

I Can Only Imagine

Bible Story: I Can Only Imagine (Heaven/All Things New) • *Revelation 21:3-5a*

Bottom Line: Following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine.

Memory Verse: *God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift.* Ephesians 2:8 (NirV)

Life App: Faith—Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

2nd & 3rd Grade

Watercolor Scripture

What You Need: Paints, paper, "Scripture Strips" (Activity Page), and glue sticks

What You Do:

- Give each kid a piece of paper and a "Scripture Strip."
- Encourage the kids to read the scripture about heaven then use their paints to illustrate that verse any way they choose.
- Kids can use the glue sticks to glue their "Scripture Strip" to the page.

What You Say:

"Your paintings are beautiful. Jesus gave John a vision of heaven and he wrote down what he saw. God will make ALL things right in the end. We can be with Him forever in a place that's more wonderful, more amazing, more mind-blowingly awesome than we can imagine! And while we may not know everything there is to know about heaven, we can know for sure that **[Bottom Line] following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine.**"

[Make it Personal] (Select your favorite scripture from the "Scripture Strips" the kids illustrated. Tell kids why this promise is your favorite. Remind them, that while there are things we don't know about heaven, God has made it very clear that the way to heaven is by trusting Jesus and that **[Bottom Line] following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine.**)

There are many rooms in my father's house. If this were not true, would I have told you that I am going there? Would I have told you that I would prepare a place for you there?"

John 14:2, NIV

"I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth.' The first heaven and the first earth were completely gone. There was no longer any sea."

Revelation 21:1, NIV

"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.'"

Revelation 21:3, NIV

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death. And there will be no more sadness. There will be no more crying or pain. Things are no longer the way they used to be."

Revelation 21:4, NIV

"The city does not need the sun or moon to shine on it. God's glory is its light, and the Lamb is its lamp."

Revelation 21:23, NIV