

LESSON 11

THE PARABLE OF THE GREAT BANQUET

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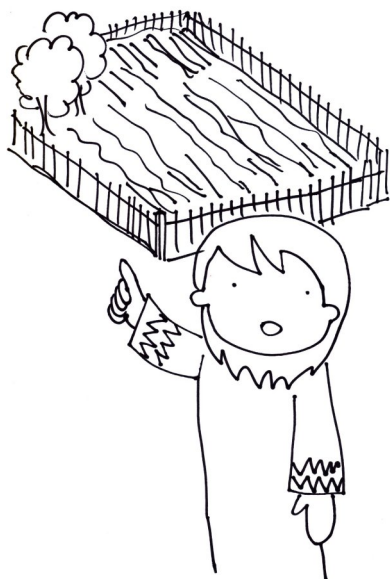
Instructions: Summarize today's Bible story by illustrating it in the boxes below. Use eight panels to show the story in order, and then write a caption below each panel to tell the story.

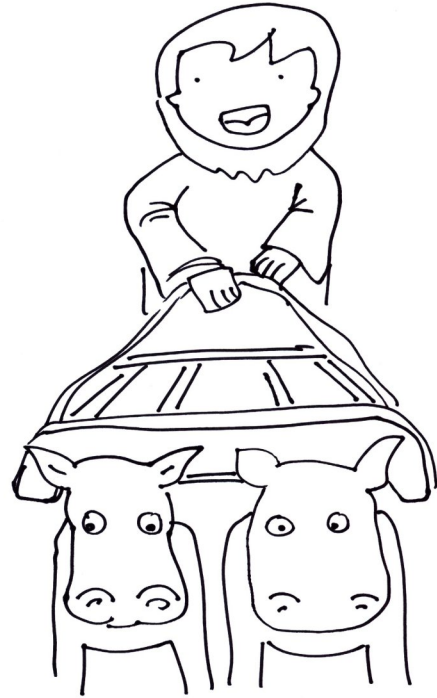
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WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT HEAVEN?

God has invited us to be with Him in heaven one day. But what's so great about heaven? Why would we want to go there?

The Bible doesn't give us an abundance of details as to what heaven will be like, but it does tell us what we need to know.

HEAVEN
is a
Wonderful
PLACE
WHERE WE WILL BE
WITH GOD
forever

Fill in the blanks below by looking up the verses.

1. Heaven will be a paradise. (Luke 23:43)

"And Jesus said to him, 'Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in _____.'"

2. Heaven will be full of spiritual joy. (Romans 14:17)

"For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and _____ in the _____."

3. God will be with us forever. (Revelation 21:3)

"And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will _____, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God."

4. There will be no more pain or sorrow. (Revelation 21:4)

"And God will wipe away every _____ from their eyes; there shall be no more _____, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more _____, for the former things have passed away."

5. Heaven is beautiful. (Revelation 21:18-21)

"The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure _____, like clear glass. The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoptase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass."

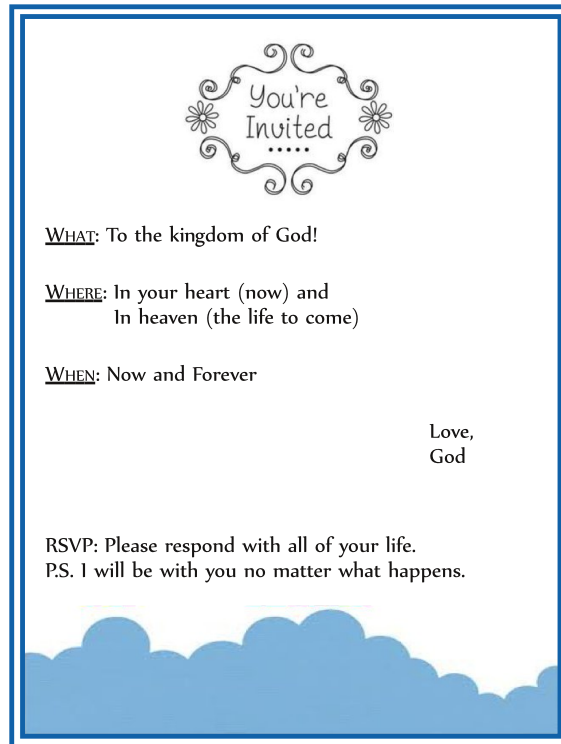
6. There will be no more sin. (Revelation 22:3)

"And there shall be no more _____, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His _____ servants shall serve Him."

NO MORE
CURSE
NO MORE
SIN

YOU'RE INVITED!

There are many ways we can accept God's invitation, and the least of these is spending time with God on Sabbath day. What are some other ways we can show God our acceptance of His invitation? Are there any habits in your daily life that you can change or cultivate? What about your relationship with your parents or your siblings? Perhaps there are additional things you can do to help out in church. Think of some things you think you can do, and then fill out the RSVP letter below.



R.S.V.P.

Dear God,



I, _____ (your name), humbly accept Your invitation to the heavenly kingdom. In acceptance of this invitation, I will gladly set aside the worries of my daily life and spend time with You on the Sabbath day. I also pray to You so that I can be filled with the Holy Spirit and be prepared for the coming banquet.

In addition to the above, I also plan to...

Yours lovingly,

EXCUSES, EXCUSES, EXCUSES

Examine the following excuses some people may make for not accepting God's invitation to become part of His family. Then, fill in the "Good Answer" column by describing how you would answer the person if you were their friend.

GOD'S INVITATION	EXCUSE	GOOD ANSWER
<p>God invites us to seek Him on Sabbath day.</p>	<p>I don't like going to church on Saturday morning because it's always too early in the morning for me. I like to stay home and watch cartoons. Sometimes, my friends have parties on Saturdays, and I also need to work on my schoolwork.</p>	
<p>God invites us to believe in His word.</p>	<p>I don't understand God's words. Sometimes they're confusing. Plus I am too busy to think about God and study the Bible anyway. I have too many things to do.</p>	
<p>God invites us to pray to Him.</p>	<p>God knows everything; I don't need to pray to him all the time.</p>	
<p>God invites us to be baptized.</p>	<p>I don't want to get baptized right now. I don't like going into the water either. What's so good about it anyway? Baptism is for grown-ups. I should wait until I'm older.</p>	
<p>God invites us to spread His word.</p>	<p>I'm not good at preaching to others. I don't speak very well. My friends don't like to listen to my preaching. I'm afraid of being rejected when I preach.</p>	

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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. **(Revelation 3:20)**

Word Scramble

Unscramble the words in parentheses to fill in the blanks.

1. These people were invited to a _____ (uqteban). But, when it came time for the banquet, they gave _____ (seesuxc) as to why they couldn't attend.
2. One said, "I can't come; I've bought a _____." (ifled)
3. Another said, "I can't come; I want to try out my new _____." (neox)
4. Still another replied, "I can't come; I now have a _____." (fiwe)

Short Answer

5. Who was invited after the servants reported the excuses given?
6. What does the banquet represent?
7. Who does the host represent?
8. How do we accept God's invitation?
9. How do we sometimes decline His invitation?