Learn by Doing



Seven Steps to Heaven

The days of creation correspond to seven steps on the path to heavenly life. Set up a walk inside or outside and pause to remember each step of the journey. End with a feast of heavenly foods.

- 1. We are going on a journey to heaven! We will be looking for clues and answering questions as we go.
- 2. Read Seven Steps to Heaven (p. 2) step 1 aloud and encourage an-
- 3. Direct the children to walk in the direction that leads to the step 2 review question. Repeat until all 7 steps have been followed. The 7th step should be placed near the heavenly feast.
- 4. When all review questions have been discussed, serve the heavenly feast. Encourage angel-like behavior as the children eat!



Materials

Seven Steps to Heaven (p. 2); "heavenly" foods such as marshmallows, angel food cake or other heavenly treats!

Prepare in Advance

Print Seven Steps to Heaven p. 2. Cut apart. Choose a route for walking a path to heavenly life. Decide whether to begin or end in your classroom. If you want, write or draw journey clues on the back of each question card, or give verbal directions for the walk. Distribute cards along the route, keeping them in order. Purchase "heavenly" food, such as marshmallows or angel food cake. Set up a feast for everyone at the end of the walk, near the 7th card.



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Step 1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Which part of your mind is like heaven? The part that cares about the Lord and wants to do what is right.

Which part of your mind is like the earth? The part that cares about natural, worldly things.

Step 2

Water corresponds to true ideas from the Lord's Word.

How do true ideas help us on the path to heaven? True ideas show us what we need to do to go to heaven.

Step 3

The Lord plants heavenly seeds of truth in our hearts. When these seeds receive the light and water of good and true ideas from the Word our lives bear fruit.

What are our fruits? Useful service to others.

Step 4

Just as the sun shines on the earth, making our world warm and light, the heavenly sun shines in our minds, giving them light and warmth.

Where can we go to find the light of heaven? The Lord's Word.

Step 5

On the fifth day the Lord created fish and birds. Birds correspond to our thoughts.

What kind of thoughts soar high in our minds like birds flying high in the sky? Thoughts about the Lord that help us see what is right.

Step 6

On the sixth day the Lord created animals and people and told people to rule over the animals.

What needs to rule in our lives in order to get to heaven? Heavenly thoughts should rule over selfish desires.

Step 7

On the seventh day the Lord rested and blessed His creation.

How does the Lord bless us? He gives us what we need for life in this world and also what we need for a happy life in heaven after we die.