

Scripture reference: A dream of heaven: Revelation

Story summary: Jesus is coming back! That's the great big good news of Revelation. God made this revelation by giving a vision to a man named John. Jesus coming back, and He will set things straight.

Optional Lesson Strengthening: Prepare a large box of various house hold items. Place enough cleaning items (duster, small broom, rags, sponge, or whatever you have around the house) in the box for each child to have one. Bring the kids together and tell them that you are going to pretend that you have company coming and you need to clean it up. Tell them that you have cleaning supplies in the large box and that you will use these things to clean the room. One at a time, ask a child to go to the box and find something that they can use to clean the room. Ask the child what they can do to clean the room to prepare it for company. For example say: You can use the rag and a little soap to clean the table. That is a very good way to prepare, or get ready, for company. Repeat the process until every child has had a chance to get a cleaning object. Now, tell the kids that they need to prepare the room and give them a few minutes to play through cleaning the room. Say: Today we prepared the room for company. We did this because we pretended that we have friends coming over and we want the room to look nice for them. In our story today, we heard about Jesus preparing a special place for us. This place is called Heaven and it is the most awesome place ever. John 14:2-3 says that Jesus is going to Heaven so that He can prepare a home for us. He says that He will come back to us and take us there. You can't live on Earth forever, but you can live in Heaven forever. Jesus says that there are many mansions; that means there is room for everyone!

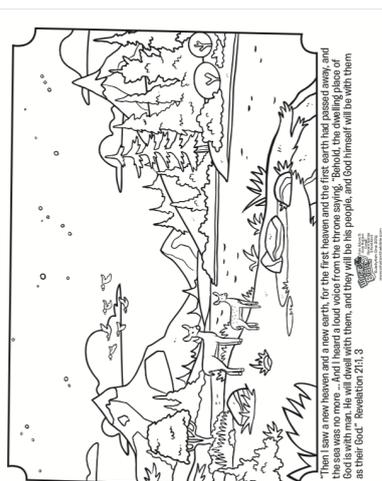
Activities:

What you need:

- Template
- Colouring in crayons or pencils
- Eraser

Further discussion: John writes about his vision to give us a “heads up” on what the future is going to be like. John describes all the followers of Jesus living in paradise forever. But he also describes the forever torture of those who choose not to follow King Jesus. When John’s vision starts to happen for real it will be too late to decide what side you are on. You must decide today. Will you make Jesus the king of your life? Will you declare today “I am with King Jesus, I am on the Lord’s side!”?

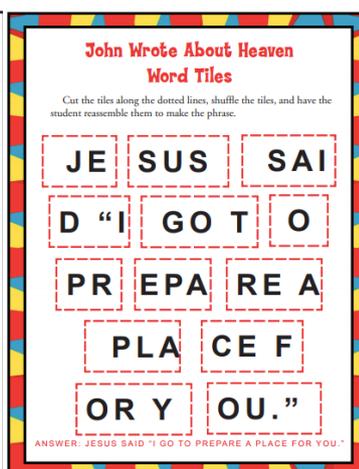
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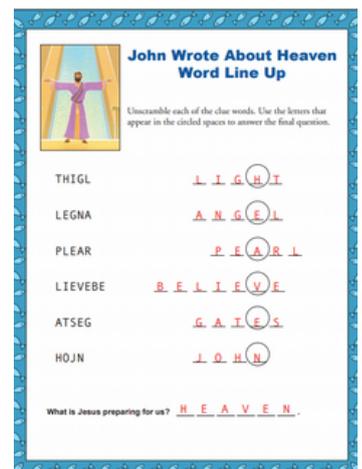
Gr 1-2



Gr 3-4



Gr 5





"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more ... And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God." Revelation 21:1, 3

John Wrote About Heaven

Word Tiles

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ANSWER: JESUS SAID "I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU."

Spot the Differences

Compare the picture on the top with the picture on bottom. Circle the 14 things that are different.

