

Girls and Boys in Heaven

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When babies grow older in heaven it is time for them to learn more things, and they move to another part of heaven to learn these things. You might think that they would be very sad to leave the home they have been in, and go to another place altogether, but it is not sad for them. They have loved the husband and wife they have lived with in heaven, but they know that the Lord is their real Father, and that every angel woman in heaven is like a mother to them and will look after them.

Therefore they go to a heaven where another mother and father have a home with about five children in it. Let us say that the baby is now a young girl. She will live with four other girls of her own age in that home. She will be given her own little room, and she will keep it tidy. In the room there are clothes which fit her. As she learns new things the clothes will be changed and better ones will just appear. She won't always notice these new clothes, but when she does she will be pleased because they mean that she has done well. It is the same with boys.

If she doesn't do good things or if she doesn't work hard, then some spots are seen on her clothes. She tries to wash them off, but they won't come off like they would on earth. This makes her think back, and remember what it is that she has done. Maybe she didn't do her lessons, or wasn't very nice to her friend. After she has felt sorry, and put right the thing she did wrong, the spots go away from her clothes.

She is also given a little garden, and she will love to grow flowers and watch them come up. A new flower is a sign that she is doing well, but if a flower begins to fade and die (which flowers don't usually do there), she knows that she has done something wrong. Sometimes she can't think what she has done wrong, and then her angel mother comes and helps her.

She has her own copy of the Word, and of the Psalms which they sing at church. She loves to read the Word, but again if she doesn't read, she might find a spot on her clothes, or a flower fading in her garden.

Sometimes a minister comes to the children and talks to them, and teaches them how to find out if they are doing the right thing.

All this time the boys and girls are learning. Their minds are taking in the teachings about the life of heaven, and they are learning things which children on earth could never understand. The nice thing is that they are learning those things that they can use in heaven. And as their minds grow stronger because of what they learn, their bodies grow older too.

A girl will love to sow and knit and make things. She will do this in heaven just like girls on earth do. She will keep the things she has made, or give them as presents to her friends; but she won't sell them. Children in heaven do get gold and silver coins sometimes, and they love to get them because they are signs that they have done something especially good.

Boys have different things that they do. They also live in homes with other children and they love being with the men of heaven. They learn from men teachers.

The children do their learning in the morning. At lunch-time they stop learning and play. There are games like tennis, and running races, and the boys especially enjoy these games. They will probably play baseball and many of the other games we play here. Can you think of some other games they might play? Another nice thing is that no one is sick and they all have perfectly healthy bodies, although each of them will be different. Some will be good at tennis, and some will be better at running or swimming or some other game.

They also get rewards for their games, but it seems that they don't just get them for winning. They get a prize if they have been active, that is if they have tried really hard, even though they may not have won. You see the angels are pleased with any child who does the best he can with the strength that the Lord has given him.