

Learn by Doing

Choice

My Heart Goes to Heaven

The oil in the lamps of the virgins is like a living love that can carry us to heaven after our life on this earth.

1. When you love the Lord and also love other people, your heart is being prepared for heaven!
2. Today, we're going to make a picture to show how a loving heart can take you to heaven.
3. Give each child a heart template, a blank piece of paper, and a pencil. **Note:** Younger children may need help with the next two steps.
4. Show the children how to fold the paper in half and put the straight edge of the template on the fold. Hold the template in place while you draw around it.
5. Remove the template and cut out the shape you have drawn. Unfold it and see your heart!
6. Distribute crayons or markers. Invite the children to draw pictures of themselves on their hearts.
7. Give each child a length of ribbon or yarn and a piece of tape. Tape one end of the ribbon to the back of the heart just below the center top.
8. Hand out the pictures of the Lord in heaven. Help children thread the string through the hole in the picture from front to back.
9. Tie a large wooden bead to the other end of the ribbon or yarn to keep it from slipping back through the hole.
10. Show children what happens when they pull gently on the bead. Their heart gets pulled up to be with the Lord in heaven! This is what will happen some day if we love the Lord and other people.



Materials Needed

for Each Child Copy of *My Heart and Heaven* p. 2 printed on stiff paper, a piece of regular paper, a 12" (30 cm) piece of ribbon or yarn, a pencil, crayons or markers, one large wooden bead, tape

Prepare in Advance

Print copies of *My Heart and Heaven* p. 2 on stiff paper. Cut out the pieces so you have an image of the Lord in heaven and a heart template for each student. Punch a hole over the black circle near the bottom of picture of the Lord. Cut ribbon or yarn to 12" (30 cm) lengths. Optional: Depending on the age range and size of your class, you may wish to cut out the hearts ahead of time also.

Loving Others

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:34-35

Put this edge on the fold.

Heart Template



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