Learn by Doing

Choice A Home in Heaven

The man with the evil spirits made his home in the tombs outside of town. This represents the state of our minds when we let selfish feelings and false ideas take the lead in our lives. After the Lord cast out the evil spirits, the man could go back to the town and live among others. This represents the state of our minds when we live for others in the light of true ideas from the Word. In the Word, the human mind is represented by a house (see *True Christianity* 395.2). The mind is where we live spiritually, and we are building our heavenly homes through our choices on earth. When are minds are formed by true ideas from the Lord’s Word we are building a heavenly home we will live in for ever.

1. At the start of our story the man was possessed by evil spirits and living in an unclean place away from others. This is a picture of the kinds of thoughts we stay in when we are behaving selfishly. The things we might do at these times—such as lying, and hurting others—do not lead to the happiness of heaven.
2. What kinds of ideas help us build a home in heaven? (True ideas from the Word. See *My Home in Heaven* (p. 2) for ideas.)
3. We are going to build beautiful heavenly homes from “stones” with true ideas. Hand out *My Home in Heaven* (p.2), paper, scissors and glue.
4. Cut out the shapes and build a home by gluing the pieces to the blank piece of paper.
5. *Optional*: decorate your picture with markers, sequins and glitter.



Materials Needed for Each Student

My Home in Heaven p. 2, scissors, paper, glue, markers or crayons
optional: fancy supplies for decorating

Prepare in Advance

Make a sample heavenly home. Optional: make the project more colorful by copying on to paper of various colors. In class, have children trade pieces and build a multi-colored home.

New Church Concept
Evil Imprisons Us

People who are infested by evils from hell are as though bound in prison, for they cannot help but think about evil, even if they will good. This gives rise to an inner combat and distress from which they cannot be set free, almost like people in chains. *Apocalypse Revealed* 99

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Love the Lord

Love Friends

Be Kind

Share

Tell the Truth

Obey Parents

Control Myself

Be Thankful

The Word

Be Useful

Pray

My Home in Heaven

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