

Heaven

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Lesson Text

John 14:1-4

Scripture Memory Verse

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Psalm 106:1

Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: My Room

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Bible Story: A Special Place

Life Application: God's Gifts,
God's Love

Craft: Heaven Sent

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.



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My Room

The children will create a picture of their rooms at home as an introduction to God's home for us in heaven.

Materials

For each child:

- 1 piece of construction paper
- glue stick
- crayons

For the teacher:

- scissors
- magazines
- wrapping paper or wall paper

Reproducible Pages:

- Page A, 1 copy for each child

Preparation

1. Cut out the pictures from the copies of Reproducible Page A.
2. Cut out pictures from the magazines of things that the children would have in their rooms: beds, desk, lamps, windows, doors, toys, etc.

Instructions

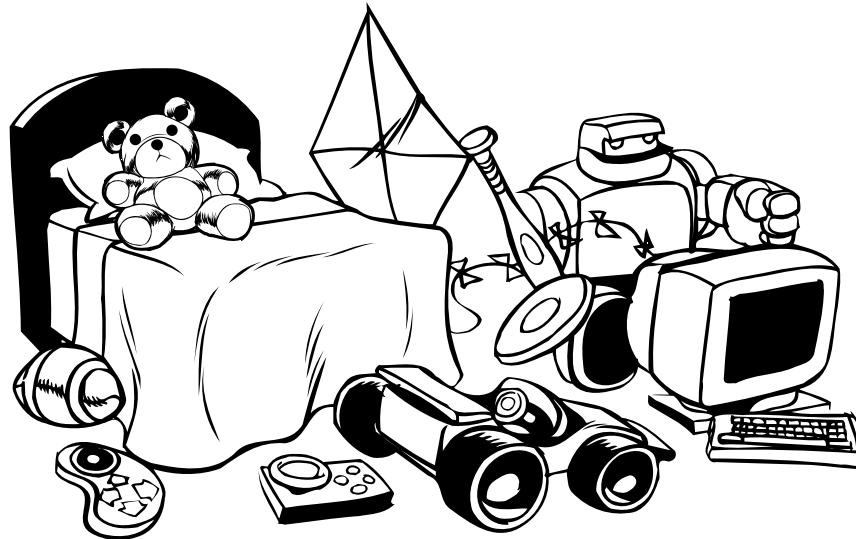
1. Explain to the children that they are going to learn about heaven. God loves us and has given us a home here on earth but he also has a home waiting for us up in heaven.
2. Give each child a picture and explain that they are to make a picture of their home here on earth.
3. Have the children draw or glue on the magazine pictures to create their room.
4. Cut small strips of wrapping paper for the children to glue on the walls of their room as wall paper.

Conclusion

Have the children express what they think is special about their room.

Teacher Tips

- Some children may need to be reminded that the pictures are not of things that are in their actual room. We don't have a picture of your bed, but maybe you can find one that is like it?



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A Special Place

The children will hear about heaven as a place where we can go to live happily with God.

Lesson Text

John 14:1-4

Materials

For the teacher:

- Bible
- 5 pieces of poster board, 9" x 12"
- scissors
- glue
- magazines
- markers

Reproducible Pages:

- Page B, 1 copy for the teacher

Preparation

1. Cut out and color the pictures from Reproducible Page B.
2. Glue each picture to a piece of poster board.
3. Draw the following pictures on the other pieces of poster board:
 - A. a house
 - B. clouds
 - C. happy face

Heaven Bound

Open the Bible and place it in your lap.

The Bible teaches us that from the time we were in our Mommy's tummy God has loved us and has always taken care of us. Here on earth he gave us homes to live in, show the picture of the house, and grown-ups to take care of us. Because God loves us, he has made our earthly home beautiful for us to enjoy. Talk about the trees, mountains, flowers, oceans, etc.

God has made a special home for us for when we leave earth. Do you know what this special place is called? Yes, heaven! Show the picture of the clouds. This special place is not here on this earth, it's far away. The Bible tells us that this place is more wonderful than we could ever think about. What is the most wonderful place that you can imagine? Let the children respond.

God tells us in the Bible that in heaven we will never be sad. Show the picture of the happy face. What are some things that make you sad? Let the children share. All of us are sad sometimes, but the Bible says there will be no tears in heaven. Everyone will be happy!

In heaven we won't have to go to the doctor because we won't get sick. Show the picture of the sick child. We won't need the police because everyone will be good and love God. Show the picture of the police.

The Bible says that in heaven we will be with God and Jesus. We will see God face to face. Show the happy face. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to spend some time with Jesus? What would you like to ask Jesus when you see him? (What did he like to play when he was a child here on earth? What did he eat?)

Do you know why God is preparing this special place for us? Yes, because he loves us and wants to be with us. Aren't you excited about being with God? I am! Show the children your Bible. If we love God and obey the Bible we will go to heaven to be with him.

Conclusion

Say a prayer to thank God for loving us and taking good care of us. Thank God for our family, homes and bedrooms. Thank God for preparing a place in heaven for us.

Teacher Tips

- Create a flip chart by punching a hole in the corner of each piece of poster board and connecting them with string or a metal loop.



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God's Gifts, God's Love

The children will pray and thank God for things he does for them because he loves them.

Scripture Memory Verse

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.
Psalms 106:1

Materials

For the teacher:

- a bag or basket
- magazines
- scissors

Preparation

1. Cut out pictures that represent God's gifts to us: birds, trees, flowers, grass, cars, homes, bicycles, etc.
2. Place all of the pictures into a bag.

Instructions

1. Remind the children that God loves us so much that he is preparing a place for us in heaven so we can be with him. Explain that from the beginning he has always loved us and he has given us so many wonderful things to show his love and to take care of us.
2. Reach into the bag and take out a picture. Show the picture to the children and tell them why it is a gift from God. For example: This is a picture of a bicycle. A bicycle is a gift from God because I can use it to ride and have fun with my friends. God wants me to be happy and have fun with my friends.
3. Choose a child to reach in the bag and take out one picture. Help them to explain to the children why the picture is a gift from God.
4. Let each child have a turn.
5. After all of the children have chosen a picture, have them bow their heads and pray. Give each child a chance to pray and thank God for the picture of the gift that they chose.

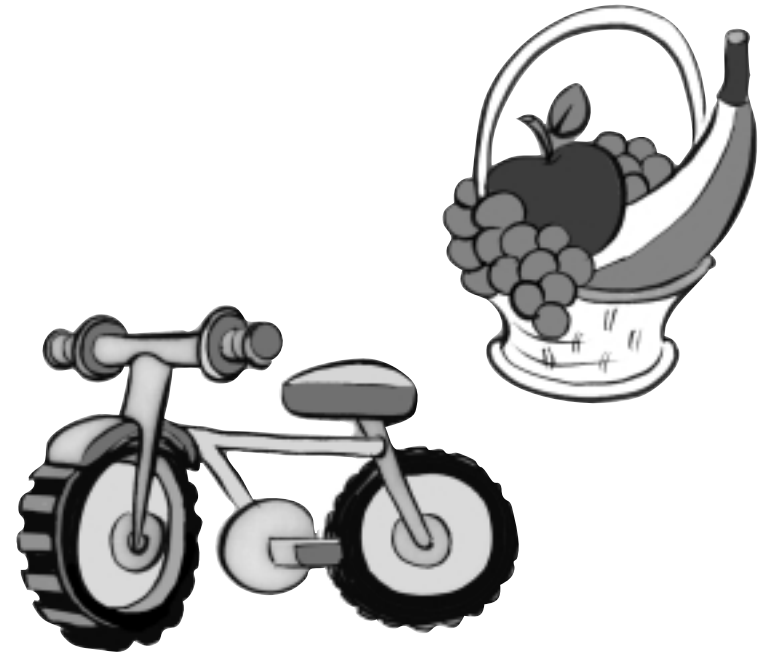
Scripture Memory Activity

Choose a select few children to recite the verse. For example: *If you are wearing red, stand up and say the memory verse.* Say the verse with them and then have them repeat it.

Conclusion

Encourage the children to bring their friends to Bible class. Explain that when they are thankful for the gifts that God has given them, it will help the people around them to be thankful too.

Pray with the children asking God to help them share about heaven with their friends. Ask God to help the children bring their friends with them to heaven.



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Heaven Sent

The children will make a fold-out card to reinforce how wonderful heaven will be.

Materials

For each child:

- 1 piece of brightly colored construction paper
- markers or crayons
- glue stick

For the teacher:

- scissors
- marker

Reproducible Pages:

- Page C, 1 copy for each child

Preparation

1. Cut out the pictures from the copies of Reproducible Page C.
2. Cut each piece of construction paper in half making two strips. See Figure A.
3. Tape the ends together making a long strip. See Figure B.
4. Fold each long strip in half; then fold each half in half again, accordion style making three folds. Each panel will be 6" wide. NOTE: Have the first panel open from the right like a book. See Figure C.
5. On the front panel write "A Special Place for Me."
6. Write "Heaven" in large bright letters across the top of the first inside panel. NOTE: Be sure to leave room below for the picture.
7. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

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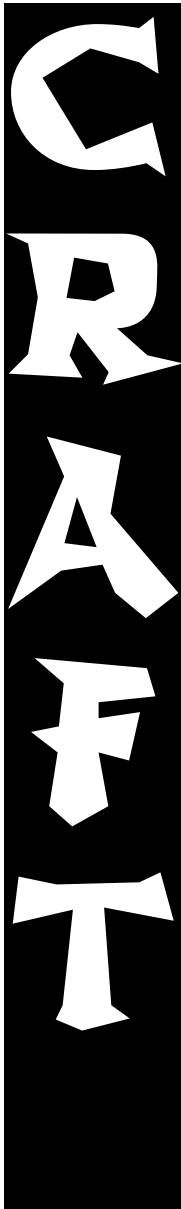
1. Explain to the children that they are learning that heaven is a wonderful place that God is preparing for them. Show the children the model. As you show them the pictures ask them to tell you what each picture has to do with heaven.
2. Give each child the four pictures from the copies of Reproducible Page C to color.
3. Give each child a folded piece of construction paper. Have them glue the pictures onto the panels.
4. Write each child's name on their book.

Conclusion

Have the children read their books to each other. Have them discuss what they think the best part of heaven will be for them.

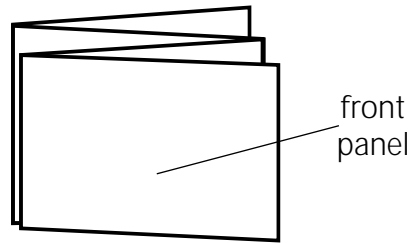
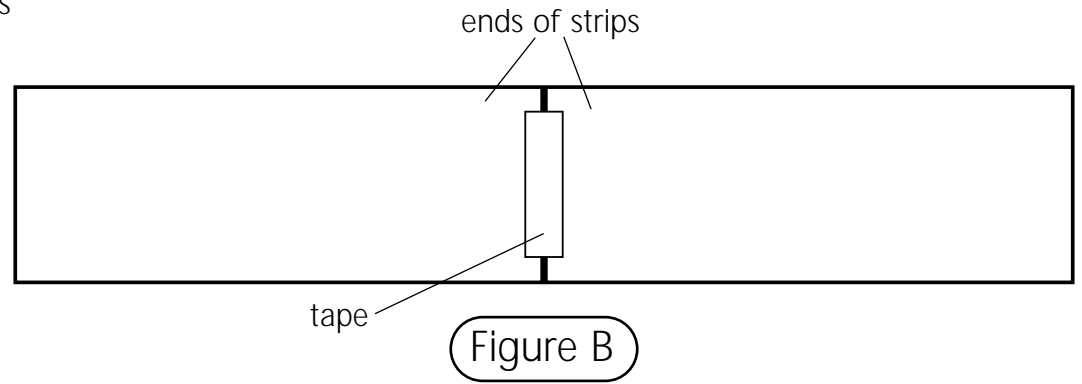
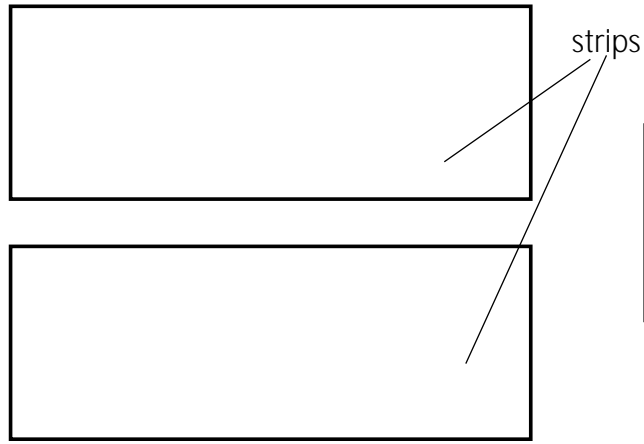
Teacher Tips

- Have the children draw their own pictures of heaven on the back of the paper.



CRAFT

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Pre class



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A Wonderful Place

The children will share the name of someone that they want to take with them to heaven.

Materials

For the teacher:

- masking tape or brightly colored tape

Preparation

Make up a tune or practice chanting the following rhyme:

Heaven is a wonderful place,
It's full of love and full of God's grace.
In heaven there will be no wrong,
And I want to take _____ along.

Instructions

1. Have the children sit on the floor and talk with them about heaven. Heaven is a wonderful place that God is preparing for us. God loves us and wants to be close to us. He wants us to live with him forever. Teach the children the heaven rhyme.
2. Make a square on the floor with masking tape.
3. Explain to the children that the square is the "heaven box." If you land in the box at the end of the song then you get to say the name of someone that you want to take to heaven with you.
4. Recite the rhyme as you hold hands and walk with the children in a circle.

Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activities: A Wonderful Place

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Game: Going to Heaven

Craft: My Room in Heaven

Life Application: What's Heaven Like?

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.

5. When the rhyme is finished the child who is standing in the box will say the name of a person that they want to take with them to heaven.
6. Repeat the activity several times so each child has a turn to land in the box.

Conclusion

Review some of the names that they mentioned and have a prayer asking God to help all of the people mentioned to go to heaven.

Teacher Tips

- Help any child who cannot think of a name.



Going to Heaven

The children will play a matching card game to help them remember heaven is for those who obey.

Materials

For the teacher:

- 1 piece of construction paper
- glue stick
- felt marker

Reproducible Pages:

- Page C, 2 copies for every two children
- Page D, 2 copies for every two children



Preparation

1. Glue the copies of Reproducible Page C and D to a separate piece of construction paper.
2. Cut out and color the cards. NOTE: Be sure to color like cards identically.
3. Divide the cards into decks, two of each card in each deck.



Instructions

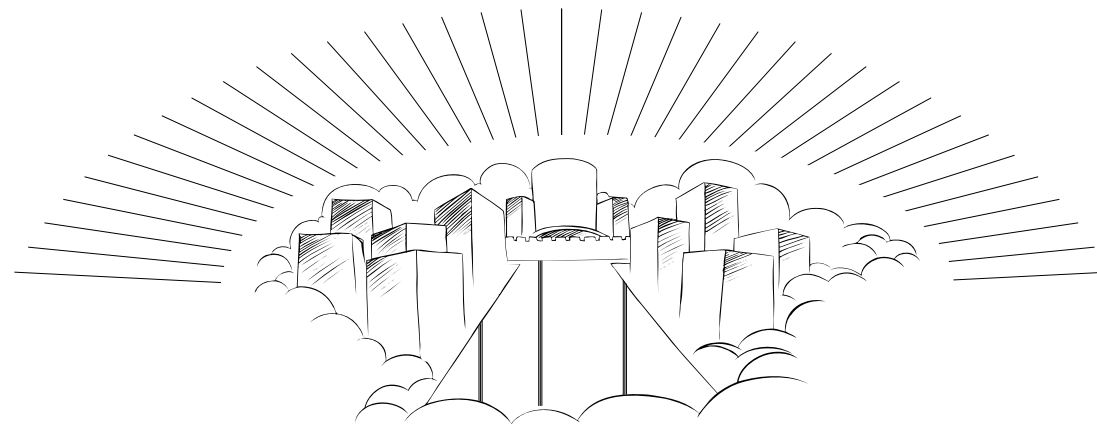
1. Remind the children that God has prepared a special place in heaven for those who obey him. Show the children one of each card. *Heaven will be like snuggling in bed with your favorite stuffed animal. Heaven will be like a big hug from your favorite person.*
2. Divide the children into groups of two.
3. Give each group a deck of cards and have them spread the cards, face down, on the floor.
4. Have each child take a turn turning over two cards. If the cards match they keep them and try again. If they don't match they turn them back over and another child takes a turn.
5. Continue playing the game as time allows.

Conclusion

Explain to the children that heaven will be more wonderful than anything that they could ever see or do here on earth.

Teacher Tips

- Laminate the cards to be used again.



My Room in Heaven

Each child will create a room as they would like their room in heaven to be like.

Materials

For each child:

- 1 piece of poster board, 9" x 12"
- pieces of fabric
- pieces of bright or shiny paper
- glue stick
- markers or crayons

For the teacher:

- magazines
- black marker
- fabric
- scissors

Preparation

1. On each piece of poster board write "My Room in Heaven" across the top.
2. Draw a window on each piece of poster board.
3. Cut pictures out of magazines of the following: beds, toys, animals, cars, clothes, "mommy" or "daddy," etc.
4. Cut out small pieces of fabric for curtains or blankets.
5. Make a model following the instructions.

Instructions

1. Remind the children that God is preparing a special place for them in heaven. He wants them to be with him forever because he loves them. Show them your room and explain some of the things that you put in it and why.
2. Give each child a piece of poster board. Explain to the children that they can put anything that they would like in their room in heaven. Heaven is a place where God wants us to be happy. Have the children choose from the pictures and glue them to their poster board.
3. Have the children choose fabrics and paper scraps to add to their room.
4. Help the children to write their names on their papers.

Conclusion

Have the children share what they would like to have in their room.

Teacher Tips

- Encourage the children to dream up lots of things to be in their room.
- Give each child a large piece of poster board, 22" x 28" so they can make an extra large room.





Finished Craft

What's Heaven Like?

The children will talk about things, which are very pleasant and secure, to help them understand what heaven is like.

Scripture Memory Activity

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.
Psalm 106:1

Materials

For the teacher:

- Bible
- a large bag
- a soft blanket
- a stuffed puppy and kitty
- a large piece of cotton (as a cloud)
- a piece of velvet
- a piece of satin material
- gold-colored jewelry
- a soft pillow

Preparation

1. Place the items in the bag.
2. Familiarize yourself with the activity.

Instructions

Have the children sit in a circle. Open the Bible and explain that in the Bible, God says that he is preparing a special place for those he loves – that's them. Ask the children if they know what that special place is called. (heaven)

Explain that heaven is going to be the happiest, safest, best place they have ever been. Ask them to think about the most wonderful place that they have been. Then choose a few children to share about that place. Ask them how they felt being in that place.

Jeff, when you were with your family in Florida, how did you feel? Were you excited? Did you have lots of fun? That is what heaven will feel like but even better. It will be even more exciting and more fun!

Ask the children to think of their favorite thing to do. Ask some of the children to share about what their favorite thing is to do.

Wendy do you love to ride horses? How do you feel when you ride horses? Are you happy? When you are in heaven the Bible says that you will be even happier than when you ride a horse!

Take an item out of the bag. Show it to the children and have them tell you what it is. *Yes, this is a blanket.* Gently wrap the blanket around the child next to you. *When you are cold does it feel good to have a warm, soft blanket around you? When we're in heaven it will be warm and secure like a blanket on a cold day.*

Take out another item. Show it to the children and have them tell you what it is. *Yes, it's a puppy. Puppies are fun to play with. Does anyone here have a puppy? Heaven will be more fun than playing with a puppy.*

Continue until you have discussed each item.

Scripture Memory Activity

Recite the memory verse to the children. Have them say it with you a few times.

God loves us so much and he wants us to be with him in heaven. His love for us really will last forever!

Conclusion

If heaven is such a wonderful place, don't we all want to go there? Don't we want all of our friends to go to heaven too? Ask them to think of a friend they can tell about heaven this week and about their wonderful class where they can learn all about God.

Pray with the children about telling their friends about heaven and ask him to help their friends to go to heaven with them.

Teacher Tips

- Think of things that the children in your class can relate heaven to and include them in the bag.



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Core/Preclass

1 copy for each child

Read-Observe-Write

Page

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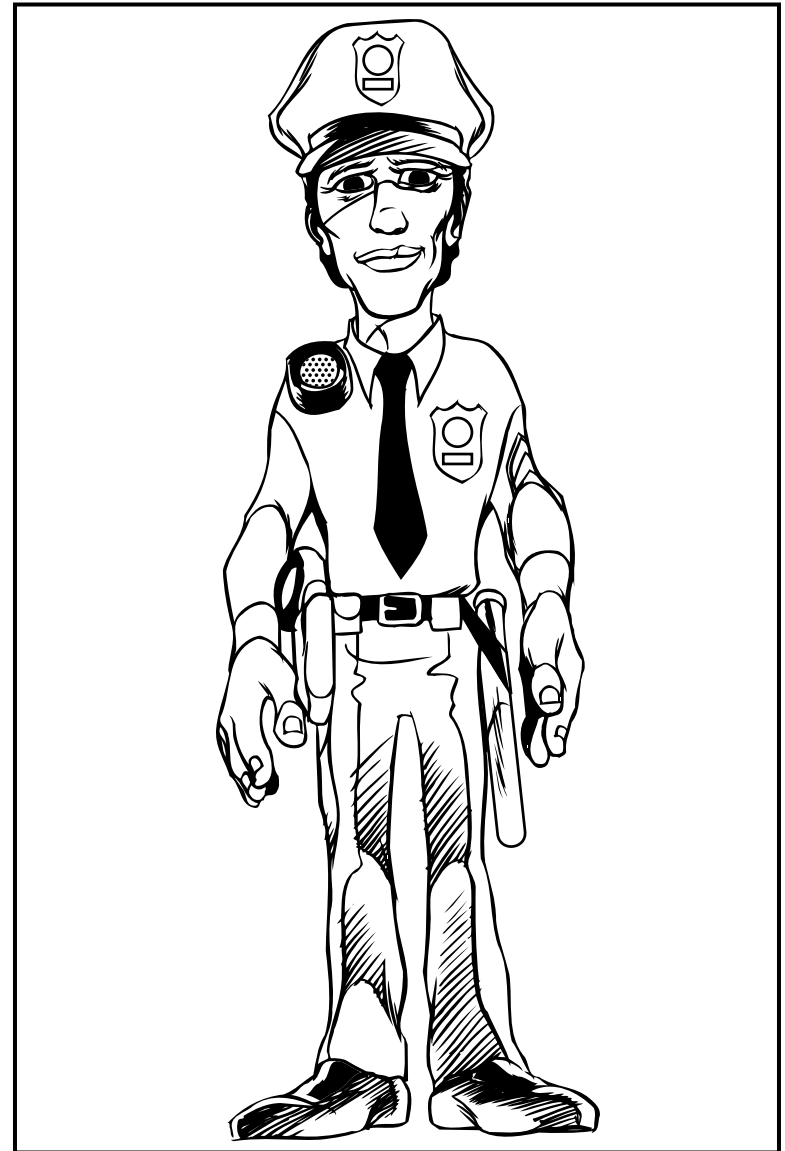
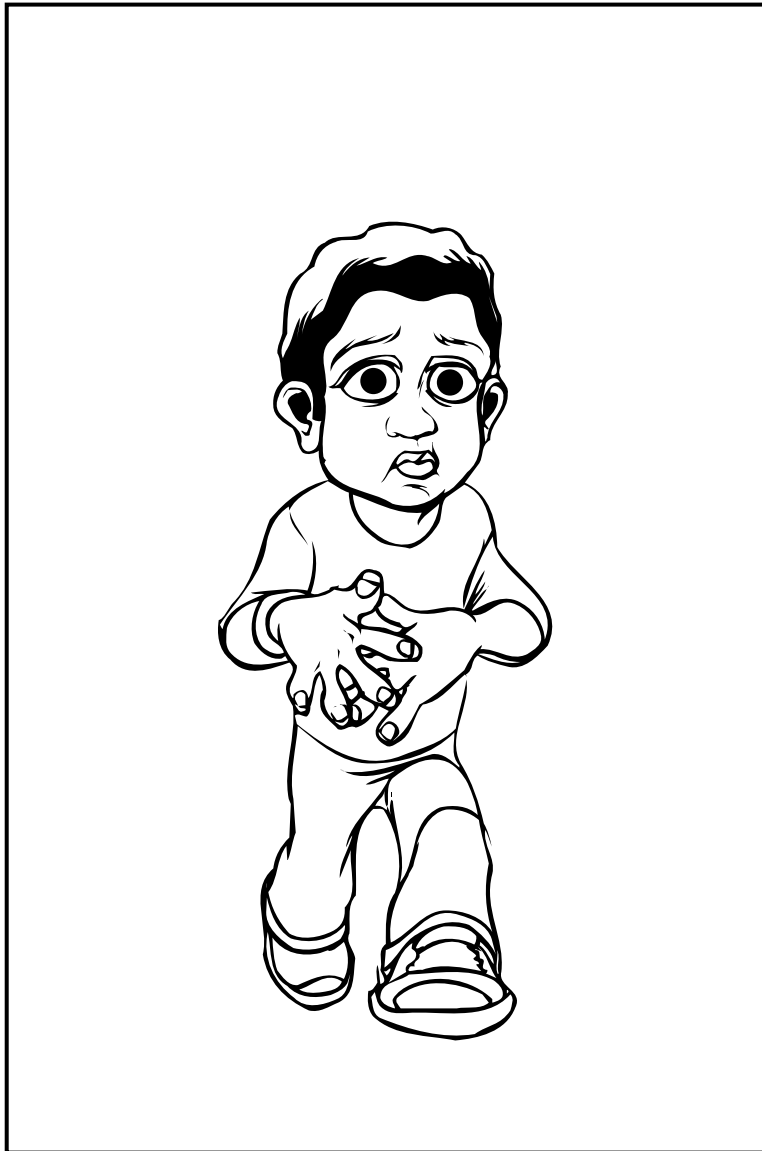
Core/Bible Story

1 copy for the teacher

Read-Over-Board

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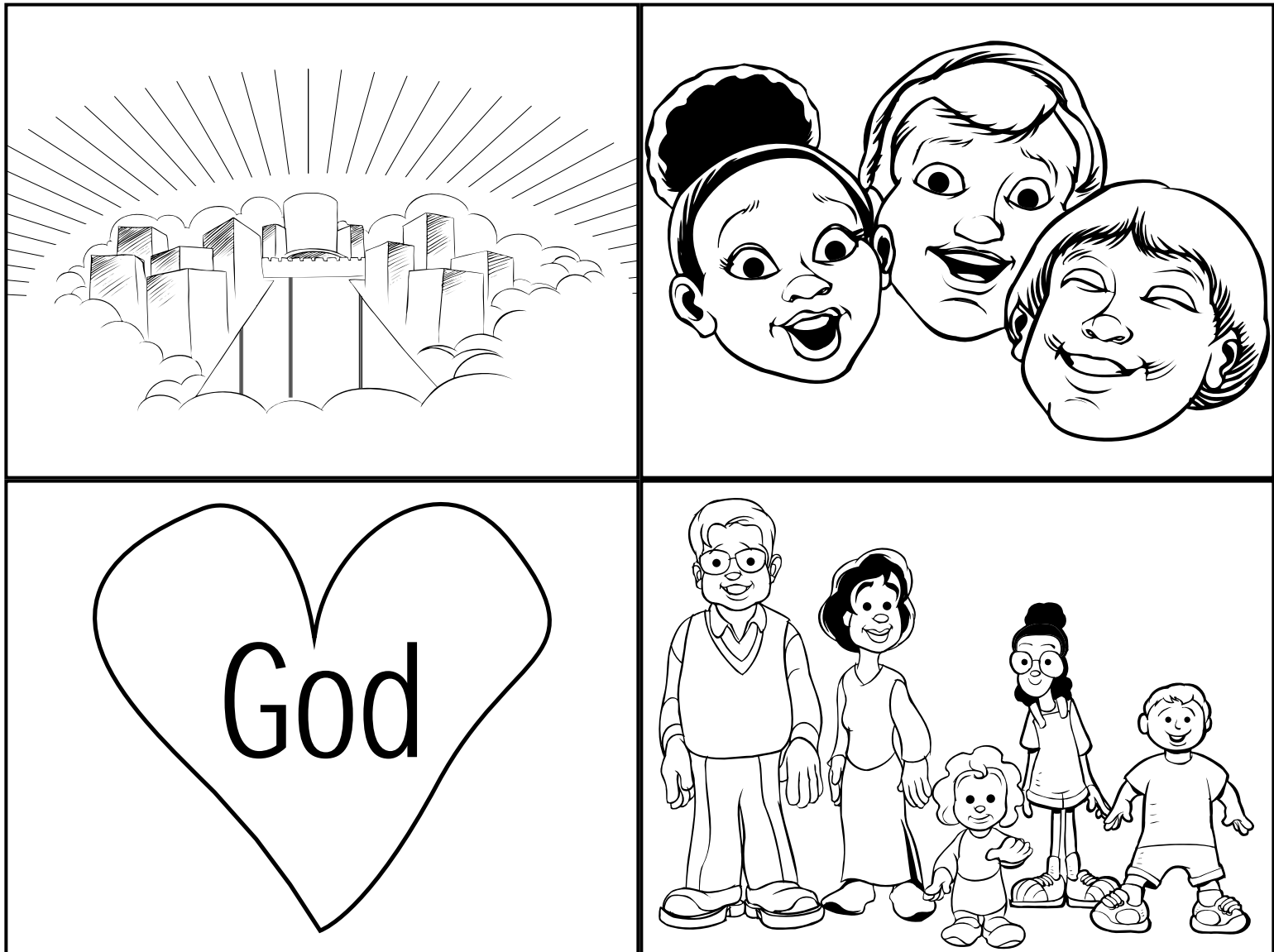


Core/Craft/1 copy for each child
Supplement/Game/2 copies for every two children

Read-Observe-Draw

Page

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Supplement/Game
2 copies for every two children

Read-Observe-Draw

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