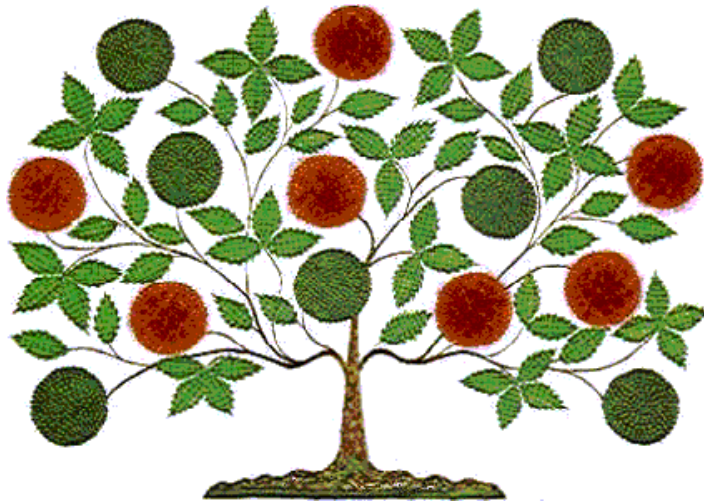


**Questions.** If the children present the drama to the adults, then let them ask the adults the questions that are listed above. Ask also them what other things they hope for in heaven?

**Poem.** Let three children each recite one of the verses from Revelation 19:6, 7 & 8.

**Let the children draw** a simple picture of the 'tree of life' that grows in heaven. Let the children show their pictures to the adults during worship and explain that in heaven healing will come from God, through His Tree of Life.



**Let older children** write poems or songs about God's final judgment and heaven.

Let older children **memorize Revelation 21:3-4**. Let younger ones learn verse 4.

**Prayer.** "Dear Jesus, thank you for giving the vision of heaven to the apostle John. We do not have to fear the future. Jesus will triumph over sin and Satan. Heaven will be beautiful. We will see your face and live with you forever."

## John Saw the End of the World

*Jesus stands ready to welcome any child who believes in Him.*

**Prayer.** "Dear Lord, help the children to cherish your promise of heaven."

Choose any of these children's learning activities that fit their ages and level of spiritual understanding.

**Let an older child or teacher read** or tell by memory the story of John's Vision of Heaven in **Revelation 20:11 through 21:4**, and **21:22 through 22:5**, in which God revealed what will happen in heaven and on earth at the end times.

**Ask these questions.** [Answers appear after each question.]

- What happened to all of the people who had died? [See Revelation 20:12]
- What happened to those whose names were not in the Book of Life? [See 20:15]
- What did the New Jerusalem, our new home, look like? [See 21:2]
- What things will never happen in heaven? [See 21:4]
- Why were there no temple, no sun, and no moon? [See 21:22-23]
- What two things are in the middle of the great street of the city? [See 22:1-2]

### Review

- What things will we see in heaven? [God, a white throne, books, Jesus, light, people who have died, a beautiful city, a river, the tree of life]

- What will we not see in heaven? [*Death, hell, crying, night, sun, moon, sin, sickness*]

**Dramatize parts of John's vision of Heaven.**

- **Arrange** with the worship leader for the children to present this drama.
- Use your teaching time with the children to **prepare** the drama.
- You do not have to use all the parts.
- Let older children help with the younger ones.
- Let **older children** or adults play the parts of **Evangelist** and **Narrator**.
- Let **younger children** play the parts of **Friends**.

**Narrator:** Tell the first part of the vision from Revelation 20:11-15. Then say, "Hear what an evangelist tells his friend."

**Evangelist:** "I have been reading the Book of Revelation. In the future we will see God who is seated on his great white throne.

**Friend #1:** "God loves everyone. Will He let everyone into heaven?"

**Evangelist:** "Only believers whose names are in the Book of Life will enter heaven.

**Friend #2:** "I love Jesus, but sometimes I do bad things. Will I still sin in heaven?"

**Evangelist:** Yes. God will change you. He writes all that we do in books. Our bad actions will be judged and left behind. God will reward us for the good things we have done.

**Friend #3:** "What will happen to people who reject Jesus?"

**Evangelist:** "Those whose names are not in the Book of Life will enter a Lake of Fire."

**Friend #3:** "I want Jesus to write my name in His Book of Life!

**Narrator:** Tell the second part of the vision, from Revelation 21:1-4. Then say: "Hear what the evangelist tells his friend."

**Evangelist:** "Heaven will be beautiful, like a lovely, happy bride."

**Friend #4:** "Maybe God will not let me in. I have much trouble and pain in my life."

**Evangelist:** "God will take away all your pain and sorrow. All the bad things of this life will be left behind."

**Friend #4:** "I want to go where there is no more pain."

**Narrator:** tell the third part of story, from Revelation 21:22 through 22:6.

Then say, "Hear what the friend says."

**Friend #5:** "Will the Temple for worshipping God in heaven be very big?"

**Evangelist:** "No, there will be no Temple. God will live with us and be our Temple. His light will shine so bright that there will be no need for a sun or a moon.

**Friend #5:** "I think there will be no trees or rivers, then."

**Evangelist:** "Yes, there is a beautiful river of the water of life and a tree of life right in the middle of heaven."

**All Friends:** "We want to go there and be with Jesus! Praise the name of Jesus forever!"

**Narrator:** Thank everyone who helped with the drama.