

Reality – Bible Lesson for September 27, 2020 – Preschool

The Bible – Practical Applications The Dominion of God

Lesson 4

- 1. Lesson: The Dominion of God**
- 2. Scripture:** Revelation 21:1-7
- 3. Memory Verse:** "I heard a loud voice from the throne. It said, 'Look! God now makes his home with the people. He will live with them.'" – Revelation 21:3a
- 4. The Jesus Storybook Bible:** Pages 342 – 351
- 5. The Beginner's Bible:** Pages 504 – 508
- 6. God's Story for Me:** Pages 518 – 521
- 7. Materials useful in teaching the lesson: Craft: Preschool –** blue construction paper; templates downloaded onto white paper; crayons; glue sticks

Craft: Preschool – Heaven's Gate

<https://www.dltk-kids.com/bible/crafts/m-heavengate.htm>

Video you can use to reinforce the story:

Preschool:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3I3JK8fBNWQ>

1. Prayer and Welcome Activity: Pray with your children – then introduce the following song:

The Ants Go Marching

(Have the children march in a circle – single file, then by two's, by three's, etc.)

The ants go marching one by one (hold up one finger)

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The ants go marching one by one,

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The ants go marching one by one,

The little one shouts, "Jesus is God's Son!" (point up)

And they all go marching down to the ground to get out of the rain.

The ants go marching two by two (hold up two fingers)

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The ants go marching two by two,

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The ants go marching two by two,

The little one says, "God loves you." (point to each other)

And they all go marching down to the ground to get out of the rain.

The ants go marching three by three (hold up three fingers)
Hoorah! Hoorah!
The ants go marching three by three,
Hoorah! Hoorah!
The ants go marching three by three,
The little one says, "God loves me." (point to self)
And they all go marching down to the ground to get out of the rain.

The ants go marching four by four (hold up four fingers)
Hoorah! Hoorah!
The ants go marching four by four,
Hoorah! Hoorah!
The ants go marching four by four,
We'll live with Jesus evermore (take both hands in a wide circle)
And they all go marching down to the ground to get out of the rain.

The ants go marching five by five (hold up five fingers)
Hoorah! Hoorah!
The ants go marching five by five,
Hoorah! Hoorah!
The ants go marching five by five,
Jesus died but He came alive! (jump up and land with both arms in praise)
And they all go marching down to the ground to get out of the rain.

The ants go marching six by six (hold up six fingers)
Hoorah! Hoorah!
The ants go marching six by six,
Hoorah! Hoorah!
The ants go marching six by six, Jesus came – our hearts to fix
(put hands over heart)
And they all go marching down to the ground to get out of the rain.

The ants go marching seven by seven (hold up seven fingers)
Hoorah! Hoorah!
The ants go marching seven by seven,
Hoorah! Hoorah!
The ants go marching seven by seven,
The little one stops to pray to heaven (pretend to pray)
And they all go marching down to the ground to get out of the rain.

2.Bible Story: (You can use the lesson below but, since it is a little more difficult, please consider reading it from "The Jesus Storybook Bible" – pages 342 – 351, "The Beginner's Bible" - pages 504 – 508 or "God's Story for Me" - pages 518 - 521)

In the opening verses of Revelation 21, John tells us about a new Heaven and a new earth that are also mentioned in Isaiah 65:17. Things will be quite different on the new earth from what they are now. John doesn't give us a lot of information, but he does tell us that "there was no longer any sea." That's a big difference from our earth right

now which is over 70% water. John doesn't explain any more about this but concentrates on the announcement of the Holy City – the New Jerusalem. He describes the new Jerusalem like a "bride beautifully dressed for her husband." The new Jerusalem will be a place where God's people will live. God will make everything beautiful in His time. Whatever He has planned for us, it will be for the best.

After John was talking about the New Jerusalem, he said, "I heard a loud voice from the throne. It said, "Look! God now makes his home with the people. He will live with them. They will be his people. And God himself will be with them and be their God." This is the last of 20 times that the expression, "a loud voice" is used in the Book of Revelation. The final revelation from heaven states that God will dwell with men, they will be His people and He will be their God. The ultimate heaven will not be "God with us" but "us with God."

One of the greatest promises in the entire Bible is found in Revelation 21:4. It says that there won't be any more death, sorrow or crying. God will wipe away every tear from our eyes and there won't be any more pain. Things will no longer be the way they used to be.

John was told by Jesus – "I am making everything new!" Then Jesus told John "Write this down. You can trust these words. They are true." Jesus will do what He has promised. He is "the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End." He said, "I will give water to anyone who is thirsty. The water will come from the spring of the water of life". It doesn't cost anything! Jesus isn't talking about physical thirst but spiritual blessings. God will keep all His promises to us. When we begin to see Jesus as He really is, suddenly we see everything in a whole new way.

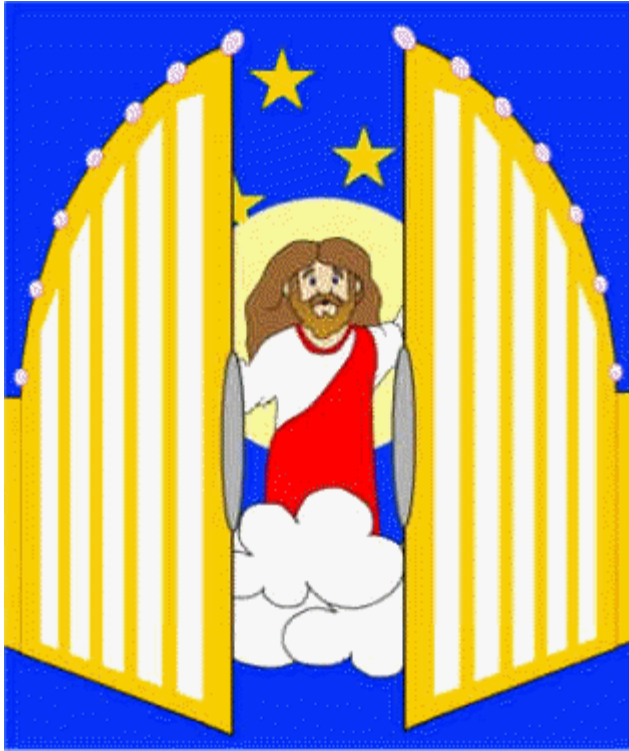
As believers, it is extremely exciting to know that we are sons and daughters of the King, just like it says in Revelation 21:7 and that we have an inheritance through Him. Not only does God promise us an inheritance, but He also promises to make all things new. When we are saved, God becomes our Father. We are born into His family and He takes wonderful care of us. One day we will live with Him in Heaven forever.

Later in this chapter John wrote, that he did not see a temple in the city in his vision – because God is the temple. There will be no need for light from the sun or moon because the glory of God provides the light. The gates of the city will never be shut, and God's glory will be forever present so there will be no night.

Jesus will cover everything in His everlasting light. This revelation that was given to John describes a beautiful and glorious future for all that put their trust in the living God. In **John 3:16**, we read that God gave us His Son. In **Luke 11:13**, we read that He gives us His Spirit. And in **Revelation 21:7**, He gives us Himself.

3. Bible Application – Craft

Preschool – Heaven's Gate:



Instructions:

- Print out templates
- Color (if using the B&W version).
- Create the vision of heaven:
 - On a piece of blue construction paper or regular white paper, arrange the pieces from template 3 to create your vision of heaven.
or
 - Draw and color your vision of heaven on a piece of white paper that will be glued between the gates.
or
 - Write a prayer for a loved one in heaven.
- Cut out the gate from templates 1 and 2
- Fold each gate on the dotted line to create a hinged tab
- Glue the tab for each gate onto your picture of heaven so the gate can be opened to peek inside.

4.Memory Verse: Have the children say the memory verse – “I heard a loud voice from the throne. It said, ‘Look! God now makes his home with the people. He will live with them.’” – Revelation 21:3a

Preschool: London Bridge (repeated from last week)

Two adults will make the bridge. Have the children line up. Those in the line will progress under the bridge as everyone sings to the tune of “London Bridge,” only they’ll use the words:

**My friends and I will learn God’s Word.
Learn God’s Word, Learn God’s Word.
My friends and I will learn God’s Word.
I can say this verse.**

The two making the bridge collapse their arms around the person who is under the arch at that time. That child will say the verse with the teachers and children helping them. The two making the bridge should lift their arms once more and the game continues.

5. Closing Prayer: Lead the children in a closing prayer. Encourage your child/children to also say their own individual prayers about any additional concerns they have.

