

SERIES OVERVIEW

Tagline: Heaven is our real home, and we can prepare for it right now.

Idea: Even though we all hope to live long lives on earth, we will all leave the earth someday. Thankfully, the Bible tells us that death isn't the end of our lives—in fact, it's really the beginning! We'll live forever with Jesus in a place that's so wonderful we can hardly imagine what it's like. Right now, we can start preparing ourselves for spending eternity with God.

Memory Verse: "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." – Colossians 3:1 (NIV)

Heaven on Earth – What does it mean when we pray, "Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven?" It means that we want our planet to be more like the place where God lives! What's really cool is that Jesus said we can help make that happen by loving other people—even the ones we don't like. *Matthew 5:43-48, love your enemies*.

Saving for Heaven – Have you ever saved money to buy something that you really, really wanted? We can save up to "buy" heavenly rewards when we use the things God has given us to serve him. *Matthew 6:19-24, store up treasures in heaven.*

The Best Thing About Heaven – How can we know that we'll really come back to life after we die? It's because Jesus already did it! The best thing about heaven is that we'll get to live there with Jesus, along with all of the people we care about who love God. 1 Corinthians 15:12-20, we will be raised from the dead as Christ was raised.

Imagining Heaven – Our minds can't even imagine all the wonders that heaven will contain. But when we read the word-pictures of heaven in Revelation, we can get an idea of how wonderful it will be. *Revelation 21:1-5, 10-11, and 18-23; the New Heaven and New Earth.*