

Activity: Going to Heaven

Teaching Goal: We need Jesus to get to heaven.

Scripture: John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Materials: Stairs

- I. Play theme song
- II. Pray
- III. Review last lesson
- IV. Lesson and discussion

☺ Words that are written in **bold** are when you, the parent, are speaking. Feel free to use your own words.

A. **Why do we need Jesus to get to heaven?** Listen to their answers but do not offer any answers. **The Bible tells us that when we believe in Jesus we will not perish but we will have eternal life with God in heaven. We're going to play a game that will help us understand why we need Jesus.**

B. **ACTIVITY:** Gather the children at the bottom of the stairs. The stairs need to be at least tall enough so that the children can not reach or jump to the top step. Then one adult (the strongest adult) goes to the top of the stairs and says to the children, **I represent Jesus in heaven. More than anything, I want you up here with me. But! You can't use the stairs and you can't use the handrails** (Exclude everything they could use connected to the stairs. For example, if the stairs are on a hill then they can not use the hill to reach the top). **Figure out how you are going to get up here with me, Jesus in heaven.**

See if the children can come up with the answer. If they start getting frustrated then give them clues. *The answer is that Jesus has to come down and carry the children up to heaven.* **That's how you get to heaven. You can't do it on your own. You need Jesus to get there.** Go down the stairs and carry each child, one at a time, to the top. **Now you see why we need Jesus to get to heaven.**

- V. Memorize

**Heaven is our home,
Through Jesus alone.**

- V. Close in Prayer

- VI. Pass It On



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Pray and ask God to bring to your mind another family that would benefit from this activity. Make an extra copy of this lesson and *pass it on*. You may also know a children's minister who would like to share this lesson with other families.