

Doing the Lord's Will

True happiness comes from doing the Lord's will. Just as children on earth must learn this, people who die as children and grow up in heaven must also learn it. Swedenborg saw an example of ways girls



learn this in heaven. Learn a song that describes what he found out. Boys in heaven likely experience similar ways of learning this.

1. A group of people once brought a woman to the Lord because she had done something wrong. She knew she had done something wrong—but the Lord didn't punish her. He said, "Go and sin no more." Let's say that together, "Go and sin no more."
2. The Lord tells us to do this too. If we find we've done something wrong, He gives us the chance to try again.
3. Long ago a man called Emanuel Swedenborg visited the spiritual world. He saw girls in heaven learning how to do what was right. The girls had lovely gardens—but sometimes the flowers would fade away! When the girls saw the flowers had disappeared they knew they had done something wrong. After thinking about what they had done, feeling sorry, and asking the Lord's help, the flowers grew back again.
4. How would you like a garden like that? What kinds of flowers do you imagine in your garden? What would you do if your flowers disappeared?
5. Mr. Swedenborg also saw the girls' rooms, and the beautiful clothes they had. He learned that if the girls thought or did something wrong, spots showed on the clothes. These spots were not like the spots we get on our clothes—they could not be washed off. The girls had to think about what they'd done, say they were sorry, ask the Lord for help, and then the spots came off the clothes!
6. What kinds of things might the girls have done? What would you do if you found spots on your clothes? How could you get the spots off?
7. We're going to learn a song about this story. Watch the video of the song, *Every Girl in Heaven*, several times. Encourage the children to sing along. Use the music on p. 2 to help you. Try singing it on your own.

Materials Needed

a way to play video online at www.newchurchvineyard.org/resource/every-girl-in-heaven/; song sheet to help with the words p. 2

Prepare in Advance

Get the video of *Every Girl in Heaven* ready to show and sing along. Listen to the song so you can help the children learn it too.

New Church Concept Children in Heaven

When girls in heaven see spots on their clothes, it is a sign that they have done something which ought not to be done. The spots cannot be washed out, but if the girls are sorry and do better, the spots disappear from the clothes on their own. Also, when they see flowers in their little gardens fade, their attention is caught. If the flowers become more beautiful, they rejoice, because it is a sign that they have done well. See *Spiritual Experiences* 5664-5665

EVERY GIRL IN HEAVEN HAS A GARDEN BRIGHT

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1. Ev-'ry girl in heav-en has a gar - den bright;
2. When a girl in heav-en does what she should do,

flow - ers grow and bloom there when she does what's right.
in her room she finds some clothes all clean and new.

But when she is self - ish the flow - ers fade a - way.
When she's done what's wrong, her new clothes will show a stain.

If she's tru - ly sor - ry, they'll be back next day.
But the spot is gone when she is good a - gain.

Kenneth Rose —Based on SE 5660–5667

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