

HEAVEN

The Reward for Everyone who Accepts Christ is HEAVEN

REACH Lesson #5

The purpose of this lesson plan is to:

- Create a fun and interactive learning experience
- Provide teaching options in addition to the Leader Q Card
- Creatively revisit the Bible story featured in the teaching video
- Give kids an opportunity to further explore the application point

PROGRAM

Activity	Length of Segment	Running Time
Q Card: Discussion	15 minutes	Start-15 minutes
Picture: Bible Story	5 minutes	15-20 minutes
Play: Learning Activity	10 minutes	20-30 minutes
Plan: Group Commitment	5 minutes	30-35 minutes
Pray: Prayer Cards	5 minutes	35-45 minutes

PREP

You will need:

- Story Props (Optional)
- 4 dice (regular 6 sided)
- One piece of paper and one marker for each team Prayer Cards (1 per kid, on CD ROM)
- Prayer cards (1 per kid, on CD ROM)
- MAP Books (1 per kid, on CD ROM)

You will need to:

- Make copies of MAP books
- Make copies of Prayer cards
- Prepare story time

PICTURE

(The Bible Story)

In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to retell the Bible story presented earlier in the teaching video. The object is to paint a picture that the kids will understand and remember. Have fun and explore your creativity. Here are some ideas to make your story telling more memorable:

- Use kids to play the characters
- Try Using giant hearts to hand to the “children”

Jesus and the Children
(Paraphrased from Matthew 19:13-15)

One day some children were brought to Jesus so he could pray over them. The disciples thought this was a rude interruption, so they told the children to leave. When Jesus saw what was going on He said, "Wait a second, wait a second! Don't tell the children to leave! You could learn a thing or two from children. You may find it hard to believe, but kids believe with their whole hearts. You've got to believe like a kid believes if you want to make it to heaven."

PLAY

(Learning Activity)

In this portion of your class time you will lead your class in a fun and engaging activity that will help your kids apply the Bible lesson to their everyday lives.

"Roll Off"

How to Start:

- **Divide kids into 4 teams**
- **Give each team one dice, one piece of paper, and a marker**

How to Play:

- **Object: Be the first team to spell HEAVEN**
- **Roll off #1: One person from each team rolls the team dice**
- **Team who rolls the highest number gets a chance to win a letter**
- **Team must say one thing that describes heaven**
- **Team earns the first letter of HEAVEN – "H"**
- **Team writes an H on its paper**
- **Continue roll-offs until one team has spelled HEAVEN**

Play options:

- **Hand out one two prizes to the winning team and one prize to all other teams**

PLAN

(Group commitment)

In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to lead your kids to make a commitment for the upcoming week. Write out the options on the board and ask your kids to each choose what he/she will do. Ask Kids to share his/her commitment choice with a neighbor.

Commitment Options:

- **Draw a picture of what you think heaven might be like**
- **Write out a prayer thanking God for making heaven for his friends**
- **Describe heaven to an adult**

PRAYER

- **Hand out prayer cards**
- **Ask Kids to fill in their commitments in the space provided**
- **Ask kids to fill in their prayer requests in the space provided**
- **Collect cards so you can take them home and pray for your kids**
- **Close in prayer. Here is a prayer suggestion:**

Thank you God for making Heaven a perfect place for us. Thank you for sending Jesus so that we can live forever in Heaven with you. We know that you love us. We know that you will never leave us. Help us to do the things we committed to do this week. Help us to follow you everyday of our lives. In Jesus' name, Amen

Remember to...

- **Hand out the Map Books.**
- **Encourage kids to complete at home with an adult and bring back next week!**