



# Future World!

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## Before you start:

1. Prayerfully read through the whole lesson at least twice.
2. Gather all the materials you need for each section (see right).
3. Work with another team member and plan who will manage each section of the session.

<h2>Leadership Preparation:</h2>	<h2>Personal Preparation:</h2>
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How often do you think about heaven? What do you think about heaven? Where is heaven? What difference does heaven make to our lives? And how can it start for us now?

If the Holy Spirit invites you to do so, be willing to share some of your thoughts during today's session. Otherwise use the inspiration of your personal experience to fill you with enthusiasm for today's session.

## You will need:

### Icebreaker:

- Sheets of plain paper
- Pencils, crayons, felt tips (marker pens)

### Word Search:

- Copies of Word Search studies - 1 study per person
- Flip chart paper
- Pens

### Mission Possible:

- Sheets of flip chart paper
- Thick marker pens
- Paper
- Pens

### Family Focus Time:

- Cups and drinks
- Family Discussion Cards – copy and cut 1 card per family

### Praying Together:

- A small gold-coloured gift bag for each family (optional)
- Sticky notes or sticky white labels (optional)
- Pens (optional)

### Jesus and Me (JAM) Session:

- CD player and CD of soft worship music
- One set of 'Jesus and Me' Journal Pages per participant

### Take-away Menu (optional):

- A pearl bead threaded onto a plain white tag about 5-6cm long (2 1/2")

### Agape Meal (optional):

- See end of lesson

## By the end of the session, the group members will:

- Know that living in heaven is an amazing reality for the future, and that the kingdom of heaven is also a way of life for today.
- Feel a longing for heaven and a desire to share the wonder of heaven with others.
- Respond by choosing to live in the kingdom of heaven today.



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Welcome and Prayer – 5 mins

## Say:

“ Think about where you are going for your next holiday, or where you went for your last holiday. How often do you think about where you are going, what you’ll do when you get there, what you need to pack or buy etc? How often do you day dream and imagine you are there on the beach, or in the city, or up a mountain, etc?

How often do you think about heaven? How often do you think about what you need to do to get ready? How often do you dream about what you’ll do when you get there?

Today we’re going to explore the best holiday destination in the universe! ”

## Icebreaker - Forever Fun! - 10 mins

*You will need:*

1. Sheets of plain paper
  2. Felt tipped pens in bright colours (marker pens)
- Give each person a sheet of paper and a bright felt tipped pen.
  - Ask them to write the first letter of their first name on the sheet of paper and then to think of something fun they would like to do in heaven that begins with the same letter. For example Sarah or Simon – S – might write ‘space travel’ or ‘surf on the Sea of Glass’.
  - Ask them to do the same with their surname, so that they will have two phrases written on their sheet of paper.
  - Encourage them to be creative and open-minded about their own and other people’s heavenly fun activity ideas.
  - Then ask them to introduce themselves to as many people as possible in two minutes saying, ‘Hello I am Simon Jones, and when I get to heaven I’d like to Surf on the Sea of Glass and Jump as high as a mountain.’ They must also listen to what the other person has to say before finding another person to talk to.
  - Ask them to count how many people they talk to in two minutes.
  - At the end of two minutes tell people to stop talking.

## Ask:

- ‘Who managed to talk to the most people?’
- ‘What were the most unusual heavenly activity ideas?’





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## Word Search - 25 mins

*You will need:*

1. Paper and pens
  2. Flip chart paper
  3. Copies of Word Search studies - 1 study per person
- Discuss and fill out the Word Search sheet in small groups of 3-4 people.
  - Allow 20 minutes for this study.
  - Call the groups back for feedback.

### Ask:

- 'What do you think you'll enjoy most about heaven?'
- 'What do you find most challenging or difficult when you think about heaven?'
- 'How does thinking about heaven help you in your life here and now?'

## Mission Possible - Advertising Heaven - 20 mins

*You will need:*

1. Sheets of flip chart paper
  2. Thick marker pens
  3. Paper
  4. Pens
- Leave people in the same groups as their Word Search study.
  - Ask them to design a poster or a TV commercial to advertise heaven. They can choose whether to perform their TV commercial or just describe the commercial.
  - Give groups 10 minutes to develop their ideas or create an outline plan.
  - Let each group show or describe their ideas to everyone else.

## Family Focus - 15 mins

*You will need:*

1. Drinks and cups
  2. Family Discussion Cards
- Serve drinks.
  - Let everyone re-assemble into their family groups, collecting a drink on the way.
  - Give each family a Discussion Card.

## Family Prayer Time - 10 mins

*You will need:*

1. A small gold-coloured gift bag for each family
  2. (optional) Sticky notes or sticky white labels
  3. (optional) Pens
- Give each family a small gift bag.
  - Ask them to think of different gifts that the promise of heaven gives to their lives, such as: the gift of hope in an amazing future; the gift of comfort that comes from knowing that God will raise those who love him from the dead; the gift of eventual healing and the promise of whole and perfect bodies, etc.
  - Ask the families to pass the gift bag around their group and let the person holding the bag say a sentence prayer of thanks for something related to heaven. Those who would rather pray silently can pass the bag to the next person after they have prayed a silent prayer.
  - **OR**, Let families write their 'thank you' sentences on sticky notes or labels and then stick them onto their gift bags.

## JAM Session (Jesus and Me) - 5 mins

*You will need:*

1. CD player and CD of soft worship music
  2. One set of 'Jesus and Me' Journal Pages per participant
- Give out the Jesus and Me journal pages for this week.
  - Allow at least five minutes for people to make a start on their pages so that they will be encouraged to complete their projects during the week ahead.

## Take-Away Menu

*You will need:*

1. A pearl bead threaded onto a plain white tag about 5-6 cm long (2 1/2")
- Give each person a pearl bead threaded onto a plain white tag. The pearl is a reminder of the parable of the merchant who sold all he had to buy the perfect pearl (Matthew 13:45-46).
  - Ask each person to write on their tag something they could do to help them experience heaven here and now, or something they could do to share the exciting promise of heaven with others.

## Closing Prayer





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This session may be your last. Why not end with a simple agape meal? Set a simple table with a white cloth, candles, white flowers, white plates and napkins, baskets of fresh-baked bread from a good baker, lovely fruits, nuts and dried fruits, honey, olives and olive oil infused with herbs, etc.

Plan encouraging things to talk about and/or creative activities to do.

Give each person a tea-light to take away and ask them to think how they will be a light in the world around them.





## KID for Teens: Handout: Future World! Word Search:



On a sheet of flip chart paper make a list of all the things you can learn about heaven from the following descriptions:

Isaiah 65:1-25

Revelation 21:1-7; 11-25;

Revelation 22:1-5

John 14:1-3

1 Corinthians 2:9

**Look at your list of descriptions and discuss the following questions:**

- What do you think it will be like to live where God lives?
- Why do you think Jesus didn't give us detailed descriptions of heaven when he was on earth?
- If someone asked you to describe heaven, what would you say?
- When you picture yourself in heaven what do you see yourself doing?
- What will be the most amazing things about living in a perfect place?
- What do you think it will be like to live forever? What is hardest to imagine about living forever?
- If your Word Search group had a reunion in heaven, what would you like to do together that everyone would enjoy?

Lesson 32 -

### *FAMILY Discussion CARD*

One person I would like to meet in heaven, apart from Jesus and my family and friends, would be...

The one question I would most like to ask God when I get to heaven would be...

One thing I look forward to doing in heaven is...

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# 32 Jesus and Me: Journal Lesson 32: Future World!



Reread the following descriptions of heaven that you studied in your Word Search.

Isaiah 65:1-25; John 14:1-3; 1 Corinthians 2:9; Revelation 21:1-7; Revelation 22:1-5

List your top ten reasons for wanting to go to heaven.

	WHY DO I WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN?
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
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7	
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9	
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# 32 Jesus and Me: Journal Lesson 32: Future World: Sampling Future-World!



Think about some of the special features of living in heaven.

What different things could you do so that you, and the people around you, could experience a sample of heaven on earth?

Write your ideas on the paint pot samples below.

Choose one or two of your ideas and put them into action. Write about what happens.





# 32 Jesus and Me: Journal Lesson 32: Future World: What difference does heaven make to my life today?



WHAT DIFFERENCE  
does a future in heaven  
make to the big choices  
I'M MAKING ABOUT MY LIFE  
TODAY?

WHAT DIFFERENCE  
does a future in Heaven make  
to the way I treat other people?  
(FRIENDS, FAMILY, PEOPLE IN NEED, ETC)

WHAT DIFFERENCE  
does a future in Heaven  
make to my relationship  
with God here & now?

WHAT  
DIFFERENCE  
does a future in  
Heaven make to my  
SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT  
TODAY?





# 32 Jesus and Me: Journal Lesson 32: Future World: My Future-World 'to-do' list



Imagine you're living in heaven. What will your 'to-do' list look like?

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9.00  
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10.00  
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11.00  
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12.00  
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13.00  
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*THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO DO AS SOON AS I ARRIVE IN HEAVEN:*

*THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO DO WITHIN THE FIRST 'YEAR':*

*THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO DO IN HEAVEN EVENTUALLY - BUT THERE'S NO RUSH:*

*THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO DO WITH JESUS, OR ASK HIM:*

The ten people I would like to meet in heaven that I haven't met before:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.



# 32 Jesus and Me: Journal Lesson 32: Future World: My Future-World Apartment



In John 14:1-3 Jesus said that there were many rooms for us in heaven. God has made each one of us different and unique, so maybe he's also designing different and unique rooms for us. Someone who loves grizzly bears has imagined that when she gets to heaven she'll have her own bear, which will live in her room. She likes to imagine that she'll be able to snuggle up to him whenever she wants to. What do you imagine?

How might God be designing your room in heaven? What do you think it will be like?

Describe the room you imagine God might create for you. Draw a picture of it on this blueprint paper, or make a model of your future-world room in a cardboard box.

Future-world apartment no: H4AV4N





# 32 Jesus and Me: Journal Lesson 32: Future World: Life-changing Future-world



IN HEAVEN, I'LL SPEND MY TIME DOING...

IN HEAVEN, I'LL EAT...

IN HEAVEN I'LL  
WORSHIP GOD BY...

THE KINDS OF FRIENDS  
I'D LIKE TO HAVE IN HEAVEN  
WILL BE...

IN HEAVEN,  
MY LIFE WILL  
BE DIFFERENT  
BECAUSE...

Living forever, in a perfect place, is going to change your life-style! How will being in heaven change your life?



# 32 Jesus and Me: Journal Lesson 32: Future World: Postcard from Future-World



Imagine that you're on a brief, exploratory trip to heaven. While you're there you want to send a postcard to yourself on earth. What picture would you choose and what would you write?

Take a postcard-sized card and write yourself a postcard from heaven. Find a picture of something that looks as much like heaven as possible and stick it on the picture side of the post card.

Stick your postcard below. Use a hinge of adhesive tape so that you can flip the card and see the picture as well as your message.

