



Helping Your Child Understand About Heaven



Every person will live forever somewhere. Those who believe in Jesus will go to heaven some day. Jesus said, “I am preparing a place for you” (John 14:2). Heaven is a prepared place that will be better than anything we could ever imagine. One of the best things about heaven is what will NOT be there.

Share a simple object lesson to help them understand. Put the following four items in a bag (that you can't see through), which represents four things that will NOT be in heaven.

- tissue (to represent no more tears)
- flashlight (to represent no more night/darkness)
- medicine or pain reliever (to represent no more pain or sickness)
- fake flower (to represent death)

Take turns letting your child touch one of the items in the bag to try to guess what it is and what it represents. As you pull each item out of the bag, talk about how wonderful it will be NOT to have these in heaven.

Heaven is a wonderful place where there will be no crying, no darkness, no pain or sickness, and no more death (Revelation 21:4, 23).

Ask your kids to describe their ideal day. (What would they do? Where would they go? What would the weather be like? What would they eat? How late would they stay up?)

Heaven will be a wonderful place filled with adventure and beauty. Many people have different opinions about what heaven will be like. (For example, sitting on a cloud playing a harp – an idea that is never mentioned in the Bible.)

Some questions you may want to ask:

- **What do you think heaven will be like?**
- **How can we know for sure what it will be like?** The only way to know for sure is to read what the Bible says – the testimony of other people is not the same as the Bible. A good place to look is Revelation 21 and 22.





- **Will we be angels in heaven?** Angels and people are completely different created beings. (Hebrews 2:5-9)
- **Will we have a body in heaven or will be like ghosts?** We will not be ghosts. After Jesus' resurrection, He had an actual 'flesh and bones' body (Luke 24:39). When He comes back and we see Him, we will be like Him (1 John 3:2).
- **Will pets be in heaven?** The Bible doesn't say, but we can hope.

There are many things the Bible doesn't tell us about heaven, but God is the creator of everything good and enjoyable. We can be sure that heaven is going to be more wonderful than anything we can imagine.