



BOTTOM LINE:

God wants to give us a home in Heaven.

Find it in the Bible and Watch the Video!

**This week, our bible passage, John 14: 1-14, falls nicely in the middle of the Family Chat Time below. You can read it ahead of time or wait to read it when it indicates in the middle of the lesson. After, watch the bible story for kids to go along with this week's family chat time! Also, there's a video lesson for our older friends!

Family Chat Time!

A construction project is a very long haul from start to finish. It begins with an idea that becomes a plan on a set of blueprints. Once you have blueprints, you can get a permit to build and begin demolition. After the site is clear, you can pour the foundation, erect the walls, cover the roof, install the air conditioning, run the electrical and plumbing, lay the carpet and linoleum floors, paint the walls and ceilings, install the lights, hang the goods, screw in the face plates on the light switches and electrical outlets, bring in the cabinets, put knobs on every door and drawer, and long story short – finish the job.

Whew! As you can tell from that list, we didn't even cover half of what it takes to finish a construction job. We only covered the highlights. In the end, whether it's an office building, a restaurant, a hospital, a house, or what have you, the job ends when the last tools are cleared away, the final inspection is done, and the builder hands the keys to the new owner.

Over the last several weeks we've talked about the construction God does in our hearts when we give our lives to Jesus. When we make Jesus our foundation, He begins the work of building us up in our faith. There are challenges along the way, just like a regular construction job. Storms come and go. Problems and obstacles arise. But God gives us the strength to persevere, and He continues the good work in our hearts even when we think it's impossible.

Today we want to highlight another construction project the Bible tells us about. This construction project takes place far from our world, and it's been on-going since Jesus ascended into Heaven. Jesus is preparing a place for all those who love Him. He came to Earth to save us from sin so that we can spend forever with the Lord. If you give your heart to Jesus, one day you will receive the keys to a forever home!

*****Now is a great time to read the bible story! If you want, follow it up after family chat with the video lesson and bible story!***

The Bible tells us that Heaven is a place illuminated by the glory of God. The streets are paved with gold, and its gates are made of pearl. It is a beautiful place free from sadness, sickness, death, and sin. It is a place God is preparing right now for all of us.

Jesus died for the sins of the whole world. There is room enough in Heaven for everyone, but only those who believe in Jesus and receive Him as their Savior will be admitted. We want all of you to spend eternity with the Lord, so we're ending this series with an invitation to make Jesus your Savior!

In the beginning God made the world we live in. He put our ancestors in charge and asked that we care for it. But when sin entered the world, things began to go south. Like an old home that has fallen into disrepair, our world has problems. Sin is the big one. Selfishness, greed, anger, sickness, death. All of these things can cause our world to crumble.

This was not God's plan, and when sin entered the world, God knew there was only one way to save us. God sacrificed His only Son so we could have eternal life. Because Jesus died and rose again, God can forgive our sins and admit us into our forever home in Heaven.

If you've already given your heart to Jesus, you know He has begun not only to build your faith, but to build your home in Heaven. You know that you will spend eternity in a place of joy and peace, where we will dwell with the Lord forever.

If you have not received that gift of salvation, we want to invite you to receive it now. God is ready to go to work on your heart. He has a place picked out in Heaven, and He's ready to make you a forever home. God loves you so much, and He wants you to receive this amazing gift.

There's no permit to acquire. There's no mortgage to pay. Jesus paid for your eternity with His own blood. Let Jesus in today, and let God begin to build your true home in Heaven.

Close in Prayer: ***Feel free to allow child to pray, lead the prayer yourself, or use the example below.*

Dear God,

Thank you for preparing a place for us in Heaven.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

Discussion Questions:

- Jesus said that he was "the way, the truth, and the life." What does this mean?
- What can we do to make sure we have a place in Heaven with God someday?
- Why did God send Jesus to Earth?
- How can you share the good news of Heaven with others?

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