



# **LIFE AFTER DEATH**

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## Memory Verses

### Week 1

#### **1 JOHN 5:13**

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

### Week 2

#### **REVELATION 21:4**

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.



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## Lesson 1: Views of the Afterlife

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### 1 JOHN 5:13

People believe many different things about the afterlife.

Do you know what happens after we die? People believe many different things. Today we are learning about different beliefs as well as what the Bible says about the afterlife.

### WHY SHOULD WE LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENT BELIEFS?

Teaches us about other people and religions that are different than us

Helps us evaluate what's true (other religions vs. the Bible)

Teaches us about who God is and what he has prepared for us

### WHAT ARE SOME OF THE DIFFERENT BELIEFS?

1. Atheism - The only things that exist are things that can be seen, tasted, touched, smelled, and heard
  - o How to get to heaven: There is no heaven. We cease to exist.
  - o The result: We only have this life to live for
2. Theism - There is a God, but not necessarily the God of the Bible
  - o How to get to heaven: Usually by following a list of rules
  - o The result: Being worried you aren't "good enough" or perfect
3. Polytheism - Many gods or supernatural figures exist (Hinduism/Buddhism)
  - o How to get to heaven: Do enough good deeds from one life to the next
  - o The result: Believing you must break the cycle of rebirth (reincarnation)
4. Relativism - All religions are correct
  - o How to get to heaven: What you think will happen is what will happen
  - o The result: Not thinking logically about the afterlife (All religions are different, so they can't all be true!)
5. Christianity - Jesus died on the cross so that we could go to heaven!
  - o How to get to heaven: Ask for Jesus' death to pay for your sins
  - o The result: Being confident that God has a spot for me in heaven!

### HOW DO WE KNOW THAT CHRISTIANITY IS RIGHT?

Remember our "hard questions" series? There is evidence to believe the Bible!

If you have questions, ask your leader afterwards!

Not learning about different views of the afterlife, being unsure about what happens after I die, thinking that all religions are basically the same

We are called to love everyone. Learn about different religions so you can know how to love those people better!

- What are some differences you notice between Christianity and other religions?
- Do you have any questions about what we learned about today?
- Do you remember any of the evidence for Christianity?
- How can you show love to someone who believes a different religion than you?
- What do you want to learn about heaven?

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## Lesson 1: Views of the Afterlife

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### PAPER LANTERNS

Today we learned about different views of the afterlife. As Christians, we are called to share about how Jesus brings eternal life with the rest of the world. Because of this, Jesus calls us the light of the world! We are making lanterns today.

Scissors, stapler, construction paper, markers

1. Cut a strip lengthwise from the construction paper
2. Fold the remaining construction paper in half lengthwise
3. Cut strips into the construction paper an inch apart from the folded side towards the open side but leaving an inch of space at the end
4. Open up the construction paper and staple the two shorter ends together
5. Staple the thin part of construction paper that was cut off earlier across the top to make a handle.





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## Lesson 2: What will Heaven be like?

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### ROMANS 6:23, REVELATION 21:1-7, JOHN 14:2-3

Heaven is a place where we will be perfected and in a perfect relationship with God forever!

Last week we learned about different views of the afterlife. Today we will learn about what the Bible says about the afterlife, which is that we can go to heaven and be with God forever!

### HOW CAN WE BE SURE WE'RE GOING TO HEAVEN?

The Bible says that even though we don't deserve to go to heaven because of our sin (the things that we do wrong), we can go to heaven because of Jesus (Romans 6:23). All we have to do is ask for Jesus' death on the cross to pay for your sins!

- You can pray something like, "God, I know I have made mistakes. I ask that Jesus' death on the cross will pay for my mistakes."

### WHAT WILL HEAVEN BE LIKE?

1. No crying, pain, or death. God will wipe every tear from our eyes! (Revelation 21:4)
2. The earth will be restored.
  - Think about the most beautiful thing you've seen on earth. Now think about that thing being perfect!
3. We will have new and perfect bodies.
  - Imagine how far you could run, how high you could jump, or how well you could sing with a perfect body!
4. We will get to be with all our friends who have a relationship with God forever!
5. We will get to know new people we never knew in this life.
6. We will have jobs in heaven! Not bad jobs like chores, but jobs perfect for us!
  - Are you excited for the job you will have when you grow up? What about for the job you will have in heaven?
7. Jesus is preparing a place for us. He promised to come back one day! (John 14:2-3)

### WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING?

- Even though we don't know everything about heaven, this adds to the excitement!
- Ex: watching a movie trailer to get excited for the movie

Thinking heaven is going to be boring, not being excited for/thinking about heaven

We should think about heaven often, be grateful to God for it, and get excited about it! If you haven't, start a relationship with God so you can be sure you're going to heaven.

- What are you most excited for about heaven?
- What job do you want to have in heaven?
- How does it make you feel that Jesus is preparing a place just for you?
- Do you have any other questions about heaven?

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### SNOWBALL SHOOTERS

Heaven is going to be so much fun! Today we are going to make a fun craft to remind us of how much fun God wants us to have in heaven.

Foam cups, black and orange craft foam, white balloons, scissors, glue, cotton balls

1. Cut the bottom of the cup off
2. Cut off a small portion of the top of the balloon, opposite of the opening
3. Put glue around the outside of the (now open) bottom of the cup
4. Stretch the balloon over the cup
5. As the glue dries, use foam bits to decorate the cup like a snowman
6. Once the glue dries, put cotton balls in the cup, pull back the balloon, and shoot!

