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Introduction

Jesus said, *“Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven”* Matthew 19:14.

This is the great commission that the Lord left us when He was here on earth. The great work of bringing the Savior to all the children who are around us and do not yet know Him.

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6.

We are surrounded by children who do not know the way to the truth. They are imprisoned in crimes and sins, lost in this world that leads to perdition.

Each of these children, has no one who guides them or who preaches to them so that their lives may be changed as they come out of the abyss, they find themselves in.

When Jesus said, *“Go and preach the gospel to every creature,”* He included the children of our time in this command.

But how can we teach them?

The Bible says, *“And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.”* Deuteronomy 6:6-7.

God wants every child of tender age to be His child, to be adopted into His family. Young though they may be, the youth may be members of the household of faith and have a most precious experience. They may have hearts that are tender and ready to receive impressions that will be lasting. They may have their hearts drawn out in confidence and love for Jesus, and live for the Saviour. Christ will make them little missionaries. The whole current of their thought may be changed, so that sin will not appear a thing to be enjoyed, but to be shunned and hated. – CT 169.2

An eminent divine was once asked how old a child must be before there was reasonable hope of his being a Christian. “Age has nothing to do with it,” was the answer. “Love to Jesus, trust, repose, confidence, are all qualities that agree with the child’s nature. As soon as a child can love and trust his mother, then can he love and trust Jesus as the Friend of his mother. Jesus will be his Friend, loved and honored.” – CG 486.3

Help your children to prepare for the mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for those that love Him. Help them to fulfill God’s purpose for them. Let your training be such that it will help them to be an honor to the One who died to secure for them eternal life in the kingdom of God. Teach them to respond to the invitation, “Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” CG 488.4

We are living in the last days of this world’s history. The signs tell us every day that the end is near. Very soon we will go to the heavenly mansions with our Father.

Plagues, earthquakes and violence tell us that the day is near. The hearts of children and parents are open to hearing about Jesus.

That is why, as we do every year, we are about to start a special week of Children’s Evangelism dedicated to all children, especially those who have never heard of the Word of the Lord.

These conferences can be held in different places. They can be done in a brother’s home where he has space to hold these meetings, in some space in the church, outdoors in a park or in a room to do this work.

We can do it in small groups, with children we know, or also organize ourselves in slightly larger groups.

Another way would be by streaming the videos on Facebook or other media, or simply sharing the “The Bible Well” videos.

The important thing is to fulfill our task of preaching the gospel. We must look for people who are willing to do this.

This material includes:

- A small manual of Children’s Evangelism.
- Outline of the complete 7-day program.
- Summaries of each of the topics.
- The complete development of the 7 evangelistic programs.
- 9 songs related to the topics.
- 7 PowerPoint presentations with the full program.
- Suggestions for the one-year program.
- Activity book.
- Coloring book.
- Songbook.
- Children’s hymnal with all the Rescue songs, including guitar chords.
- 7 complete videos.
- A manual with lessons for a year.

All the videos and songs can be found on the following website: biblewell.org and on the various social media channels such as YouTube on the channel /biblewell.

We invite all brothers and sisters to pray fervently that the Lord may touch the hearts of the children who will come to hear each of the songs. Each church will schedule the topics according to its possibilities.

Let’s invite all of our friend’s children, children of members, and visitors to participate in these days.

If children early become familiar with the truths of God’s word, a barrier against ungodliness will be erected, and they will be able to meet the foe with the words, “It is written.” God bless all the brothers and sisters and let us pray that God may open our hearts. GW 208.2

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“The Greatest Trip”

≡ General Objectives:

≡ That the child may:

- Learn that we will soon make a great trip to heaven.
- Understand that we must be prepared for that great journey.
- Feel the desire to go to heaven to live with Jesus.

≡ Time: 7 days

≡ Theme Song: “The Greatest Trip”

≡ Theme Verse: “....Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!” Revelation 22:20.

≡ General Program:

	Title	Main Lesson	Goals of the day	Bible Story Verse	Memory Verse	Song	Complementary activity
1	Jesus traveled to die for me	Jesus is coming to save me.	Learn that Jesus gave His life in our place.	Exodus 14, Luke 1:37, Romans 3:23, 1. Corinthians 10:13, Luke 1:37, Deut. 31:6, Matthew 28:20, Luke 1:37	This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. 1 Timothy 1:15	Come and Join Me God of Heaven	1. Draw what God did for man on earth. 2. Write the text of John 3:16 in parts and draw each of the parts.
2	Jesus went to prepare a place for me	Jesus is preparing a place for us.	Learn that Jesus is preparing a place for us.	John 14:1-3, 1. Corinthians 2:9, Acts 1:9, Revelation 21:11-12, 18, 21, Revelation 21:4, Isaiah 25:8, John 1:12	In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. John 14:2	Come let me invite you	1. Draw Jesus ascending to heaven. 2. Complete and discover the message.
3	Signs of the great trip	Signs of the coming of Jesus.	Understand that the signs tell us that Jesus is coming soon.	John 14:2, Luke 21:25, Great Controversy, pp. 383.2-385.2	For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Hebrews 10:37	Jesus is coming soon	1. Make a collage about the signs of the coming of Jesus 2. Draw the Covid-19 virus. Write in large letters: “The plagues are signs that Jesus is coming soon.”
4	Prepared for the trip	We must always be ready for the coming of Jesus.	Understand that we must be prepared for that great journey.	Matthew 25:1, Matthew 25:4-7, Matthew 7:20, Galatians 5:22-23, Revelation 22:17, The wedding party	Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Matthew 24:44	Ready	1. Make a list with activities we must do for the great trip 2. Draw the things you need to do to prepare for the great trip. Do you remember what things they are?

5	Jesus is coming to pick me up for the trip	We will soon see Jesus coming in the clouds.	Know what Jesus' second coming will be like.	Matthew 24:44, Matthew 24:42, 72, 73, Matthew 24:27, Isaiah 25:9, 1. Corinthians 15:55, Heaven, 48.4-75.3	Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. Revelation 1:7	I don't know when it'll be	1. Imagine what the coming of Jesus will be like. Draw it on a sheet. 2. Draw the face of those who do not wait for the coming of Jesus.
6	A special trip with gifts upon arrival	We will go to heaven with Jesus where we'll receive a crown and harp of victory	Learn that the Lord will always be with us.	Romans 3:23, Early Writings, 15, 16, Revelation 1:5-6, 2. Timothy 4:8, Revelation 2:17, John 3:16	Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. 2 Timothy 4:8.	When I Get There	1. Draw the gifts that Jesus will give us when we reach heaven. 2. Write the memory text on a small card.
7	The Great Heavenly City	The Lord has a new home prepared for each of His children.	Learn what the land will be like where we will live.	Revelation 21:1, 1. Corinthians 2:9, 1 Corinthians 13:12, Isaiah 11:6-9, Heaven, ch. 15, Upward Look, 78, Counsels on Stewardship, 348	He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. Revelation 21:7	I Want to Go	1. Draw the great city of gold that God is preparing for us. 2. Discover the Bible verse

≡ Bible Lesson Nº 1

..... JESUS TRAVELED TO DIE FOR ME

≡ **Bible References:** Psalms 33:6; Romans 5:12; James 4:17; Romans 3:23; 1. John 4:14; Isaiah 9:6; 1. Timothy 1:15.

≡ **Main Lesson:** “Jesus is Coming to Save Me”.

≡ Specific objectives

At the end of the lesson, children will be able to:

- Understand that Jesus came to save sinners.
- Learn that Jesus gave His life in our place.
- Invite Jesus to live in our heart.

≡ **Memory Verse:** “...*Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.*”
1 Timothy 1:15

≡ Materials

1. Drawings for the lesson.
2. Motto song of the day and memory verse in illustrative pictures.
3. Illustrative materials for the time of prayer.
4. Memories with the verse of the day for each child to take home.
5. Materials for manual activities.

≡ Program Development

1. Welcome. Welcome everyone in a friendly, cheerful, and fun way, greeting all children as a group and in a general way. Introduce yourself and all the teachers who will be in charge during the activity to the children.

2. Musical moment: Start teaching cheerful songs that can motivate the group. You may use a greeting song. The suggestion for this series is, “Come and Join Me.” You can review the songs from previous years.

One option is to teach “We’re Happy”, “Oh What Joy”, “Hallelujah” etc.

It is important to have a space to teach the song of the day related to the topic. The song of the day is: “God of Heaven.” You may find suggestions for songs to teach in the manual.

3. Lesson

3. 1. Introduction

Our series this year is titled: The Greatest Trip!

Have you ever been on a great trip?

Tell me, how have you traveled? (Let the kids talk...)

Yes, we can travel in many ways: By train, plane, boat, bus, car, with a horse-drawn cart, on a donkey, and there are other ways to travel.

The Bible tells us about a very important trip that we will go on very soon! But, before that, I have to tell you about another trip that happened a long time ago which we need to know about so that you can go on the next trip.

3. 2 Lesson Development

When God created the world, He made everything perfect: Plants, flowers, animals, man and woman. Everything was beautiful and perfect!!!

Everything we see in nature was created by God for all of us. He did it so that we would live happily on this earth and enjoy all that was created for our good.

How beautiful it is to enjoy nature, plants, flowers, friends, family, right?

And what about you? Do you enjoy all that God did?... God's creation is so wonderful!

Let me ask you... do you like animals? What is your favorite animal? Lions, dolphins, cats, dogs, parrots? (We wait for response).

What about the flowers? The fruits? What is your favorite fruit? Surely there are many that you like and many that you haven't even tried yet.

Did you know that every country has fruits that might not be found in other countries? This happens because the climate has characteristics that are different from other countries. For example: in Canada in the wintertime, there is a lot of snowfall; and, in some places, such as Africa, people have never seen snow. In Peru there is quinoa, which is a great food, but in other countries they do not know quinoa.

It is interesting to know that God has done wonderful things in nature and that He gives us what we need according to where we live.

How wonderful our Lord is! He has created everything for our benefit!

You know what? The Bible tells us how God created all of this. In Psalm 33:6 it says, *"By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth."*

In Eden nothing was missing, everything had been created perfect. Everything was beautiful! Adam and Eve lived happily. They loved spending time with all the animals. Adam was the one who named each of the animals. In addition, the plants never withered, nor died. The flowers sported their beautiful colors, the lawn was a very beautiful bright green. Adam and Eve's home was beautiful, they lived in the garden of Eden.

So that they could continue to enjoy all that beauty, God told man something very important: "Do not separate yourself from Eve. They must always walk together." He also told them that they could eat everything that was in Eden. All the fruits were for them to eat; but there was one, just one, that God told them that they couldn't eat. You know, what was it? (Wait for answer) Yes, it was the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil!

God had clearly given them that command and said that if they ate from that tree they were going to die.

And what do you think they did?... (Wait for response).

How sad! They did not obey God and ate of the fruit of the forbidden tree! Because they were disobedient, God took them out of the beautiful Garden of Eden. Now they were far from God and could not enjoy all the good that God had done to them.

Man had disobeyed God and that is called sin; and so sin entered the earth. Now all humans were lost. The Bible says, *"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."* (Romans 5:12).

So what is sin? The Bible tells us, *"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law"* (1. John 3:4).

Sins are all the bad things we do, say, or think. All of that is sin. James says, *"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."* (James 4:17).

Surely you know some sins that children and adults do, such as: stealing, fighting, saying bad words, being jealous, being proud, selfish, lying...

What sins have you committed? Don't say it, but take a moment to think about what bad things have you done?

The apostle Paul says, *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."* (Romans 3:23).

How terrible! Now, we too, are far from God.

But wait! Don't be worried! Because God made a plan for us to have fellowship with Him again. So that we may be children of God again.

Do you know what the plan is? The plan is that God allowed Jesus to make a super special trip here to earth to die in place of all sinners.

Only in this way could man become a child of God again. The Bible says, *"...That the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world."* (1 John 4:14).

Yes! The only solution was for someone from heaven to come to earth to save all of lost humanity!

And Jesus was the special chosen one to make that trip. He left everything in heaven to fulfill that mission.

How wonderful! How beautiful it is to know that God had a plan for me, to save me!

That's also in the Bible: *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."* (Romans 6:23).

God wants us to be saved through Jesus.

How will God have carried out this plan?

What was that trip like? We don't know. But I can tell you what Jesus' life was like and how He came into the world:

An angel introduced himself to Mary and told her that she was going to have a baby. He told her that this baby was very special because it was going to save the world. She was single, but she was engaged and about to be married. God chose her because she was so special. And God blessed her greatly.

One day he was born, but not like all children in homes or hospitals. He was born in a manger, where the animals live. In a stable. But he was not born as king of kings, but as an ordinary child.

Some realized that He was born. Do you know who they were? They were the shepherds of Bethlehem, the angels who sang, and the magicians who visited and worshipped him.

Do you know the whole story of Jesus? Of course, you have surely heard many times about how Jesus was born and how he lived here on earth.

Isaiah says, *"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."* (Isaiah 9:6).

He came with a mission: to be the Savior of the world!

Jesus did many things when He was on this earth: He healed the sick, He worked miracles, He walked in different places. But not everyone knew that He was God who had come to this earth to save the world. Many did not understand the mission he had on this earth.

One day he had to die, because that was part of the plan of salvation.

You know what? When He was on earth, He never sinned or did anything evil. He lived His life on earth to help others: He healed the sick, raised the dead, and taught all who listened to him.

But He was still condemned and had to die. However, on the third day, He was resurrected just as He had told his followers. Everything was accomplished according to God's plan. Now, God's plan was complete. Through Jesus all men can be saved.

What a wonderful salvation plan!

Jesus came into this world to give His life for all sinners.

The apostle Paul says, *"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."* (1 Timothy 1:15).

We are all sinners and Jesus also died for us, even though He did so many years ago.

When we sin, He intercedes for us, as if taking our place; but, we have to give the Lord our life. We have to let God live in us.

After telling Jesus to live in our hearts forever, we have to ask the Lord for forgiveness for all of our sins. Only if we repent and ask for forgiveness does He forgive us and cleanse us of evil.

Remember, the Bible says, *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”* (John 3:16).

Don’t forget, we must believe in Jesus. We must believe that God sent His Son to die in my place and in your place. If we accept this, then through Him we can be made children of God.

Are you willing to accept Jesus as your only Savior?

If you want to, you can do it right now.

Want to pray? Pray with me: “Our Father who is in heaven, sanctified be Thy name. Thank you for sending your son Jesus to die in my place. Now I ask you to live in my heart. I ask you for forgiveness for all of my sins. For all the bad things I’ve done and said. For lying, disobeying, stealing, saying bad words. In the name of Jesus. Amen.”

4. Teaching the Memory Verse

This moment is important, as we are engraving the very word of God in the minds of the children.

- **Introduction:** Today we will learn a small portion of God’s Word, found in the Bible. Today we have learned that Jesus made the journey to earth to save all sinners, and this is what today’s verse speaks of: *“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.”* (1 Timothy 1:15). We can write it on a large piece of paper or illustrate parts of the text. Follow all the instructions in the manual. Remember that, within this material, you have the illustrations and the texts, ready to be printed. The memory verse section may be done before or after the lesson.
- **Presentation:** Display the Bible verse as a visual. Allow someone to read it. Then look for it in the Bible and have one of those present read it again. Show that it is written in the Bible.
- **Explanation:** Explain in each part of the text in detail so that the students may understand it better.” Christ left heaven and came to die for us. We are all sinners, even I am a sinner. I’m the first.”
- **Application:** “As you know we are all sinners and Jesus came to save us. How wonderful! Jesus died for me and also for you because we are sinners. Do you remember what sin is?” “Sin is all the bad things we say and do. This is why we are far from God.” “Jesus came to die; and, thanks to him, we are now children of God.
- **Repetition:** Invite children to read the text by repeating it several times. Repetition should be joyful with enthusiasm and understanding. Suggestions for repetition: First men will repeat, then women; then all, then the tall, the medium, those with shoes, etc.

5. Moment of Prayer

Continuing with the program, without taking a break, hold the moment of prayer.

At this time we will briefly devote ourselves to teaching prayer. As it may be the first time they pray, teach in a simple and easy way. If the group of children has already been present in other evangelistic campaigns, then we will avoid this step.

For example: What a good time for us to take some time to talk to God! When we want to talk to God, we can do it because He always listens to us. We call this prayer.

To pray is to talk to God as with a friend. Together we will talk to God today.

Let’s pray. (Remember to always speak in the plural: “we,” including gratitude and for always listening to us.) We can teach a song to prepare for this moment. In the children’s hymn you will find the song entitled “The Prayer Song”, or “Waiting for the Prayer”.

6. Activities

Children Ages 8+:

1. Illustrate what God did for us by drawing an image.
2. Read the text of John 3:16 carefully and then illustrate each part of the text, thus completing the picture. *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”* John 3:16.

Children Ages 0 – 7: Color the drawing.

7. Games:

When our Bible activity is not done on the Sabbath, we can play some games. This allows us to get closer to our students and create a more friendly relationship to reach their hearts.

≡ Bible Lesson N° 2

..... JESUS Went to Prepare a Place For Me

≡ **Bible References:** John 14:1-3; 1. Corinthians 2:9; Acts 1:9; Revelation 21:11-12, 18, 21; Revelation 21:4; Isaiah 25:8; John 1:12.

≡ **Main Lesson:** “Jesus is preparing a place for us”.

≡ Specific objectives

At the end of the lesson, children will be able to:

- Learn that Jesus is preparing a place for us.
- Understand why Jesus is preparing a place for us.
- Have the desire to go and live with Jesus in heaven.

≡ **Memory Verse:** *“In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.”* (John 14:2).

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Welcome everyone in a friendly, cheerful, and fun way, greeting all children as a group and in a general way. Introduce yourself and all the teachers who will be in charge during the activity to the children.

2. Musical moment:

Start by teaching cheerful songs that can motivate the group. You may use a greeting song for this occasion. You can review the songs from previous years.

One option is to teach: “We’re Happy”, “Oh, What Joy”, “Hallelujah” etc.

It is important to set apart time to teach the song of the day related to the topic. The song of the day is, “Let me invite you.” You may read suggestions for songs to teach in the manual. Also remember the theme song of the series.

3. Lesson:

3. 1. Introduction:

Today I want to ask you a question: Where would you like to live a long time?

Have you visited wonderful places where you want to stay and live?

I like the sea! I could watch it for hours; and, of course, I would love to live there, right by the sea, every day.

When I think about that, I want to run out to see the sea.

Today we will study about: What Jesus did after He died for us on the cross. What a special gift He is preparing!

Lesson

3. 2. Lesson Development:

When Jesus lived on earth, he lived with some helpers or companions. He called them disciples. They traveled everywhere with Jesus and learned a lot from him.

Jesus was preparing them, so that when He was no longer here, they would continue to do the work He had begun.

Together they preached in different villages. Jesus healed the sick and raised the dead. He performed many miracles and talked about how beautiful God's love for each of His children is.

One day Jesus told them that He would soon go to heaven to live with God. At first they didn't understand why He was telling them that. They didn't understand what God's purpose was. They actually became sad because their Master would no longer be accompanying, teaching them the many things they had learned. I'm sure they said to him: Master, don't leave! Stay with us! But Jesus came to earth with a purpose and He had to fulfill it.

Then Jesus said to them:

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."(John 14:1-3).

So they understood that Jesus was telling them that He would go to heaven to prepare a place for His children, so that they too could go and live with Him. This brought peace to their souls as they hoped that they would soon see Him again.

A few days and several events passed. Among the things that happened was the death of Jesus. Then He resurrected. Do you remember that story? I'm sure you do!

Jesus was with the disciples again for 40 more days. No one else saw Him, only His disciples and His mother Mary. (P.E., p. 191).

He spoke to them about many of things. Then He gave them some instructions, said goodbye to them and went to heaven. The Bible tells us how this happened. In Acts 1:9, it says, *"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight."*

You know what? That cloud that lifted him up were many angels who accompanied Him triumphantly to heaven. (D.T.G., p. 771).

Jesus went to heaven and the disciples watched sadly as He ascended. They struggled to see Him because He was slowly rising up into the sky. Suddenly, two men dressed in white, who were angels, said to them, *"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."* (Acts 1:11)

You know what? Jesus is now in heaven. He went there to prepare a place for all of us to go and live with Him. Can you imagine what heaven will be like? (Let the kids express some things.)

I imagine it will be wonderful. Everything will be perfect, full of flowers, indescribable landscapes, green trees full of fruits, flying butterflies, animals playing. And how do you imagine it?...

The Bible says:

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."(1 Corinthians 2:9).

We have never seen anything like it! That place will be wonderful! Even if we close our eyes and imagine a wonderful place, we will not be able to know exactly what heaven will be like. Also, have you seen any pictures or drawings of what heaven will be like? Did you like it? (Present a picture of what heaven will be like). If you liked this painting, heaven will be much more beautiful. Would you like to be there?

You know what? After some time, Jesus showed in vision, to his beloved friend John, what heaven will be like. He tells us what it's like there:

"Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; 12And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: And the building of the wall

of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.” (Revelation 21:11-12, 18, 21).

Can you imagine? It will be even more beautiful than what we dream of!

A brilliant city! With many precious stones: jasper, sapphire, agate, emerald, onyx, cornaline, chrysolite, beryl, topaz, chrysophase, hyacinth and amethyst. With pearl doors, angels, gold everywhere. A beauty like no other!

Do you know the gemstones? (Show some photos of them).

There in heaven there will also be a river that is as clean as glass, and trees that stand majestic and tall. There will also be beautiful water fountains.

There will be fields full of beautiful flowers that never wither, the forests will be so beautiful that they will no longer be scary, the field will be a vivid green color and with reflections of silver and gold.

In that lovely meadow there will be many animals: the lion and the lamb, the leopard and the wolf, all playing together in perfect harmony. Imagine, that a child will be able to lead them!

Today, we don't have anything like that on earth. Yes, we see beautiful flowers, but when they are cut they wither. Lovely fields, but if we do not water them, they dry up. We see lions but they eat the sheep and they may even eat us if we get too close.

In the new heaven and the new earth, the houses will be silver with columns of pearls. Some with gold shelves. In this beautiful place there will be many trees such as boxwood, pine, fir, olive, myrtle, plywood and fig tree folded under the weight of their mature figs, all embellishing that place. Many other fruits that we do not know will also be there...

In addition, there will be a temple supported by transparent gold columns with beautiful pearls. The most beautiful thing about that place is that there will be no more death, no sadness, no pain, no illness, no one will cry anymore because *“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”* (Revelation 21:4).

That's amazing! How wonderful it will be to be in a place where there will be no death of our loved ones, no fights, no pain!

How many times have you suffered? Have you been saddened by something unjust they did to you or did to others? Or maybe you were saddened by the death of your pet or loved ones?

There is a special news from God for you: *“He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.”* (Isaiah 25:8).

Children will also receive many wonderful things in heaven: white clothes, golden crowns, harps, etc.

How good it is to know that God wants something better for all of us!

How many want to live in heaven? Of course! You want to live there in heaven!

Now we can only imagine that beautiful place, but very soon we will be able to live there and we will be able to enjoy all these things.

A long time ago Jesus came to die for us so that together we can make that great trip to heaven and live with Him. How special it will be to live with Jesus forever!

You know what? Jesus came to this earth with a mission: To die for us so that we may be children of God again. He left heaven to come to this earth. This was His important rescue plan to save us.

He was born as a baby. He lived here on earth doing God's will and never did anything wrong. He taught everyone to love God. He healed the sick. He loved all who came to Him. However, He was condemned and died on the cross.

He didn't have to die, but He did it in our place. He did it for us, so that we might become children of God again.

So how can we be children of God today? Jesus reveals the secret to us in the Bible. Do you want to know that secret?... (take out the Bible and read the verse).

“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:”(John 1:12).

Yes, we just have to believe that Jesus is God and that He died in our place. Do you believe that Jesus is God and that He died in your place?

The verse said, “But as many as believed and received Him...” How are we to believe and receive Jesus? Great question! In the heart. And what does this mean? It is to accept Him in our hearts as Savior and Lord. When we let Jesus live in our hearts, He entitles us to be children of God. It gives us the privilege of being able to live and enjoy the big city He is preparing for us.

Are you willing to live with Him in heaven forever? You just have to let Jesus live in your heart. Accept that gift from God for you. And you will be able to live and enjoy in that beautiful home forever.

Want to do it now? I can help you. Pray with me.

“Our Father who art in heaven, sanctified be Thy name. I thank you that you sent Jesus to die for me on the cross. Thank you that you rose again and are now in heaven. I apologize for all the bad things I have said and done. Forgive me all of my sins.

I want Jesus to live in my heart. I want to be a child of God. Thank you for giving me another chance. In the name of Jesus. Amen.”

Very soon we will be making this great trip to heaven. And we will go to live with Jesus because He lives in our hearts and we in His. Jesus comes for you and for me! Jesus is coming to save us!

4. Teaching the Memory Verse

This moment is important, as we are engraved the Word of God into the minds of our children.

You can do it in an illustrated way, with drawings, or written. The idea we give you is that you divide it by part and write it on large cards.

Follow all the instructions in the manual. Remember that, within this material, you may find the illustrations and the texts, ready to print.

The memory verse may be learned before or after the lesson.

- **Introduction:** Today we will learn a small portion of God’s Word, it is written in the Bible in John 14:2 We have learned that Jesus is preparing a city for all his children. The verse says, *“In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.”* (John 14:2).
- **Presentation:** Display the Bible verse as a visual. Ask someone to read it. Then look for it in the Bible and have one of those present read it again. Show that it is written in the Bible.
- **Explanation:** Explain each part of the verse in detail for our students to better understand the Bible verse. Jesus made a trip to heaven to make a house for us. He told us this when he was here in this world, and it is true because otherwise, he would have said otherwise. He went to prepare a place for each of us to live in. And, are you ready to live there?
- **Repetition:** Invite children to read the text by repeating it several times. Repetition should be joyful with enthusiasm and understanding. Suggestions for repetition: First boys will repeat, then girls; then all, then the tall, the medium, those with shoes, etc.
- **Application:** When Jesus went to heaven, He told us what He would do. He went to prepare a home or dwelling for each of His children. We just have to accept the salvation that God offers us through His son Jesus. How wonderful it is to live with Jesus forever! I’m already waiting for the time to come for us to live with Him in that city He’s preparing for me!

5. Moment of Prayer

Continuing with the program, without an intermission, hold the moment of prayer. At this time, we will briefly devote ourselves to teaching prayer.

Today we will talk about how we must always be grateful to God for all the blessings He has for His children.

Explain what we have to be grateful for. For example: the food we have, the house God gives us, our parents or relatives, our friends, etc.

But, if the group of children has already been present in other evangelistic campaigns, then reinforce the teachings given above. For example: "What a good time for us to take some time to talk to God! When we want to talk to God we can do it because He always listens to us. Yesterday we learned to pray. And there is something we must never forget when we talk to God. What is it? Yes, it is to thank God for all that He gives us."

Do you want to help me think about what we can thank God for? We can thank Him for our parents or the people who care for us. We can thank Him for the food and for nature. There is so much to thank God for!

You can bring different images to help the children choose things to thank God for.

Remember to always speak in the plural. Use the word “us” and “we”, making sure to give thanks for coming and listening. We can teach a song to prepare for this moment. In the children’s hymnal, you will find the song entitled “The Prayer Song” or “Waiting for the Prayer”.

6. Activities

Children + 8:

1. In today's story we have studied that Jesus went to prepare a place for us.

Draw Jesus ascending to heaven. DO NOT forget the disciples.

2. COMPLETE AND DISCOVER: Write the missing word in each sentence and circle the indicated letter of the word that was completed. Write each enclosed letter in the last column at the end of this activity to discover a special message.

1.	-- S -- died for me.	1st letter
2.	The _ N _ E _ _ sang in heaven.	4th letter
3.	Jesus _ _ _ _ _ the sick.	5th letter
4.	Jesus died for _ O _.	3rd letter
5.	Joseph and Mary were His _ A R _ _ T _	7th letter
6.	Jesus _ A _ E to earth and lived 33 years.	1st letter
7.	Jesus resurrected _ _ the third day.	1st letter
8.	Jesus is preparing _ A _ IO _ S for us to live in, in Heaven.	1st letter
9.	We must receive Jesus in our H _ _ R _ S	2nd letter
10.	Jesus hears our P _ AY _ _ _	7th letter
11.	In heaven we will live _ _ _ E V _ R	1st letter
12.	We will wear white R _ _ E _	2nd letter
13.	In heaven, we will be _ _ E E from sin	2nd letter
14.	We will hear T _ U _ P _ _ _ sound when Jesus comes to earth	4th letter
15.	Thanks to Jesus, I can be _ AV _ D	4th letter

El hermoso mensaje es:

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Children Ages 0 – 7: Color the drawing.

7. Games:

When our Biblical activity is not done on the Sabbath, we can play some games. This allows us to have a closer relationship with our students and create a more friendly environment to reach their hearts.

≡ Bible Lesson Nº 3

Signs of the Great Trip

≡ **Bible References:** John 14:2; Luke 21:25; Great Controversy, p. 383.2-385.2.

≡ **Main Lesson:** “Signs of the Coming of Jesus”.

≡ Specific objectives

At the end of the topic, children will be able to:

- Understand that the signs tell us that Jesus is coming soon.
- Know the signs of the coming of Jesus.
- Decide to wait for the coming of Jesus.

≡ **Memory Verse:** “*For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.*” (Hebrews 10:37).

≡ Materials

1. Drawings for the lesson.
2. Motto song of the day and memory verse in illustrative pictures.
3. Illustrative materials for the time of prayer.
4. Memories with the verse of the day for each child to take home.
5. Materials for manual activities.

≡ Program Development

1. Welcome:

Welcome everyone in a cheerful and fun way, greeting all children as a group and in a general way. Remember and emphasize this week’s theme of evangelism: “THE GREAT JOURNEY!” Briefly review what we learned in the previous topic about the journeys that Jesus took to save us.

2. Musical moment:

Start by teaching cheerful songs that can motivate the group. You may use a greeting song at this time. You can review the songs from previous years.

One option is to teach “We’re Happy”, “Oh, What Joy”, “Hallelujah” etc.

Set apart time to teach the song of the day “Jesus is Coming Soon.” Look in the manual for instructions on how to do it.

3. Lesson

3.1 Introduction:

(Bring prepared suitcases)

Hello children! Look, I’m ready to go on a trip! (show the suitcase).

As you know, this week’s theme is “The Greatest Trip”! and I definitely want to go on a trip!

Would you also like to go on a trip to the Heavenly Home?

Are you ready for the trip? Are you ready?

I know you want to go to live with Jesus in heaven very soon.
We will go on this trip very, very soon.
So when will that trip be? What date and what time?
We will look at that in today's topic.
Come!

3.2 Lesson Development

One day, after walking through different places and having been in the temple, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives to rest.

A long time ago, when Jesus was on this earth and walked with His disciples, He told them about the Heavenly Homeland.

He told them that He would return to heaven to be with His Heavenly Father, but He would also go to prepare a special place for every boy and girl, and for all the people who wished to live with Him forever happy in heaven, where everything is beautiful and full of love, where there are no tears, no death, and no pain. Only true happiness!

Upon hearing this, they had been left thinking -- what do you think they wanted? Do you think they longed to be in heaven? Of course! They were happy to receive the news: **THEY WERE INVITED TO GO ON A TRIP TO THE HEAVENLY HOMELAND!** and not only them, but all of US who wish to go to heaven are invited as well.

But you know what? The disciples approached Jesus to ask him some questions: How will we know when you will return to earth Lord? When will the trip be? What day and time?

Jesus answered them, *"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."* (Matthew 24:36).

Then the disciples said to Jesus, "What **SIGNS** will there be of your return to earth to seek us to go and live with you in heaven?

Dear boy, dear girl: Do you know what the signs of Jesus' coming are? (Let the children speak).
Maybe, you've already heard something.

Remember that we learned that Jesus took a great trip to earth to save us?

When he was here, he said he would go prepare a place for us to go and live with him in heaven. He promised, *"In my Father's house there are many dwellings; if it weren't, I would have told you; I am therefore going to prepare a place for you"* (John 14:2).

But when would this be?

The disciples wanted to know more and more about what all these events would be like. How interested they were in going on this great trip! Although they would not know the day or time of the journey, it was at least necessary to know the **SIGNS** that indicated the second coming of Jesus to earth to take those who were prepared to make the **GREAT TRIP TO HEAVEN**.

Then, Jesus began to give them some hints of when He would come.

These signs of the coming of Jesus are written in the Bible and you can also find them there.

The **SIGNS** mentioned by Jesus and their fulfillment are:

1. *"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations,"* (Luke 21:25). (Show the poster where this sign is written or illustrated).

Could it be that any of this has happened? Has it already been fulfilled? Is it being fulfilled? Or will it be fulfilled?

THE SIGN IN THE SUN. Yes, it has already been fulfilled! Long ago in North America, on May 19, 1780, this day was recorded in history as the dark day... Shortly before lunchtime the whole earth went dark, as if it were night... Animals returned to the barn to sleep, birds to their nests, workers re-

turned home, children were dismissed from schools and fled to their homes in fear. It was all so dark and they had to turn on the street lights and houses.

It was something that had never happened before! It was supernatural! Many people were very afraid because it seemed to be night at lunchtime. Can you imagine that?

This darkness disappeared a little at dusk, but when the sun hid again, a terrifying darkness covered the earth; although that night was a full moon, you could not see anything.

THE SIGN OF THE MOON. This sign has also already been fulfilled, followed by the darkening of the sun, when, after midnight, the darkness disappeared, the moon was seen again and seemed the color of blood. (20 May 1780). This was another event that no one expected and which the Bible prophesied would happen. The signs that Jesus is coming soon are being fulfilled, just as Jesus mentioned it.

THE SIGNS IN THE STARS. It was also fulfilled, on November 13, 1833. This was also a never-before-seen event!

It was a night with a very starry sky. The whole sky could be seen very clear. When, suddenly, all the stars in the sky began to move. It was a display of shooting stars that men had never contemplated. It was as if there was a shower of stars. What is a shooting star? It is a star that appears to move very fast and disappears immediately.

I'm sure we are surprised when we see a shooting star. It's wonderful to see one, but can you imagine seeing millions?

Everyone was frightened in that moment and remembered that they were signs of Jesus' coming. But will there be more signs that Jesus is coming soon?

The Bible goes on to tell us:

2. *"For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places."* (Matthew 24:5-7). (Display illustrations depicting these signals.)

Yes!, We find a lot of deception on earth now.

Many people deceive, even when they teach messages from the Bible. There are many falsehoods that people teach.

Some people say, I am the Christ and deceive people who truly believe in Jesus.

You've also surely heard that there are wars, where many children die, or are left without a dad, mom or siblings. Many countries fight and say: Let's go to war! Their armies prepare to fight.

Have you seen anything like that?

All of that is happening every day.

How many children in the world do not even have to eat! There is more and more hunger on earth.

Children starve as they walk the streets, asking for something to eat, or digging up trash to find something to eat.

There are earthquakes in many countries: Japan, Chile, Argentina; and sometimes there are even tsunamis where many people die.

These are all signs of the end of this world.

3. *"... and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places,"* (Matthew 24:7).

Do you know what a plague is?

They are diseases that affect a large number of humans or animals, and many die as a result.

Surely, you've just thought about a plague that is affecting the entire planet today.

Everyone today is talking about the coronavirus or covid-19. Do you know what it is? It's a virus that affects the world today.

Many people have died of coronavirus, and many more were sick.

This disease that was born in China traveled all over the world, and it is in our country as well.

You know what? The coronavirus or Covid-19 is not the only plague that exists today. There are many viruses such as influenza, AIDS, measles, smallpox, etc. For some plagues, a cure has already been found, but for many of them there is none.

The coronavirus has affected the world so much that many children are unable to go out on the streets, go to school, walk, or go out to visit their relatives.

There are other signs about the coming of Jesus:

- There will be a lot of gluttony; people who just want to eat, and have fun.
- There will also be violence. It's sad how many people beat and even kill other people!
- In nature, you see many disasters: cyclones, hurricanes, tsunamis, and fires everywhere.
- Hail, larger and larger hailstorms!
- Large fireballs will also fall from the sky.

But did you know that God has a purpose in allowing these calamities to occur? For "They are one of His means of calling men and women to their senses. By unusual workings through nature God will express to doubting human agencies that which He clearly reveals in His Word." (Last Day Events/Manuscript Releases 19:279, 1902).

Everything that happens in this world God knows it and knows why it happens!

God wants us to know that soon, very soon, Jesus is coming to look for his children to go and live with Him.

But, don't be distressed by all this because Jesus in the Bible left a message for you.

In Matthew 24:6 it says, *"You will have news that there are wars here and there; but don't panic, for that's how it has to happen."*

We must not be frightened, all this has to happen. God is in control of everything!

Many people must realize that Jesus is already coming.

Every time you hear some of these signs, remember that Jesus will soon come to find all his children, all those who love Him and want to go live with Him.

The signs are there. We just have to be prepared to go on that great journey we will make with Jesus.

Are you ready to make that trip? Don't miss a moment! Hurry up and wait for the coming of Jesus!

Remember that today is the day for us to be ready for the BIG TRIP. Don't forget that:

1. We must give our hearts to the Lord.
2. We must let it live in us.
3. We must repent of all the bad things we do and say every day.
4. We must read his Word daily.
5. We must speak with God through prayer every day.
6. We must tell others what Jesus did for us on the cross.
7. Remember, that the signs of the second coming of Jesus, are already happening and that soon we will BEGIN THAT GREAT JOURNEY.

God bless you, strengthen you, and protect you with His holy angels, and let us be prepared and ready to TRAVEL TO HEAVEN with Him. amen.

4. Teaching the Memory Verse

Remember that this moment is important, as we are engraved in our children the very word of God in their minds.

One idea for today is to prepare the Bible verse on a scroll like those of antiquity.

You can also do it in an illustrated way i.e., illustrating every word in the text. Follow all the instruc-

tions in the manual. Remember that, within this material, you have the illustrations and the texts, ready to print.

The Bible verse may be learned before or after the lesson.

- **Introduction:** Today we have learned that Jesus left signs in the Bible for us to realize how far Jesus' coming is. In Hebrews 10:36 the text reads as follows:

- For yet a little while
- and he that shall come will come
- and will not tarry.
- Hebrews 10:37

There is very little time left until that great trip to heaven.

- **Presentation:** Display the Bible verse presented in a visual. Allow someone to read it. Then look for it in the Bible and have one of those present read it again. Show that it is written in the Bible. If you do it on a roll you can open it little by little or all at once for the children to see.
- **Explanation:** Explain in each part of the text in detail for better understanding of our students.
- How good it is to know that very little time is left until Jesus returns! And the Bible says it: it won't take long!
- **Application:** The signs are already there: plagues like the coronavirus, war, hunger and many more signs. Can you help me with a few more signs?

The Lord is not long in coming. We must be fully ready because the Lord is no longer slow.

And what about you, are you ready?

- **Repetition:**

Invite the children to read the text by repeating it several times. Repetition should be joyful, and not repetitive.

We can have the boys go first, then the girls, then everyone, then the tall, the medium, those who have shoes, etc. Using different repetition methods. You have to make your repetition a fun moment.

5. Moment of Prayer

Continuing with the program, without an intermission, hold the moment of prayer. At this time, we will devote ourselves to talking to God.

Today is the time to teach the children that we can ask God for what we need.

We can teach them what requests we can ask the Lord for. Also give the children the opportunity to share their requests.

For example:

A super special moment has come. The time to talk to God.

Remember what it's like to pray? It's talking to God as if to a friend.

We have also learned to give thanks for what we have received.

Many times we go through difficult times. It is in these moments that we pray to the Lord and ask Him for help in solving our difficulties.

The Bible says "ask and it will be given to you." It tells us that if we ask, He listens to us and answers us.

And what can we ask of the Lord?

We can ask Him for everything we need: for those who have needs, for the weak or sick, for our authorities and our parents, for our friends, and also for ourselves.

If you want to, you can remember this with the fingers of your hand. Do you have other requests to make to the Lord? Now it's time to pray. Pray.

(Remember to always speak in the plural, us, including words of thanks for their attention). We can teach a song to prepare for this moment. In the children's hymnal you will find the song entitled "The Prayer Song", or "Waiting for the Prayer".

6. Activities

- **Kids Ages 8+:** Make a big box to put it somewhere you want.

This painting will be a collage about the signs of Jesus' coming. You should look for images of wars, hungry children, earthquakes, children suffering in the cold, disease and others you want to look for.

You can paste them on a large piece of paper and put it on a wall or place you want.

Don't forget to give it a big title that says "Jesus is coming soon." The signs are being fulfilled!

2. Draw the Covid-19 virus and ask someone for help to write the following:

"Plagues are signs that Jesus is coming soon." Then, hang the poster in the place you want.

- **Children Ages 0-7:** Color the drawing on the signs of the coming of Jesus.

7. Games:

When our Bible activity is not done on the Sabbath, we can play some games. This allows us to come closer to our students and create a more friendly relationship to reach their hearts.

≡ Bible Lesson Nº 4

Prepared For the Trip

≡ **Bible References:** Matthew 7:20; Galatians 5:22-23; Revelation 22:17; Matthew 25:1; Matthew 25:4-7. The Wedding Feast.

≡ **Main Lesson:** “We must always be ready for the coming of Jesus”.

≡ Specific objectives

At the end of the topic, children will be able to:

- Understand that we must be prepared to go on this great trip any day.
- Understand what we need to go on this great trip.
- Decide to be prepared for the great trip.

≡ **Memory Verse:** *“Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.”* (Matthew 24:44).

≡ Materials

1. Drawings for the lesson.
2. Theme song of the day and memory verse in illustrative pictures.
3. Illustrative materials for the Moment of Prayer.
4. Memory verse for each child to take home.

≡ Program Development

1. Welcome: Welcome everyone in a cheerful and fun way, greeting all children as a group and in a general way. Introduce yourself and all the teachers who will be in charge during the activity to them. Briefly review some of the content learned in the past couple of days as the series has a recurrent theme.

Don't forget to highlight the title of the series: “THE GREATEST TRIP!”

2. Musical moment:

Start by teaching cheerful songs that can motivate the group. You may use a greeting song for this occasion. Don't forget to review the theme song of the series. You can also review the songs of previous years

Remember that each class has a new song. Today's song is: “Ready.”

3. Lesson:

3.1 Introduction:

(Pretend to be worried)

Oh no, I don't know.....! I'm worried! What do I have to bring for the trip?

Do you know which trip I'm talking about? Yes! The great trip to heaven!

Do you know what we have to take with us on this great trip? How can we prepare?

Could it be that I need something to be ready and prepared? Clothes, food or something special?

Today, we will talk about how we have to prepare ourselves and the danger we run of not being ready for the trip.

3.2 Lesson Development:

How many of you have attended a wedding?... (Let the children respond.) It's a beautiful feast, isn't it?... It's full of joy and happiness!

You know what? There are plenty of preparations that go into a wedding, and everyone is looking forward to the big day! Guests have bought elegant clothes and everyone is happy when they receive an invitation.

When that awaited day comes, we arrive at the wedding venue expectantly to see how everything will play out. Everyone anxiously awaits for the bride and groom to arrive in this great feast.

Do you know what a wedding was like in ancient times? The wedding was held at the groom's house or where the bride and groom would go to live. There everything was ready for the wedding feast.

The groom would then go out to pick up the bride at the house where she lived with her parents. He is dressed as a prince, and she is clothed beautifully. Both have put on special perfume and use special ornaments. It's a very special day! Everything is beautiful! There, at the bride's parents' house, the bride and groom's partner receive a blessing from her parents.

After that, they proceed to the house where they will live together. But as the streets were dark, beautiful ladies accompanied them with torches or lamps to illuminate the way. Those who do not have lamps can not accompany this procession through the streets until they reach the house where the wedding will be held. Then, they enter the house and the ceremony takes place where they commit to live together united in love as long as life lasts, to start a new family, and to build a new home.

But do you know what? One day Jesus was sitting with his disciples on a mountain; and, from there, he saw a very bright house where everything was ready for a big wedding feast. It was there, on the mountain, that Jesus began to tell his disciples the story of a wedding feast.

He said: "Ten unmarried and beautiful women, beautifully dressed were ready, waiting for the groom to come to attend the wedding party.

They waited on the way, ready to join the feast, but the groom was very late. They had oil lamps that they needed in order to accompany the bride and groom to the their new home. (Matthew 25:1).

You know what? When Jesus told this story, He also spoke to us, for we are like these beautiful women.

We know that Jesus is coming soon. Remember the signs we studied earlier about the coming of Jesus? We also know that we are going to go and live in heaven with Him and that we must prepare for that trip through space like these beautiful women who went to the wedding.

A super special trip with thousands of angels and Jesus in the clouds is about to take place! Are we ready to live with Christ?

All the women had lamps with oil. In this group of beautiful women there were two kinds of people: five of them were wise and five of them were foolish or careless.

The wise women said: I have to fill my lamp with extra oil in case I need it.

But the others came out quickly and did not check how much oil their lamps had or said, "This is probably enough oil."

Remember I told you earlier that only women whose lamps were lit could go to the wedding feast?

They didn't know how long the journey would take. That's why some women had extra oil in case it was needed.

I'm sure it has happened to you that you go for a walk and decide to wear a coat in case it cools down, but your brother says: Don't wear it! But after a few hours, the weather changes and you've noticed that your brother is freezing because he did not wear his coat.

The lamps they had symbolize the word of God. All who wait for Jesus anxiously study the word of God to always do His will, for it is the only way to know what His will is. Therefore, we study the Book He has left us. That book is the Holy Bible! There we find many tips about how to live longer and better. It also gives us tips to have success in life and most importantly, God speaks to us and tells us

how our life should be through His word. He also speaks to us and tells us about Jesus, about God's great plan to rescue us.

These beautiful ladies not only had lamps but also oil. Do you know what oil symbolizes? The oil symbolizes the Holy Spirit.

When we let Jesus come into our lives, we open our hearts for the Holy Spirit to live and work in our lives. He speaks to our conscience and shows us when we act wrongly, tells us what to do; and if we had turned away from God, He helps us to return to Him.

Therefore, it is necessary to have the lamp and oil to go on this great trip. But it is up to each of us to decide which group we want to be in; whether with the wise or foolish (careless) women.

We can know of God's word and do God's will, always letting Jesus live in our lives. Or we can be foolish, know about God, but not let Him live in our lives forever. Which will you be?

Let's continue with today's story:

The groom was very slow, and had not yet come to pick up the bride. The women began to fall asleep from having to wait so long. Some lamps began to go out. Other lamps were still on. Suddenly, loud voices were heard saying: The groom is coming! Wake up! He's coming! Let's go to the feast! Then, all the women checked on their lamps.

The wise ones had their lamps on, ready to travel to the new home. But the fools were desperate because they realized they no longer had oil.

Time had passed and their lamps were already being turned off (Matthew 25:4-7). What sadness and anguish for them! It was now too late to go out and buy oil! The groom arrived and entered the wedding feast along with those who were prepared. The other women who were not prepared and had not had extra oil weren't able to come in, even if they cried bitterly. It was too late.

Just as the groom arrived at the time when they least expected it, today we also don't know when Jesus will come to earth to take us on the great trip.

Could it be that we are like the wise women? Or are we like the foolish ones? Do we have Jesus and the Holy Spirit in our lives? Or do we get tired and forget that the great trip will soon take place?

Perhaps you're wondering: How do I know if I have the Holy Spirit in me? Am I from the group of wise women?

The Bible responds, "*Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.*" (Matthew 7:20 NVB). That is, he performs the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Do you know what they are?

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." (Galatians 5:22-23).

When we have the Holy Spirit in our lives, we begin to change and bear fruit. We are different because we give love, we are kind, and we have the faith of Jesus. In addition, we read the Bible and do everything it says in it.

However, the foolish women were desperate and told the other women:

"Please save me some oil!" – said one.

"My lamp is going out. I need oil!" – begged others.

How sad! They were desperate! The groom was already arriving... They had all their lamps on, but they had only brought the right amount of oil and they needed more.

"If I give you oil, I won't have any left. You'll need to go quickly and buy some for yourself," one of the wise women was heard talking.

"Please help me. I don't know where to buy some now," replied one of the fools.

The wise women could do nothing for their friends, because the oil was not enough. It was only enough for them to get to the wedding feast.

How sad! They were all very sad. Foolish women went out quickly to try to buy oil anywhere they could find some. But in the meantime, the groom arrived. The wise women rushed out unto the streets while the groom happily walked toward the wedding party while he sang. Soon they arrived and

entered the place where the wedding party would be held. Everyone walked in and then the groom closed the door.

The foolish women also arrived at the scene as quickly as possible, but the door was already closed. They could no longer enter. The groom no longer opened the door. They arrived late, they had not prepared themselves, they had not been ready because they only lacked one thing: the oil. Everything was prepared, except the oil. They did not have the necessary amount.

Do you know what, kids? We don't know when Jesus is coming. Therefore, we must always have lamps and oil ready and prepared. Remember, the lamp represents the word of God, the Bible. We must always study it and learn more and more from God.

The Bible says in Psalms 119:105, *"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."* The Bible is the lamp that tells us the way to God. It teaches us and helps us to realize when we may be doing things that are wrong. That is why we must study it and learn from it. Let us learn from the great men, women, and children who lived in the past and imitate the good they did and stay away from the bad things that led them to suffer a lot. Remember some of those stories?

We must also have oil. Let the Holy Spirit speak to our hearts and help us do God's will.

In Revelation 22:17 it says, *"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."* This means that God always speaks to us through His Spirit. That He speaks to our hearts.

We must always study God's word and do His will to be ready for when He comes.

Always remember that to be prepared we need to:

1. Let Jesus live in our hearts,
2. Accept Him as our Savior.
3. Allow the Spirit of God to always live in us.
4. Study the word of God, the Bible.
5. Always do God's will.

If we want to go on this great trip, we need to do God's will every day.

Are you willing to study the Bible every day?

Do you accept Jesus as your Savior and Lord?

Do you want Jesus to prepare you for this great trip through His Holy Spirit?

If you answered yes in response to these questions, trust that you are preparing for the great trip and the expected day will soon come. God bless you and hopefully you can also invite other children or friends to prepare for heaven. Amen.

4. Teaching the Memory Verse

(The Bible verse may be taught before or after the lesson.)

Let us remember that this is a very special moment. It is where we engrave the Word of God into the hearts of our students.

Write the Bible Verse on several posters before the lesson. To do this, you will need to divide the text into several sentences. You can illustrate each part of the poster with a small drawing.

- Therefore, (standing child).
- be ye also ready; (smart kid with a Bible).
- for in such an hour as ye think not (clock)
- the Son of Man cometh. (Jesus in the clouds coming).
- Matthew 24:44 (Bible).

- **Introduction:** Shortly review what was studied in the previous topic.
- **Presentation:** Allow the children to read the Bible verse. It is advisable to let a child read the Bible verse himself.

- **Explanation:** There is something important that we must remember. It is that we must be prepared for the coming of Jesus. We must be ready! Let us not wait any longer to prepare because we do not know when the Lord is coming.
- **Application:** This is the continuation of the explanation.
What are you missing in your preparation for the coming of Jesus?
Is there anything you haven't put in order yet with God?
Have you let Jesus live in your life and in your heart?
- **Repetition:** look for creative methods for this part.

5. Moment of Prayer

As you know, this is an important time when we bring children closer to talk to God.

We can prepare the hearts of the children with a song before the prayer.

Suggestion: Bring a bag you've prepared in advance. (This can be a paper bag).

Today we will talk about how important it is to be grateful. Give examples of thanks.

Allow the children to write the things they are grateful for on the bag.

This activity will take a few moments, so give everyone the opportunity to give thanks.

Another option is to bring drawings you've already prepared of things the children can be grateful for. For example: a drawing of two parents, house, friends, siblings, school, etc. Then they can simply choose what they are grateful for and place it in the bag or they can glue it on a cardboard assigned for this purpose.

6. Activities:

Children Ages 8+:

1. Make a list of activities you should do this week to help you prepare for the trip.

- You can read the Bible.
- Deliver a flyer.
- Pray

And think about a few more tasks.

2. Draw the things you need to do to prepare for the great trip. Do you remember what things they are?

Children Ages 0-7: Color the drawing.

7. Games:

When our Biblical activity is not done on the Sabbath, we can play some games. This allows us to come closer to our students and create a relationship of friendship to reach their hearts.

≡ Bible Lesson Nº 5

..... JESUS IS COMING to PICK Me Up For the Trip

≡ **Bible References:** Matthew 24:44; Matthew 24:42; Matthew 24:27; Isaiah 25:9;

≡ 1 Corinthians 15:55, Life Sketches, 65, 66, Heaven, 48.4-75.3.

≡ **Main Lesson:** “Jesus is coming to pick me up for the Great Trip to Heaven”.

≡ Specific objectives

At the end of the topic, children will be able to:

- Know what Jesus’ second coming will be like.
- Learn how Jesus will come.
- Thank God for telling us how Jesus will come.

≡ **Memory Verse:** “*Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him.*” (Revelation 1:7 pp).

≡ Materials

1. Drawings for the lesson.
2. Motto song of the day and memory verse in illustrative pictures.
3. Illustrative materials for the prayer moment.
4. Memory verse for each child to take home.
5. Materials for manual activities.

≡ Program Development

Welcome: Welcome everyone in a cheerful and fun way, greeting all children as a group and in a general way. Introduce yourself and all the teachers who will be in charge during the activity to them.

Briefly review what we have learned in the past lessons. Talk about the great trip we will go on together very soon.

2. Musical moment:

Start by teaching cheerful songs that can motivate the group. You may use a greeting song for this occasion. You can review the songs from previous years.

One option is to teach “We’re Happy”, “Oh, What Joy”, “Hallelujah” etc.

Remember that each class has a special song to learn on that day. Choose a special moment to teach it and repeat it several times throughout the activities.

3. Lesson

3.1 Introduction:

“Can anyone help me?” – asks the teacher. (Flip through the Bible looking for something).

“I need help!” exclaims the teacher.

“Oh! I can’t find what I need!” the teacher adds. (Search through the Bible, back and forth)

“What happened? How can I help you?” - replies another teacher who is going to help.

"I want to know how Jesus is going to come?" the teacher replies.

Boys and girls, do you also want to know how Jesus will come in His second coming? It will be a very beautiful and special event!

Can you imagine seeing Jesus coming from heaven? What will it be like? What will happen?

Today, God will answer these questions, so that we may know how Jesus will come to take us to heaven. Why don't we listen to today's story?

3.2. Lesson

You know, children, the Bible says in Matthew 24:44, *"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."*

Yesterday, we learned that we must always be prepared. Remember how?

1. Letting Jesus live in our hearts,
2. Accepting Jesus as our Savior.
3. Allowing the Spirit of God to always live in us.
4. Studying the word of God, the Bible.
5. Always doing God's will.

Earlier, we studied that there will be many signs before Jesus' coming. Do you remember some? The Bible tells us that there will be famines, wars, rumors of war, disease, plagues.

Yes! We are all experiencing a great plague this year: the coronavirus or Covid-19.

And what about you? Surely you have already realized that Jesus is coming very soon.

We see the signs everywhere and you probably know a friend who has had coronavirus; or maybe your parents, or it may even have affected you. Have you been afraid? Those are all signs that Jesus is coming soon.

Remember what the Bible says: *"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."* (Matthew 24:42).

To watch means to be attentive. Be ready and prepared. We do not know exactly when Jesus is coming, but we do know the signs of His coming. Every day we realize that Jesus is coming soon, and that He is not long in coming.

Acts 1:11 (last part) says, *"This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."*

Do you remember how Jesus went to heaven after His resurrection? Just as He left, He will return again, that is, He will come in a literal way, he will not be a spirit, but a person of flesh and bones, a transformed body, just as when he was resurrected (Luke 24:39). Thomas only believed in Jesus' resurrection when he touched Jesus' body (John 20:27).

What a privilege for the disciples! They saw Jesus after the resurrection and enjoyed his presence for 40 more days, until, while Jesus was with them outside, a cloud full of angels suddenly took Him to heaven and He slowly ascended as they looked on in astonishment. Then two angels appeared to them and told them that He would return just as He had gone up to heaven. So, we already know that He will come in a literal way.

What will the world be like when He returns to take us on the great journey? The world will be in chaos, after witnessing all the signs in heaven; and then, in the midst of immense confusion, Jesus will come.

What will His coming be like? In the east, where the sun rises every morning, a small black cloud, about half the size of the palm of the hand will appear. It is the cloud that surrounds the Savior and that in the distance seems to be surrounded by darkness, but God's people know that it is the sign of the second coming of Christ. In solemn silence they gaze upon it as it draws nearer the earth, becoming lighter and more glorious, until it is a great white cloud, its base a glory like consuming fire, and above it the rainbow of the covenant. (GC., p. 640.3). How beautiful! Impressive!

Woow! A small black cloud that will appear in the east will grow bigger and bigger until it becomes a big white cloud! You will see thousands and thousands of angels, and above that cloud, a great rainbow and at the bottom of it, the cloud will look like fire. Can you imagine that?

Furthermore, it is important to say that shortly before that event, the children of God will be told the day and time of Jesus' coming; therefore, everyone will be watching. It will be spectacular to see how that small cloud approaches the earth! Can you imagine that beautiful event?

In addition, in that wonderful event, "The cloud appeared like fire; a rainbow was over the cloud, while around it were ten thousand angels, singing a most lovely song; and upon it sat the Son of man. His hair was white and curly, and lay on His shoulders; and upon His head were many crowns. His feet had the appearance of fire; in His right hand was a sharp sickle; in His left, a silver trumpet." (Life Sketches., pp. 72.3). Although ten thousand angels fly in the midst of heaven singing, Jesus comes with all his angels (Matthew 25:31); therefore, in heaven there will be silence (Revelation 8:1). So how many angels are there? They are "thousands upon thousands, and ten thousands upon ten thousands"(Daniel 7:10). "With anthems of celestial melody the holy angels, a vast, unnumbered throng, attend Him on His way. The firmament seems filled with radiant forms—" ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands. No human pen can portray the scene" (GC., p. 640.3).

It will be the best song we have ever heard! What a wonderful scene! Imagine how amazing it will be to see so many angels flying and Jesus as a king sitting on the throne! It will be wonderful to be there at that time!

But will we all be able to see that scene? The Bible says in Matthew 24:27, "*For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*" Jesus also answers this question: "*Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him*" (Revelation 1:7 p.p.).

As the living cloud approaches the earth, all eyes see the Prince of Princes (Jesus). No crown of thorns now wounds his head, but He is now girdled by a glorious diama, that is, a shining crown. His face shines brighter than the dazzling light of the midday sun... Jesus no longer brings with him a crown of thorns, but a crown that shines like the sun.

All who believe in Jesus will be happy to await their Savior with open arms. But those who did not prepare will be very scared and distressed, and will ask the mountains to please cover them. They will seek to die, for they are ashamed. They will not be happy but sad because they did not prepare in time and will be very afraid.

You know what? All who prepared for the journey will be happy, waiting for Jesus to say, "*... Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation*" (Isaiah 25:9).

Are you ready to say this when you see the Savior? Or, will you ask the mountains to fall on you?

We must always be ready for this wonderful event.

But something else will happen before we begin the great trip and fly along with Jesus in that great cloud. Something extraordinary will happen! What else will happen?

Meanwhile, "The King of kings descends upon the cloud. The heavens are rolled together as a scroll, the earth trembles before Him, and every mountain and island is moved out of its place. Amid the reeling of the earth, the flash of lightning, and the roar of thunder, the voice of the Son of God calls forth the sleeping saints. He looks upon the graves of the righteous, then, raising His hands to heaven, He cries: "Awake, awake, awake, ye that sleep in the dust, and arise!" Throughout the length and breadth of the earth the dead shall hear that voice, and they that hear shall live. And the whole earth shall ring with the tread of the exceeding great army of every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. From the prison house of death they come, clothed with immortal glory, crying: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" 1 Corinthians 15:55. And the living righteous and the risen saints unite their voices in a long, glad shout of victory." (GC. p. 641.2, 644.2).

All those who died in faith, having accepted Jesus as their Savior and Lord of their lives will be resurrected. The angels will gather the members of the family: those who were left alive and those who

are resurrected, to go on this great trip to heaven together.

You know, all the children who died will be brought back to life, and each given to their mom and dad. You will even be able to see your family member who had passed away but who had believed in this hope and prepared for the big trip as well. *“Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”* (1 Thessalonians 4:17). There will be such joy and happiness!

What will happen to those who did not believe and did not want to give their hearts to Jesus? They will be very sad and terribly scared, because they will not be taken on the great trip to heaven. They will stay behind. It will be too late to get ready! As Jesus said, “there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.”

But those who believe in Jesus will rejoice as they enjoy this extraordinary trip to heaven. What a wonder!

Together we will the journey with our Savior and with the great cloud of angels. With the rainbow on top, and with the fire underneath, along with all the loved ones we have lost and those who have accepted Jesus. That day will be amazing!

Are you ready for that big trip? You can't miss it!

Don't wait any longer. Be prepared, give your heart to Jesus; and, if you have already done so, thank Him because soon, very soon, you will live with Him.

Let's pray that this great day will come very soon. Why don't we thank God together because He will soon come to take us to heaven?

Thank you, Lord, because you are my God. Thank you because now I know that very soon You will come with the angels to take us home. Help me prepare myself more and more every day for your coming. Forgive me my faults and my sins. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

4. Teaching the Memory Verse

- **“Behold, He cometh with clouds**
- **and every eye shall see Him.”**
- **Revelation 1:7 (first part)**

Follow the steps taught in the manual. Remember that it is a very important moment.

- **Introduction:** Can we see something in the sky in several places at once? No, right? For example, if something happens in China, can we see it in the United States at the same time?... We can only see something happening at the same time on television or on video. But, everyone will see the coming of Jesus at the same time. How extraordinary!
- **Presentation:** Allow children to read the Bible verse. The teacher reads loudly to accompany the children in the reading. If you wish, you can read the text directly from the Bible. For example: The Bible says, *“Behold, He cometh with clouds and every eye shall see Him.”* Revelation 1:7 (first part)
- **Explanation:** In this step, explain the most difficult words in the text. But today's text is very simple. For example: Today's text says that all of us who live on this earth will see Jesus come in the clouds. We'll all see Him coming in the clouds.
- **Application:** Talk about how wonderful the coming of Jesus will be. Highlight that He will come with thousands and millions of angels in the clouds to gather His children. For example: Imagine how wonderful the coming of Jesus will be. We've talked about that today. Everyone can be sure that if we are alive at that moment, we will all see Jesus coming in the clouds.
- **Repetition:** Be innovative and creative in this step. Review the manual.

5. Moment of Prayer

This is the time to talk to God. In this class, we will talk about prayer and give some comparisons.

For example: Prayer is like traffic lights. Sometimes God answers us with a red no, or a yellow hope, or a green light, which is an answered prayer.

The telephone of heaven: Jeremiah 31:3. *"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."* Whenever we need to talk to God, He listens to us.

Allow a child to pray today with our help.

6. Activities:

For all children

1. Close your eyes and imagine what the coming of Jesus will be like. Then draw it on a sheet.
2. How will those who are not prepared for the coming of Jesus react? Draw their fearful faces.

7. Games:

When our Bible activity is not done on the Sabbath, we can play some games. This allows us to come closer to our students and create a more friendly relationship to reach their hearts.

≡ Bible Lesson Nº 6

A Special Trip With Gifts Upon Arrival

≡ **Bible References:** 2 Timothy 4:8; Revelation 1:5-6; John 3:16; Early Writings, p. 15-16.

≡ **Main Lesson:** “We will go to heaven with Jesus where we’ll receive a crown and harp of victory”.

≡ Specific objectives

At the end of the topic, the children will be able to:

- Know what our journey to heaven will be like.
- Decide to have a star or several stars in their crown.
- Be happy to share the message of salvation with others.

≡ **Memory Verse:** *“Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”* (2 Timothy 4:8).

≡ Materials

1. Drawings for the lesson.
2. Theme song of the day and memory verse in illustrative pictures.
3. Illustrative materials for the time of prayer.
4. Souvenirs with the memory verse of the day on it for each child to take home.
5. Materials for manual activities.

≡ Program Development

1. Welcome: Welcome the children in a cheerful and fun way. Greet the children in a group and general way. Introduce yourself and all the teachers who will be in charge during the activity.

2. Musical moment:

Start by teaching cheerful songs that can motivate the group. Sing the theme song of the series to help the children better understand the subject. You can use a greeting song for this occasion, and may review the songs from previous years

One option is to teach “We’re Happy”, “Oh, What Joy”, “Hallelujah” etc.

Remember to have time to sing the song of the day. “When I Get There”.

3. Lesson

3.1 Introduction:

Hello kids!

Look, what I brought for you! (Show different types of crowns).

I’m sure you’ve have seen crowns in different places.

Many people wear crowns—Kings and queens, people on their birthdays, or when someone is honored.

Have you ever worn a toy crown?... (Wait a moment for the children to respond.) But can you imagine if they put a real crown on you? And even more-so a golden crown??....With precious stones that shine a lot?

Well, I will tell you that, Yes, it is possible to get a real crown! Jesus has a crown prepared for you, for me, and for all those who prepare for the great journey to heaven.

Today, we will talk about Crowns! When will we receive them? Why will we receive them? For what will we receive them?

3.2 Lesson Development:

Let's remind ourselves a bit of what we talked about before:

Jesus is coming in the clouds with all his angels; and they won't come quietly but singing. They will be heard everywhere praising God and playing their trumpets. It's an extraordinary moment that has never been seen before!

Those wait, and are ready for the great journey, will be happy, with their arms outstretched waiting for the King of kings. But those who did not prepare, will be frightened, screaming in terror and fear for what is happening, and remembering the times they distrusted God and their parents. Those who did not ask for forgiveness will tremble, for it is too late now to repent. It will already be too late to prepare for the great journey to heaven. Therefore, they will be desperate and will beg the mountains to fall on them.

Meanwhile, those who will have died believing in Jesus, and prepared for the great journey, are resurrected.

The angels of God gather all the saved for the great journey: both the living and those who were resurrected. Everything is prepared and ready to start the journey!

Yet those who didn't prepare and aren't saved, cannot travel and will be desperately sad.

Alright, on that day of Jesus' coming, there will be two groups of people: those who are desperate and in terror; and those who are happily awaiting the coming of the Lord.

What group would you like to be in? Among those who are prepared for the journey to heaven, or those who didn't prepare? Among those who are happy because they get to go to heaven?...Or those that are sad because they didn't prepare?

(Think)

Have you thought about what group you will be in, if the Lord Jesus were to come today?

We have already said that we must prepare ourselves because the coming of Jesus is very soon!

Always remember that to be prepared you need to:

- Let Jesus live in your heart, accept Him as your Savior, and let the Spirit of God always live in your heart.
- Study the Word of God
- Always do God's will

Have you already given your heart to Jesus? Are you preparing for his coming? Are you ready to go live with Jesus?

When Jesus comes, all those who are waiting and all those who will be resurrected to live forever with Christ will be taken up to receive Jesus in the air. That is, when Jesus is approaching the earth, we will all ascend to heaven amid cries of joy and victory for meeting loved ones, and better yet, we will see Jesus face to face! What happiness! And that is how we will go up to heaven with Jesus!

You know what? Our trip to heaven will last 7 days!!! We will surely go to meet those who live on other planets. We will get to know space, as we go to the moon and other planets. Can you imagine?

We will travel to see the stars and get to know the beings on other planets.... can you imagine that?

And all together with Jesus, we will ascend to the city of gold.

As we begin this journey we will say: Holy is the Lord God almighty! And some will shout: Hallelujah! This is marvelous!

Can you imagine this moment? —everyone happily traveling to heaven? It will be extraordinary to praise God as we travel to heaven through the universe.

The thousands and thousands of people who will go to heaven with Jesus recognize him as the great King and leader of this journey.

When we reach heaven, we will see the sea of glass where the Savior will give us emblems that is, he will give us awards of victory: “Jesus brought the crowns, and with His own right hand placed them on our heads. He gave us harps of gold and palms of victory.” (P.E., p. 16).

How beautiful! Jesus will give us beautiful gifts: A crown that he himself will place on our head. We will also sing beautiful praises with the golden harp. Can you imagine forming a musical group with the angels?... Additionally, we will receive palms of victory.

When we reach heaven, we will form a square around Jesus, the King of kings and Lord of lords, and will realize that Jesus is much higher than everyone, including the angels! Then Jesus will lovingly look upon all the redeemed.

How joyous it will be to be there! What a super special event—to be with Jesus, the angels, and all the saved!

You know what?! The crown that Jesus has prepared for us will have a special detail.... Your crown in heaven will have your name, it will be your NEW NAME (Revelation 2:17).

So who will only receive this award? The Bible says, “*Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*” (2 Timothy 4:8).

How wonderful! The prize is for all those who await Christ’s second coming!

It’s so exciting! Each of us will receive a crown! Can you imagine what yours will be like?

The crown will also have another feature: It will have bright stars! Some crowns will be full of stars and others will just a few. However, everyone will be happy with the crown they receive, because in heaven there will be no more envy. We will not be jealous of what others have.

Why do some crowns have more stars than others? Because each star represents a person to whom we have spoken about Jesus! Therefore, if we want our friends to join us on our beautiful journey, then we must happily tell them about what we have learned. Sharing this beautiful news to our friends who need to hear it is so wonderful!

Have you already told anyone about Jesus? Have you already told your friends about the great trip we will make?

As I talk about these wonderful stories today, I encourage you to tell others about what you are learning. Remember that you will have stars on your crown for every friend or child you bring to Jesus.

And why will Jesus give us palms of victory in heaven? Because in heaven, a palm will symbolize that we are victorious

Also, what will the golden harp be for? The golden harp, which will shine brightly, will be used to praise God. When the angels give us the beginning note, we will all play the strings of the harp creating a beautiful hymn. All of the Lord’s children will praise him. In Revelation 1:5-6 it says, “*And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen*”

This will be our song!

Oh, how beautiful it will be to praise the Lord at that moment! To Praise Jesus for what he did for each of us! That will be the theme of each song. We will of course sing with all the angels each playing our harp.

Do you know what our clothing will be like in heaven? We will all be dressed in white from top

to bottom. Listen to what someone wrote: "And they were all clothed with a glorious white mantle from their shoulders to their feet. Angels were all about us as we marched over the sea of glass to the gate of the city. Jesus raised His mighty, glorious arm, laid hold of the pearly gate, swung it back on its glittering hinges, and said to us, "You have washed your robes in My blood, stood stiffly for My truth, enter in." We all marched in and felt that we had a perfect right in the city." (P.E., p. 16).

Can you imagine that? So amazing! I already long to live in that moment! What about you?

We will enter the great holy city as Jesus opens the gates for us! How beautiful! This gate or door will be so special because it will be made of one great pearl. Upon entering the heavenly city, we will look at paradise and be amazed at its beauty.

And the most beautiful thing is that the son of God, Jesus, will stand with his arms outstretched to welcome us to heaven and receive all men, women, and children.

We will recognize Jesus because He will bear the marks of the crucifixion. There, in heaven, we will personally get to know the one who died for us on the cross. We will remember the great sacrifice of Jesus, and will praise God, because through Him, we have eternal life.

Surely, you don't want to miss this moment!

For you, boys and girls who are listening, let me tell you that God loves us greatly. He created us and gave us such beautiful nature to live in. But we have sinned. You know what sin is? It's all bad things, like lying, saying bad words, stealing, disobeying our parents, and doing these things repeatedly. Because of sin, we are far from God. The Bible says, "*The wages of sin is death*" (Romans 3:23).

God, because he loves us so much, had a plan so that we could be his children once again. Now, what is this plan? God sent Jesus to earth, so that he could die for each of his children. The Bible says, "*For God so loved the world that He has given his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life*" (John 3:16).

This is why Jesus left heaven and came to die for his children. He was condemned to die on a cross for you and me. Although He never sinned, He died in our place so that we could live with Him in heaven.

After he died, Jesus resurrected, and is now in heaven. And soon, very soon, He will come to get us and receive us with thousands of angels to go live with Him forever.

Do you want to take this trip with many other boys and girls? You just have to believe in Jesus and ask him to live in your heart.

If you have not yet given your heart to Jesus, you should do so now. He died for you so that you can enjoy this great journey and go to live with him forever.

Do you want to give your heart to Jesus?

Pray with me, "Our Father which art in heaven. Thank you so much for loving me. Thank you for sending your son Jesus to die for me. I apologize for all the bad things I have done and said. Help me not to make the same mistakes anymore. Thank you for accepting me as your child. I ask you to live in my heart. In the name of Jesus. Amen."

Now you are His child! Get ready to go to meet the King!

4. Teaching the Memory Verse

Memory Verse:

- "Henceforth there is laid up for me
- a crown of righteousness
- which the Lord, the righteous judge
- shall give me that day;
- and not to me only,
- but unto all them also that love his appearing.
- 2 Timothy 4:8

You can prepare the verse with images. You may put the words of the verse under each corresponding image.

Each part of the verse will be a giant card.

For example:

- Henceforth there is laid up for me crown of righteousness (a crown)
- which the Lord, the righteous judge (a judge)
- shall give me that day (Jesus giving crown)
- and not to me only (group of people with arms up)
- but unto all them also that love his appearing." (coming of Jesus)
- 2 Timothy 4:8 (Bible)

Follow the steps taught in the explanatory booklet.

- **Introduction:** Talk about how nice it is to have prizes. The best being when all of us receive the gifts.
- **Presentation:** Allow children to read the Bible verse. The teacher will accompany the children in the reading. It is important that we explain each drawing so that it is associated with the corresponding sentence.
- **Explanation:** In this step explain the most difficult words in the verse, such as: Henceforth, righteousness, appearing, etc. It is so exciting to receive a gift with our friends. There is also a great prize when we get to heaven.
- **Application:** Talk about what God wants the child to learn about this verse.
- **Repetition:** Be innovative and creative in this step.

5. Moment of Prayer

Let us remember this special moment. It's time to talk to God. On a paper bag or on a poster, write or paste the names of some people or friends (that don't know about Jesus) that the kids want to pray for

If there are multiple teachers, divide the children into groups. Pray together, thanking the Lord that we can walk by his side.

6. Activities:

All children:

1. Draw the gifts that Jesus will give us when we reach heaven. Don't forget any!
2. On a small card, write today's memory verse. 2 Timothy 4:8

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

7. Games:

If this Bible activity isn't done on Sabbath, then we can play some games. This will allow us to have a closer relationship with our students and become better friends with them so that we can reach their hearts.

≡ Bible Lesson N° 7

..... The Great Heavenly City

≡ **Bible References:** Revelation 21; 1 Corinthians 2:9; 1 Corinthians 13:12; Isaiah 11:6-9; Heaven, ch. 15; The Upward Look, pg. 76; Counsels on Stewardship, 363.

≡ **Main Lesson:** **“The Lord has a new home prepared for each of his children”.**

≡ Specific objectives

At the end of this topic the children will be able to:

- Learn what heaven will be like when we live there.
- Understand that God wants to give us the best of heaven.
- Feel the desire to live with Jesus in that new heavenly land.

≡ **Memory Verse:** *“He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son”* Revelation 21:7.

≡ Materials

1. Drawings for the lesson.
2. Theme song of the day and memory verse in illustrative pictures.
3. Illustrative materials for the moment of prayer.
4. Souvenirs with the verse of the day for each child to take home.
5. Materials for manual activities.

≡ Program Development

1. Welcome: Welcome everyone in a friendly, cheerful, and fun way, greeting all children in a group and general way. Introduce yourself and all the teachers who will be in charge during the activity to the children.

2. Musical moment:

Start teaching cheerful songs that can motivate the group. You may use a greeting song for this occasion. You can review the songs from previous years

Some options to teach are “We’re Happy”, “Oh, What Joy”, “Hallelujah” etc.

Remember to find a moment during class to teach today’s new song. “I Want to Go”

3. Lesson

3.1 Introduction:

Hello boys and girls, isn’t it so wonderful when vacation comes! And even more so, if mom and dad say that we’ll travel to a place we love most?!? And don’t we get so happy when we’re allowed to choose the place and country? So, where would we go? (Show photos of wonderful places from different parts of the world and talk a little bit about the beautiful places on this planet). What beautiful places!

Oh, I would so love to be a bird and fly through all those beautiful places on the planet!

Did you see the beautiful places?

Is there a place you prefer to go to?

You know what kids? There is a much nicer and more beautiful place than these pictures I showed you earlier. It's more beautiful than any place on land! Prettier than this planet!

And we are invited to go there, the trip is free, because Jesus has already paid the price. What place is it? It's the new earth!!!

Today we will study: What will the new earth look like?

3.2. Lesson Development

The Bible reveals what heaven and the new earth will be like. In Revelation 21:18, God gives us some details of what that wonderful place will look like: *"And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass."*

Can you imagine, a city of gold? And transparent?

The Bible also tells us that the city has walls of jasper. And what is Jasper? Jasper is a soft rock that is red, or grey on black. It can sometimes also be green, yellow, brown, and a mix of colors.

Everything in heaven is beautiful and impossible to imagine!

"And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass." (Revelation 21:21). So, the city of heaven has gates of pearls.... meaning, every door is a giant pearl!

If you read the whole chapter of Revelation 21, then you can find other features of what that city will be like.

The apostle John saw that city and tells us in the Bible, *"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."* (Revelation 21:1-2).

And something else! Its gates will never be closed. All the children of God will live there!

(Think)

It's hard to imagine such a city!

There are very beautiful places here on earth today, but none of it compares to heaven and to the new earth, because they will be extraordinarily beautiful!!... So much more than our planet now. In 1 Corinthians 2:9 it says, *"Things that the eye did not see, nor heard, and that never entered into human thought, are the great things that God has prepared for those who love him."*

Now, I invite you to close your eyes and imagine the beauty of heaven (wait a few seconds for the children to imagine heaven) Do you see its beauty? Yet, it will be so much more beautiful than we can imagine!

God continues telling us that the city, *"Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal"* (Revelation 21:11).

How wonderful! The glory of God will shine everywhere!

In heaven, there will also be beautiful houses that look like silver and will be supported by columns of pearls. It is in those houses where all those who go to heaven, will live.

Like we said before, when we reach heaven, we will receive a crown as a prize with a golden harp, do you remember? Of course, you do! Well, in each house we will have a golden shelf to leave our crowns. And when we take them off, a light will wrap around our head. We will also praise God. We will meet Adam and Eve, the great Samson, King David, Moses, Esther, Ruth, Joseph, Mary, etc. We will visit other worlds that never distrusted God and live happily. Everything in heaven will be joy and happiness!

We will be on vacation in heaven, reigning with Jesus for a thousand years (Revelation 21:6). Then, we will return to a new heavens and new earth. It is there that we will farm our land, but not as we do

now, with strength and sweat. We will cultivate the land with joy.

There will also be fields full of flowers. We will pick the flowers, and they will never fade, because there will be no more death. How wonderful!

Can you imagine how long such a wonderful place like this would last here on earth? Surely, in minutes everything would end because others would steal it. Evil reigns in this world... but in heaven, evil will no longer exist.

Sin cannot get into heaven. There will be no more pain or death.

In Revelation 21:4 we read, *"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."*

No one will die anymore, not a single human. That's why the flowers no longer wither. And no one else will ever suffer. There will be no pain or loss. Isaiah 33:24 says, *"And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity."* Nor will we get sick because sin will no longer exist.

Many children suffer on this earth from illnesses or from losing a loved one. But in the new heaven and new earth that will not exist. We will no longer have cancer, no coronavirus, no colds, or diseases.

It will be so wonderful, because we can just enjoy the company of Jesus and all of his creation.

We may get so sad today when we lose something we love so much! But when we get to heaven, we will have a transformed body, and will never get sick anymore. Also, if we've ever lost a loved one, and if they believed in Jesus as their savior, then they will be resurrected when Jesus comes and will go to live with Him forever. So, all the sadness we have here, will no longer exist in heaven. Don't you think that's so great?

Alright, let's keep learning about the new heaven and new earth!

The fields will be green, full of bright reflections like silver and gold. There will be all kinds of animals in heaven. Lions, lambs, leopards and wolves will all live together in harmony and in perfect union.

Every child will also be able to play with all the animals without getting harmed by them.

Can you imagine running with a lion? Or that the lion is your playmate or friend?

Here on earth, we can't get close to a lion because otherwise, it will eat us up in one bite.

That's the result of sin. There are poisonous and very dangerous animals here on earth. They will no longer exist in heaven. Heaven will only have love and joy. There will also be many green trees, full of leaves in heaven. Forests that we will never be scared to walk through. Rivers will be crystal clear. Trees will have mighty shadows to sit under. We'll have majestic hills and mountains to visit. Everything will be beautiful!

And God's people will have the privilege of having direct communion with God and Jesus.

"For now we see through a glass, darkly, But then face to face" says 1 Corinthians 13:12, Now we see the image of God reflected as in mirror, without a veil to hide him from us. We will be in his presence and behold the glory of his face.

You know what? There will no longer be temptations in heaven, and therefore, we will no longer sin. Nothing will offer the opportunity of temptation. There is no temptation or possibility of injustice in heaven. All have triumphed by the blood of Jesus. It's wonderful! Satan will no longer be able to harm us!

But there is something else we will do in heaven.

We will have so many opportunities to learn in heaven. We will have like a school to learn about all the treasures of the universe.

We will be able to travel to the far-off worlds, where we will learn the treasures of knowledge about God's works. What a great time we will have studying—studying God's creation where evil has never set foot.

Now, we cannot contemplate so much beauty, for sin does not allow us to open our minds to so much beauty. Imagine creation without any ugly, dead, or destroyed thing!

But do you know who our teacher will be? Christ, our heavenly teacher, will guide us through every lesson. Jesus will be our great teacher.

We can ask him anything we want. We will learn all the mysteries about salvation. We will learn of the journey He took to come to Bethlehem to be born on earth. We will learn about how he healed the sick, what it felt like to be crucified, how he gave his life for us, and how he arose from the dead.

From his very own words, we will find out what it was like for him to die for us. And all we will have is gratitude for that great sacrifice.

You know what? In heaven, we will get to know all about God and his power. Jesus will reveal what he is to us and what we are to him. We will get to know the truth that we know don't understand because of our limitations. In heaven we will learn about the great truths that God has for us.

The Bible says, *"He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son"* (Revelation 21:7).

We are God's heirs, because through Jesus, we can overcome! Thanks to the death of Christ, we can once again be children of God.

I can't wait to start that great and special journey!

I can't wait to see Jesus in the clouds!

I already want to know what gifts God has for me in heaven!

I already want to know about the new land he has prepared for me!

I want to get to heaven to see all that the Lord has prepared for us!

And you, do you want to join me in this experience?

Well, don't wait any longer! Prepare yourself each day to meet Jesus!

If you know someone who already knows Jesus, then join them so that together you can go on "The Great Journey to Heaven!", but don't forget to tell others to join you in this great experience. Amen.

4. Teaching the Memory Verse

(Learning the memory verse can be done before or after the lesson.)

Prepare the visual presentation of the verse beforehand. You can do a word for every poster/paper or a phrase per poster/paper. This will help the kids memorize the verse by repetition through this "puzzle".

Memory Verse:

- He that overcometh
- shall inherit all things;
- and I will be his God,
- and he shall be my son.
- Revelation 21:7.

- **Introduction:** Do you know what it's like to win? You can give an example of what winning is by winning a small tug of war with a rope. We will now see that all of us who overcome here on earth will gain something wonderful.
- **Presentation:** Allow the children to read the Bible verse. The teacher will read aloud to accompany the children in the reading.
- **Explanation:** In this step explain the most difficult words in the verse. Overcome- Inherit.
- **Application:** Talk about what God wants the child to learn about this verse. Explain the verse by applying it to the children's lives. What is winning? How can we win? Explain that thanks to the

sacrifice of Jesus, we are conquerors. It is because he died on the cross in our place that we can once again be children of God.

- **Repetition:** be innovative and creative in this step.

5. Moment of Prayer

Let's talk to God. Since we've already been talking about prayer, then today we will give a child the opportunity to pray alone, talking to God about what their heart desires.

6. Activities:

Children Ages + 8:

1. We will go to live with Jesus very soon. Draw the great city of gold that God is preparing for us.
2. Crossword puzzle. Follow the arrows and write what you discover on the lines below.

Children Ages 0-7: Let them draw what they imagine heaven to be like. Can you draw yourself with a lion?

7. Games:

If this Bible activity isn't done on Sabbath, then we can play some games. This will allow us to have a closer relationship with our students and become better friends with them so that we can reach their hearts.



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