



Jesus' Promise for His Friends— Joy Forever!

MAIN IDEAS

- **Jesus has gone to prepare heaven, a special reward for all of His friends.**
- **Jesus keeps all of His promises.**
- **Heaven is a real place where Jesus' friends will enjoy Him forever.**

MEMORY VERSE

[Jesus said,] *In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?*—John 14:2

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Matthew 28:19-20a
- 2) Luke 24:50b-53
- 3) John 14:1-4, 16-19
- 4) Revelation 21:1-27
- 5) Revelation 22:1-5



LESSON SUMMARY

Children, like adults, tend to live in the here and now. But we should not neglect to look forward to the wonderful promise that Jesus has prepared eternal joy in heaven for all those who love and trust Him. Heaven is that real place where we will dwell in pure joy in the presence of God forever. It is the place where there will no longer be death, sickness, sorrow, or pain. Throughout history, the reality of heaven has given hope and strength to believers as they have walked through pain and trials this present world. Our children need to be reminded that this broken world is passing away, and that Jesus is preparing for His friends a glorious home, beyond imagining, and that those who trust in Him will be in heaven someday enjoying Him forever!

PRAYER POINTS

As you review this lesson with your child, pray that...



- *God would cause you to wonder and rejoice anew in the promise of heaven—that your heart would be encouraged by the hope of eternal life in the presence of God.*
- *God would help your child understand that heaven is real.*
- *God would work in your heart and in the heart of your child to yearn for spending eternity with Him.*

AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

Read John 14:1-3 to your child.

- What promise is Jesus making in John 14:2? Where is this place He is preparing? What promise is He making in John 14:3? Who are these promises for? Does Jesus keep all of His promises?
- Does it make you happy or sad that Jesus isn't on earth right now?

Read John 14:16-19.

Who did Jesus send to be with His

friends? Can we see Him? But is He always with Jesus' friends? How does He help Jesus' friends?

- What do you think heaven will be like? What is the most exciting thing about heaven? Do you want to see Jesus and be with Him forever? Is there anyone better than Him or greater than Him?

Read and talk about Psalm 16:11.

ACTION STEP

Take a few minutes to imagine what heaven will be like. Draw a picture and make it look as special and beautiful as possible.

