

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.

Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Heaven's Happy Dance

What You Need: Clear jars or glasses, clear soda, raisins

What You Do:

- Invite kids to show you how they look when they are really excited about something.
- Encourage them to smile, clap, shout, wiggle, and jump around.
- Gather kids for the following experiment to illustrate a "raisin happy dance."
 - Pour the soda into the clear jar or glass.
 - Let each of the kids drop a raisin into the soda and watch what happens.
 - The raisins will move up and down with the carbonation of the soda.
- Discard the ingredients and repeat the experiment, if desired.

What You Say:

"The raisins couldn't sit still, could they? They jumped for joy. You can jump for joy when you think about heaven! God loves you SO much, and He wants to share His wonderful heaven with you some day. That's why He sent Jesus to be your Savior. The Bible tells us all about Jesus and His story. The more you learn, the better you can know and follow Him. AND, **[Bottom Line]** following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine. I'd say that's worth dancing about. Let's do a 'heaven happy dance' right now!" What are some other reasons you can dance for joy for what God has done?

After discussion about dancing for joy, spend some time praying to God thanking Him and praising Him for who He is and what He has done.