



WEEK  
**FIVE**  
JULY 2023

SMALL GROUP  
**PRETEEN**

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

## MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



## 3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- What do you think heaven will be like?
- How does it make you feel that God has a place prepared for us to spend forever together?
- Do you believe heaven is a real thing? Why or why not?
- How can believing in heaven make our faith stronger?

## TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**The Other Side**

Heaven

Revelation 21:3-5a

## TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What do you think  
heaven will be like?

## TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God will make everything  
right in the end.

## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"God's grace has saved you  
because of your faith in Christ.  
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Ephesians 2:8, NIV

## MONTHLY VIRTUE

Faith—Trusting in what  
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## 4. VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bibles, large piece of poster board or butcher paper, markers

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Put kids into pairs and invite them to sit with their partner.
- Hand each pair a Bible.
- Explain to kids how they can look things up in their Bible, using the concordance.
- Take time to also show them how they can search on their phones or internet enabled devices through using a Bible app or a search engine.
- Instruct them to work together with their partner to use their Bibles or devices and look up verses about heaven.
- Encourage them to read the verses together and come up with ideas on what they think heaven will be like, based on what they have read.
- Once they have discussed ideas, they can use the markers and posterboard to illustrate what they discussed.
- Give each pair an opportunity to explain to the group what they drew.
- Ask this: What verses did you find particularly exciting or encouraging when it comes to heaven?
- Allow time for discussion.

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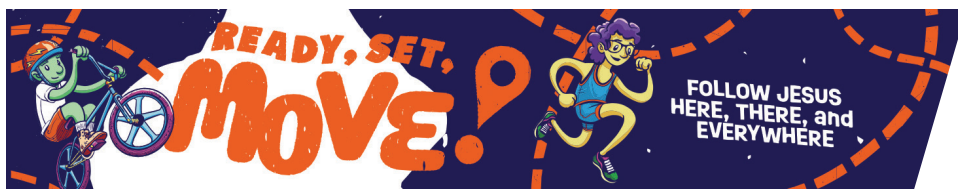
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## MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space  
for personal processing  
and application



## 5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Prayer Journal" Activity Page, pens or pencils, "M&M Prayer" Activity Page, individual Fun Size packets of M&M candies, "Prayer Stations" Activity Page

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Use the three Prayer Stations that you used in Weeks 1-4. See below for the changes you'll need to make for this week.
  - STATION 1: Prayer Journal. Place a stack of the "Prayer Journal" Activity Pages and several pens or pencils on the floor.
  - STATION 2: M&M Prayers. Place a copy of the "M&M Prayer" Activity Page and a pile of M&Ms "fun size" packs on the floor (enough for each kid to have 1 pack).
  - STATION 3: Partner Prayer. There are no supplies needed for this station.
- Explain what kids are supposed to do at each Prayer Station.
  - Prayer Journal:
    - Kids can use the prompts on the "Prayer Journal" Activity Page to help think about things they're going through, and how they can have hope that everything will be made right in the end.
    - Let them spend time journaling on their pages.
    - Explain how journaling can be a way of talking to God.
  - M&M Prayers: Kids will follow the "M&M Prayer" Activity Page for guided silent prayer, according to what color of candies they eat.
  - Partner Prayer: Kids will pair up and spend time discussing things they would like for the other to pray about for them. They will take time to pray quietly for each other.
- Let kids each choose a prayer station to start.
- Allow groups to have several minutes at each station. Remind everyone to be respectful while they rotate and spend time at each station, giving each other space and quiet.
- After everyone has had a turn at each station, encourage kids by assuring them that prayer can be creative. God wants to hear from us in all different ways. If there is a particular station they liked, they can pray this way at home, too. Talking to and spending time with God can help us build our faith!

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