

Heaven

Word Forms:

- heaven (n) Many religions teach that after people die, some will go to heaven.
- heavenly (adj) Many Christians are excited about going to their heavenly home.
- heavenly father (n) Christians sometimes call God their heavenly father.
- kingdom of heaven (n) God is the king in the kingdom of heaven.

Related Words:

- eternal (adj) If something is eternal, it means that it never ends.
- eternally (adv) Many people would like to live eternally.
- eternal life (n) If a person goes to heaven, they have eternal life.
- eternity (n) People that live in heaven will live there for eternity.
- everlasting (adj) If people go to heaven, they have everlasting life.
- forever (adv) Many people would like to live forever.
- paradise (n) Another name for heaven is paradise.
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- hell (n) Many religions teach that all the people who don't go to heaven will go to hell.
- eternal death (n) If a person experiences eternal death, it means that they will be in hell forever.
- separate (v) Living in hell means that a person is separated from God forever.

Exercises:

1. When you die, would you like to go to _____ or _____?
2. Heaven and hell are places where people will live _____.
3. Christians often pray to their _____.

Questions:

1. Do you believe that after people die they go to heaven or hell? Why or why not?
2. If you don't believe in heaven and hell, what do you think happens to people after they die?
3. What do you think is the reason that some people go to heaven, and others go to hell?

Bible Readings:

1. Jesus said, "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God. And trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house...I would not tell you this if it were not true. I am going there to prepare a place for you. After I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back. Then I will take you to be with me so that you may be where I am." (John 14:1-3, ICB)
2. "The wages paid by sin is [eternal] death, but the gift given freely by God in Christ Jesus our Lord is everlasting life." (Romans 6:23, God's Word)
3. "The person who believes [Jesus] has everlasting life, but the one who rejects [Jesus] will not see life; instead, the wrath of God rests on him." (John 3:36, NIV)
4. "We are citizens of heaven." (Philippians 3:20, God's Word)

Questions:

1. How does Jesus describe heaven? Who will people be with in heaven? (reading 1)
2. What should all people who sin receive? How do people receive everlasting life? (reading 2)
3. Why do some people go to heaven, and others go to hell? (reading 3)

4. People who believe in Jesus are not only citizens of a country. What else are they citizens of? (reading 4)