

# ALLEY SG July 29-31, 2023

*Due to summer scheduling, these activities can be done in small groups or in one large group.*

## 1. Bible Story Extension

**What You Need:** Twelve prepared large plastic cups, ping pong ball, masking tape

**What You Do:**

- On one side of your group space, place the prepared cups, face up, in a straight line, ensuring that they correctly spell the word H-E-A-V-E-N.
- Use masking tape to mark a line on the floor a few feet away from the cups to show where kids will stand when tossing the ping pong ball into the cups.
- Divide the group into two teams and invite teams to sit together.
- Explain that you will be playing a game of trivia in which teams will take turns answering questions.
- Decide on a team to go first and ask them the first question from the list below. Teammates can quietly discuss as a group before giving their final answer.
- If that team does not answer their question correctly, the question goes to the opposing team to try to answer.
- If they're correct, they get to try to answer the next question, too.
- Each time a team answers a question correctly, someone from their team must stand at the taped line and toss the ping pong ball into one of the cups.
- If the ball lands in a cup, keep track of which letter it was.
- The goal is to land a ball into each of the cups that spell *HEAVEN*.
- The team that completes this first is the winning team.
- Tell kids they did a great job remembering all the details from today's passage in Revelation.
  - Remind them that we have passages like these because God wants us to feel hopeful about eternity.
- Questions:
  1. Who had visions of Jesus and heaven, and chose to write them down? (*John*)
  2. Where was John sent at the end of his life? (*Exiled to the Island of Patmos*)
  3. When Jesus appeared to John, what did it sound like? (*A voice like a trumpet.*)
  4. Why was John sent to exile on an island? (*He got in trouble for telling others about Jesus.*)
  5. When Jesus told John to write down what he saw, what was John's initial reaction? (*John fell down at Jesus' feet.*)
  6. Where does John say that God will be in the end? (*with God's people.*)
  7. What was the name of the book that our story comes from today? (*Revelation*)
  8. (Use this question at least twice) List 2 things there will be no more of during the time John writes about. (*Answers could include: tears, sadness, pain, struggles, sickness, hunger, wars, night, etc.*)
  9. Jesus promises John that everything will be made \_\_\_\_\_. (Fill in the blank.) (*New*)
  10. In heaven, there is no need for lamps or sun because light will come from \_\_\_\_\_. (Fill in the blank.) (*God*)
  11. True or False: We will no longer need the gifts and talents we've been given once we are in heaven. (*False*)
  12. True or False: Some of the things Jesus told John were difficult to understand. (*True*)
  13. True or False: We won't have much to do in heaven. We'll probably just sit around and be bored. (*False*)
  14. What is the verse we've been studying all month long? (*God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift.*  
*Ephesians 2:8*)
  15. What is the virtue we've been learning about? (*Faith*)
  16. What does "Faith" mean? (*Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see.*)
  17. What is one way God helps us grow our faith? (*through community/relationships, churches, prayer, feeling God's presence*)

## 2 . Verses to Take with You

**What You Need:** Bibles, large piece of paper, markers

### What You Do:

- Put kids into pairs and invite them to sit with their partner.
- Hand each pair a Bible.
- Instruct them to work together with their partner to use their Bibles and look up these verses about heaven:
  - Revelation 4:1
  - Revelation 21: 23
  - Revelation 21:4
  - John 14:1-3
  - I Corinthians 2:9-10
- Encourage them to read the verses together and come up with ideas on what they think heaven will be like, based on what they have read.
- Once they have discussed ideas, they can use the markers and paper
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- to illustrate what they discussed.
- Give each pair an opportunity to explain to the group what they drew.
- Ask this: What verses did you find particularly exciting or encouraging when it comes to heaven?
- Allow time for discussion.

## 3. Discussion Questions

- What do you think heaven will be like?
- How does it make you feel that God has a place prepared for us to spend forever together?
- Do you believe heaven is a real thing? Why or why not?
- How can believing in heaven make our faith stronger?

## 4. Pray

"Dear God, thank You so much for heaven. You will wipe away every tear from our eyes. (Pause.) There will be no more death. (Pause.) No more sadness. (Pause.) No more crying or pain. (Pause.) You are making everything new. (Pause.) Thank You, Lord, that in heaven we will SEE YOUR FACE! (Pause.) We will live with you FOREVER! (Pause.) We love You SO MUCH, Lord. Amen."

## EXTRA TIME COLORING SHEETS