

Pearly Gate

This award is intended to make children aware of and look forward to the Second Coming and Heaven.

1. Find and read a promise of Jesus' Second Coming in the Bible.
2. Act out a parable from the Bible about Jesus' Second Coming.
3. Name a Bible book and chapter that describes last day events.
4. Make a list of the signs of Jesus' Second Coming, found in Matt. 24:3-14.
5. Describe Jesus' ascension into Heaven and tell how it is like or unlike the way He will return.
6. Find and read in the Bible a description of the Holy City or New Earth.
7. Complete and memorize John 14:2, 3 using one of the following activities:
 - a. Fill in the blanks:
 "In my Father's _____ are many _____; if it were not so I would have _____ . I go to _____ for you. And if I go and _____, I will _____, and receive you unto _____; that where _____, there _____ may be also."
 - b. Put each word on an index card (one word/card) and have the children put the cards in order.
 - c. Help make a rebus of the memory verse; say the verse with help from the rebus.
 - d. Hide pieces of the puzzle and make a game for the Parable of Lost Coins with them.
8. Close your eyes and imagine meeting Jesus at the Pearly Gate, then either draw a picture of what you imagined or create what the Pearly Gate would look like.



Helps

1. John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11.
2. The Ten Virgins, Matt. 25:1-13; The Net, Matt. 13:47,48; The Wicked Tenants, Matt. 21:33, Mark 12:1-10, Luke 20:9-16; The Great Banquet, Luke 14:16-24, Matt. 22:1-14; The Lost Coin, Luke 15:8-10; The Narrow Door, Matt. 7:13,14, Luke 13:22-30; The Weeds, Matt. 24:30; The Lost Sheep, Luke 15:3-7; The Sower, Matt. 13:3-23; others.
3. Matt. 24
4. False Christs (v.5), wars and fall of kingdoms (v.6-7), famine and earthquakes (v.7), persecution (9), turning away (v.10), false prophets (v.11), increased wickedness and love growing cold (v.12), gospel to all the world (v.14).
5. 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18; Acts 1:1-8.
6. Isaiah 65:17-25; Rev. 21, 22.
7. Provide heavy paper, markers, scissors.
8. Have available paper, markers/crayons, popsicle sticks, glitter, construction paper, pearls, foil, etc.

Songs

"In My Father's House"
 "Countdown"
 "I'm Going to Heaven"