BEHOLD: WING



A FEW MOMENTS TO PREPARE.

USE THESE IGONS TO HELP YOU NAVIGATE THIS WEEK'S LESSON



TALK TOGETHER

Family conversations with God's Word.



MORE TO EXPLORE

Answers to kids' questions.



THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.



COLORING PAGE

Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.



WHO IS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD INTERCEDING FOR US?

Jesus came to Earth to save sinners. When He died on the cross, took the payment for our sin and rose back to life, He finished His work on Earth. When it was time for Jesus to return to heaven, * He was lifted into the sky right in front of His disciples!

Let's read what the disciples saw in the book of Acts. Can you help me find Acts chapter 1, verses 9-11? Acts is the fifth book in the New Testament, right after the four Gospels.

AND WHEN HE HAD SAID THESE THINGS, AS THEY WERE LOOKING ON, HE WAS LIFTED UP, AND A GLOUD TOOK HIM OUT OF THEIR SIGHT. AND WHILE THEY WERE GAZING INTO HEAVEN AS HE WENT, BEHOLD, TWO MEN STOOD BY THEM IN WHITE ROBES, AND SAID, "MEN OF GALILEE, WHY DO YOU STAND LOOKING INTO HEAVEN? THIS JESUS, WHO WAS TAKEN UP FROM YOU INTO HEAVEN, WILL GOME IN THE SAME WAY AS YOU SAW HIM GO INTO HEAVEN."

ACTS 1:9-11

Jesus had a special job of loving and serving God's people while He was on Earth. But that didn't stop when He went to heaven.



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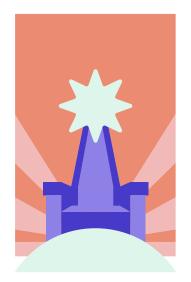


The Bible says He is sitting at God's right hand, and it even tells us some of the things He is doing!

Have you ever imagined what your future home will be like? Maybe you would love a big yard, a place for your favorite pet or even a huge bedroom. Our homes can be many different sizes and in many different places, but these homes are only temporary. While Jesus was still on Earth, He told His disciples He was preparing a forever home in heaven for His followers! Let's read about it in John 14, verses 2-6. John is in the New Testament and is one of the four Gospels.

IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY ROOMS. IF IT WERE NOT SO, WOULD I HAVE TOLD YOU THAT I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU? AND IF I GO AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU, I WILL GOME AGAIN AND WILL TAKE YOU TO MYSELF, THAT WHERE I AM YOU MAY BE ALSO. AND YOU KNOW THE WAY TO WHERE I AM GOING.* THOMAS SAID TO HIM, 'LORD, WE DO NOT KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING. HOW CAN WE KNOW THE WAY?' JESUS SAID TO HIM, 'I AM THE WAY, AND THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME.

JOHN 14:2-6



We don't know exactly what our home in heaven will look like, but we do know Jesus is there, preparing it for us. But that's not all Jesus is doing!

Before Jesus went to heaven, He gave His disciples special instructions. He told them to go to every nation, teach God's Word and baptize new believers. The new believers started worshiping God and serving together. This group of believers is called the Church. Even though He is in heaven, Jesus is the head, or leader, of believers everywhere. He lovingly leads His followers by helping us understand what God's Word says about knowing, loving and serving the Lord. The Bible tells us about this in Colossians. Can you help me find Colossians 1:17-18?















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AND HE IS BEFORE ALL THINGS, AND IN HIM ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER. AND HE IS THE HEAD OF THE BODY, THE CHURCH. HE IS THE BEGINNING, THE FIRSTBORN FROM THE DEAD, THAT IN EVERYTHING HE MIGHT BE PREEMINENT.

COLOSSIANS 1:17-18



Jesus is in heaven preparing a place for us and leading the Church. He is also interceding for us. Intercession is a big word! When someone intercedes for you, it means they help you by going between you and someone else. Let's read about it in Romans. Can you help me find Romans 8:34? Romans is the sixth book in the New Testament.

... CHRIST JESUS IS THE ONE WHO DIED—MORE THAN THAT, WHO WAS RAISED—WHO IS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, WHO INDEED IS INTERCEDING FOR US.

ROMANS 8:34

Wow! Jesus is sitting at the right hand of God, interceding for us! Because Jesus is our intercessor, we can trust that our perfect heavenly Father hears our prayers, and God will answer them according to His perfect will.

One day, those who follow Christ will see Jesus and worship Him as our Good Shepherd, King and Messiah. <u>Until then,*</u>we can trust that Jesus is in heaven preparing a home for us and leading His church. We may not know exactly what tomorrow will bring, but we do know that Jesus, our Advocate, is at the right hand of God, interceding for us.

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENT MIGHT HAVE BROUGHT UP A FEW QUESTIONS. WE'VE PROVIDED THIS GUIDE TO HELP YOU NAVIGATE THESE IMPORTANT CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR FAMILY.

1. WHY DID JESUS RETURN TO HEAVEN, AND WHEN IS HE COMING BACK?

Jesus came to Earth to save sinners. Soon after He was raised to life, Jesus returned to heaven. Just before Jesus left Earth, He told His followers they would not know the time or season when He would return to set up His earthly kingdom. But, the Bible does tell us some of the things Jesus is doing while He is in heaven. Today we learned Jesus is interceding for us. The Bible also says Jesus is preparing a home for those who believe in Him! In John 14:1-4, Jesus tells His followers He would prepare a place for them in heaven.

Someday, He will come again and take all believers to be with Him in heaven!

2. WHAT CAN I DO UNTIL JESUS RETURNS?

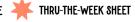
Before Jesus returned to heaven, He gave His followers instructions about how to spend their time left on Earth. Jesus told His followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them all that He had commanded. (Matthew 28:19). We can spend our time wisely, too, just like Jesus' followers! We can share God's Word with our friends and family members, and encourage them to do what it says. While we wait for Him to return, we can also love God and serve those around us (Matthew 22:37-39).

For further reading:

Read **Romans 8:26-27** to see how the Holy Spirit intercedes for us too, even when we don't know the right words to say to God!















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○ MEMORIZE

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ROMANS 8:34



JESUS, OUR ADVOCATE



PRAY



WE PRAISE YOU FOR SENDING JESUS, WHO IS IN HEAVEN SITTING AT YOUR RIGHT HAND, LOVING US AND TAKING CARE OF US. AMEN

SHARE



Jesus is in heaven, interceding for us. Share a time God answered your prayer, even when you didn't know exactly what to say or pray for.

SING



Listen to this playlist throughout the series to worship our King, Jesus Christ.

Scan the OR code to listen wherever you are!

CREATE!

Ask your little kids to draw a picture of your home. Remind them that Jesus is in heaven. preparing a home for us!

WORK!



When Jesus went to special job! Give your child a special job this week and



heaven, God gave Him a remind them that Jesus didn't stop His ministry when He went to heaven. He is still caring for us!

WRITE



Jesus is head of His body, the Church. Ask your older kids to write an encouraging letter to someone in your church and express gratitude for them.

OBSERVE!



Ask your big kids to read Job 16:19. When Job needed someone to stand up for him and defend him, he relied on his "witness in heaven." Remind your children that even when they are in a difficult situation, they can trust Christ is their witness and is interceding for them!

