and he lived to a really old age. But they had faith that following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine."

