

Lesson 2

Heaven Is Our Home

Lesson Focus | Heaven is God's home. It is a place of perfect happiness. If we spend our lives loving God and others, we will go to Heaven when we die and be happy there forever with God. Jesus made that possible. When He died on the Cross, He opened Heaven's gates to man. When we make the Sign of the Cross, we remember what Jesus did. We also remember that there are three Divine Persons in God. At Mass, Jesus is truly present, as are the angels and saints, who come to pray and worship Jesus with us. During Mass, Heaven comes to earth.

1 | begin

- Pray the Glory Be with your child.
- Describe to your child a favorite place (e.g., a home, a park, a city, etc.). Tell him why you love it and what fun things you did there. If possible, show him a picture.
- Read John 14:2–3 aloud.

2 | summarize

Summarize this week's lesson for your child:

Example: *As wonderful as my favorite place is, Heaven is even more wonderful. Heaven is God's home. All the angels and saints live with Him there and are happy forever. If we love God, someday we too will live in Heaven with Him.*

3 | review

Review this week's lesson by asking your child the following questions:

1. Where does God our Father live? (*In Heaven.*)
2. Who lives in Heaven with God? (*The angels and the saints.*)
3. Is there any sadness in Heaven? (*No.*)
4. After we die, if we love God, what will happen to us? (*We will go to live in Heaven with God forever.*)
5. How do Catholics begin and end prayer? (*With the Sign of the Cross.*)
6. Of what two things does the Sign of the Cross remind us? (*Jesus opened the gates of Heaven when He died on the Cross, and God is three Divine Persons.*)
7. When does Heaven come to earth? (*During Mass.*)



4 | apply

Help your child apply this week's lesson by asking the following questions:

1. What is your favorite place? How will Heaven be like that? How will it be better?
2. What are some sad things that happen to you now that won't happen in Heaven?
3. What good things can you do now that will help you get to Heaven someday?

5 | conclude

- With your child, pray the Our Father.

6 | follow up

During the week, do at least one of the following activities with your child:

1. Before meals, let your child begin family prayers with the Sign of the Cross.
2. Help your child draw a picture of himself with God in Heaven. Encourage him to include images of the other people and things he hopes will be there.
3. On Sunday, go to Mass fifteen minutes early. Walk around the church with your child and help him find images of saints and angels. Tell him that those images are there to remind him of the real angels and saints who are present at Mass.



References

- Student Textbook: Chapter 2, pp. 10–13
- Sacred Scriptures: Mt 13:24–30, 33, 44–50; Mk 4:10–20, 30–32; Lk 6:23; Jn 14:23
- Catechism of the Catholic Church: 163–65, 232–35, 325–27, 1020, 1023–24, 2157

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