



LESSON 13: REVELATION: JESUS IS COMING BACK

DEEPER BIBLE: WHY DIDN'T GOD TELL US MORE ABOUT HEAVEN?

SUPPLIES

- Bibles
- paper
- pens
- tape

Pick a Side

Today we're learning that Jesus wants to be with us forever in heaven. We learned a lot about heaven...but there's still a lot we'd like to know. Let's ask some questions and try to answer yes or no.

- Are there pets in heaven?
- Will we sleep in heaven?
- Will we recognize people we knew on earth?
- Will we get bored?
- Will we remember life on earth?
- Is there pizza in heaven?

We have so many questions! The Bible talks about some of them...kind of. It's still not enough information for us to get a confident answer. So why didn't God tell us more about heaven? Let's dig in to that.

Dig Deeper

Let's take a closer look at what God **did** tell us about heaven. Draw a picture for each bible verse after you are done reading each verse.

- *Revelation 21:3-4*
³I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."
- *Revelation 21:21*
²¹The twelve gates were made of pearls—each gate from a single pearl! And the main street was pure gold, as clear as glass.
- *Revelation 21:22*
²²I saw no temple in the city, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

- *Revelation 21:27*

²⁷Nothing evil will be allowed to enter, nor anyone who practices shameful idolatry and dishonesty—but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

- *Revelation 22:1-3*

¹Then the angel showed me a river with the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. ²It flowed down the center of the main street. On each side of the river grew a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, with a fresh crop each month. The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations.

³No longer will there be a curse upon anything. For the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his servants will worship him.

- *1 Thessalonians 4:14-17*

¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.

¹⁵We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. ¹⁷Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever.

- *John 14:2-3*

²There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.

- *1 Corinthians 15:40*

⁴⁰There are also bodies in the heavens and bodies on the earth. The glory of the heavenly bodies is different from the glory of the earthly bodies.

Put your drawings that describe what you have learned about heaven and hang them up together to make a heaven collage.

Talk About It

Look at everything you learned about heaven from these verses. Why do you think God told us these details about heaven but not others? What’s important about these details? What do you think they mean?

Sometimes it can be frustrating to have questions about heaven we can’t find answers to. But God told us what he wants us to know. We know that heaven will be perfect, that we’ll be free of pain, and that we’ll be with

Jesus forever! Even though we don't know exactly what we'll do, we know we won't be bored because being with Jesus is the ultimate joy. Jesus wants to be with us forever.