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Bible Story Focus: I spy something that is real.

Jesus Prepares a Place • *John 14:2-3; Acts 1:1-11*

Memory Verse: “These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.” John 20:31, NLV

Key Question: Who can believe in Jesus?

Bottom Line: I can believe in Jesus.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Preschool

Heaven Brainstorm

What You Need: Paper, markers

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Lay a piece of paper on a table.

During the Activity: Gather the children around the paper. Have the children share some ideas of what they think heaven will be like. You can write statements on the page or draw simple pictures. Encourage the children to use their imaginations!

After the Activity: If you have wall space, hang your list on the wall at preschooler level.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “When Jesus left the earth, He went into the sky through the clouds. Where was Jesus going? (*Pause.*) Yes! Jesus went to heaven. Jesus is in heaven, right now, getting things ready for everyone who believes in Him.”

During the Activity: “What do you think heaven will be like? (*Invite answers and write them down after each question.*) I’ll write down your answers on our page. What do you think heaven will look like? What kinds of things will be there?”

After the Activity: “Wow! What a great list. We can believe that heaven is real because that’s what Jesus said! And we can believe in Jesus because He always tells the truth. Everyone who believes in Jesus will get to be his friend forever and live with him in heaven one day. So, tell me, **who can believe in Jesus? [Bottom Line] I can believe in Jesus.**”

CHILDREN and ADULT: *[Bottom Line]* “I can believe in Jesus!”

ADULT: “Yes, you can believe in Jesus! And the Bible verse we have spent so much time learning says that the stories in the Bible are written so that we can believe in Jesus. It says . . .

“These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, John 20:31. (Close Bible and lay it down.)

“We should know this verse SO well by now. We have practiced it a lot! Let’s stand up and say it together with the motions one more time, then anyone who wants can try to say it!”

CHILDREN and ADULT: *“These are written (open your hands like a book) so that you (point out) may believe (point to head) that Jesus is the Christ, (point up) the Son of God. (Rock baby.) John 20:31.” (Open your hands like a book.)*

ADULT: “You have totally got this! Let’s sit down. When it’s your turn to say the Bible verse, you can stand up and try it. I have my stickers (*hand stamp*) ready!”

(Say each child’s name. Make sure to give each child the opportunity to say the verse on their own. Have your stickers or handstamp ready when they say it.)

ADULT: “Way to go, [*child’s name*]! Here is your sticker! (*Say this with each child as they try to say the Bible verse.*)

“I want us to make a list of our favorite places. It can be the playground, your bedroom, the beach, your grandparent’s house, the grocery store, anywhere in the whole wide world. When I say your name, tell me one of your favorite places. (*Say each child’s name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

“These are some really great places! I can see why they are your favorite. But guess what? Jesus is making heaven SO amazing that it will be even better than our favorite places. It’s true! Let’s use our list to talk to God, now. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?”

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

Prayer

ADULT: “Dear God, thank You for wonderful places like (*read the list the children made*). We love going to these places. Thank You that Jesus is making an even more amazing place where everyone who believes in Him can live with Him forever. You are so good to us, God. We love You. In Jesus’ name, amen.”