

## Growing Younger in Heaven

One of the beautiful teachings of the New Church is that when people die and are taken to the spiritual world, they are gradually made young once again. The good and truth that they love remains with them, but they are no longer hindered by physical ailments and the effects of aging. It can be comforting to think of someone who dies experiencing good health. Here are two project ideas based on this teaching.

### Make a Picture Card

1. Have children draw a picture of an older couple (perhaps their grandparents) on the lower half of a piece of paper (after folding the paper in half).
2. Now draw a younger looking couple to show what they will look like in heaven. Draw the picture on the other side of the page so that you can open the card and see the heavenly picture inside.

*Note: Another option would be to have children use photographs or cut pictures out of magazines rather than drawing the pictures themselves.*



*Fold paper in half.*

*Draw younger looking couple here—inside the card.*



**OR**

### Make Stick Puppets

1. On one side draw a person with a beautiful face with black, brown, red, or blond hair.
2. On the other side, draw someone who is growing old and has gray or white hair. They could also draw lots of lines or wrinkles on the faces of the older people.
3. Have the children show the older side of the puppets as you talk about people dying in old age and going to heaven.
4. Then have them turn the stick puppets to show the healthy, young spiritual bodies that the Lord gives to them.
5. And show how happy they are to be together in heaven!