

FAITH

TRUSTING IN WHAT
YOU CAN'T SEE

BECAUSE OF WHAT
YOU CAN SEE

WEEK **4**
1st

BOTTOM LINE: Following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine. Read 2 Peter 3:13

DAY

1

The Promise of Heaven

Grab some paper and some crayons or watercolor paints. Spend a few minutes painting or coloring what you think heaven will look like.

God has made a big promise to us. (And God **always** keeps His promises.) When we trust Jesus, we can be a part of God's family forever in a place where nothing bad or sad ever happens! We will live with God in a perfect place and it will be more amazingly awesome than we could ever imagine.

DAY

2

Seeds

Have you ever planted a seed and watched it grow? If you look at a seed on its own, it's not all that exciting. But when you check the picture on the front of the seed packet, you see what that tiny seed can become.

It can be hard to wait for good things, just like it can be hard to wait for a seed to grow. But God promises us something we can look forward to when we put our trust in Jesus. One day, we will live with God in a place He's made perfect, forever. And in the waiting, we can choose to follow Jesus everyday knowing that His way is the best! Remember, **following Jesus will turn out better than you can imagine.**

DAY

3

Fish Talking

Do you have a pet fish? What if you could shrink down, jump into the bowl and talk to your fish? What if you could tell him all about what life is like outside his fishbowl? What would you tell him?

When it comes to heaven and spending forever with God, we're kind of like that fish. We won't be able to understand everything about heaven until we experience it. While we don't know all the details, God has made it very clear how to get there! When we put our trust in Jesus, we can live forever with God in a place full of happiness and joy.

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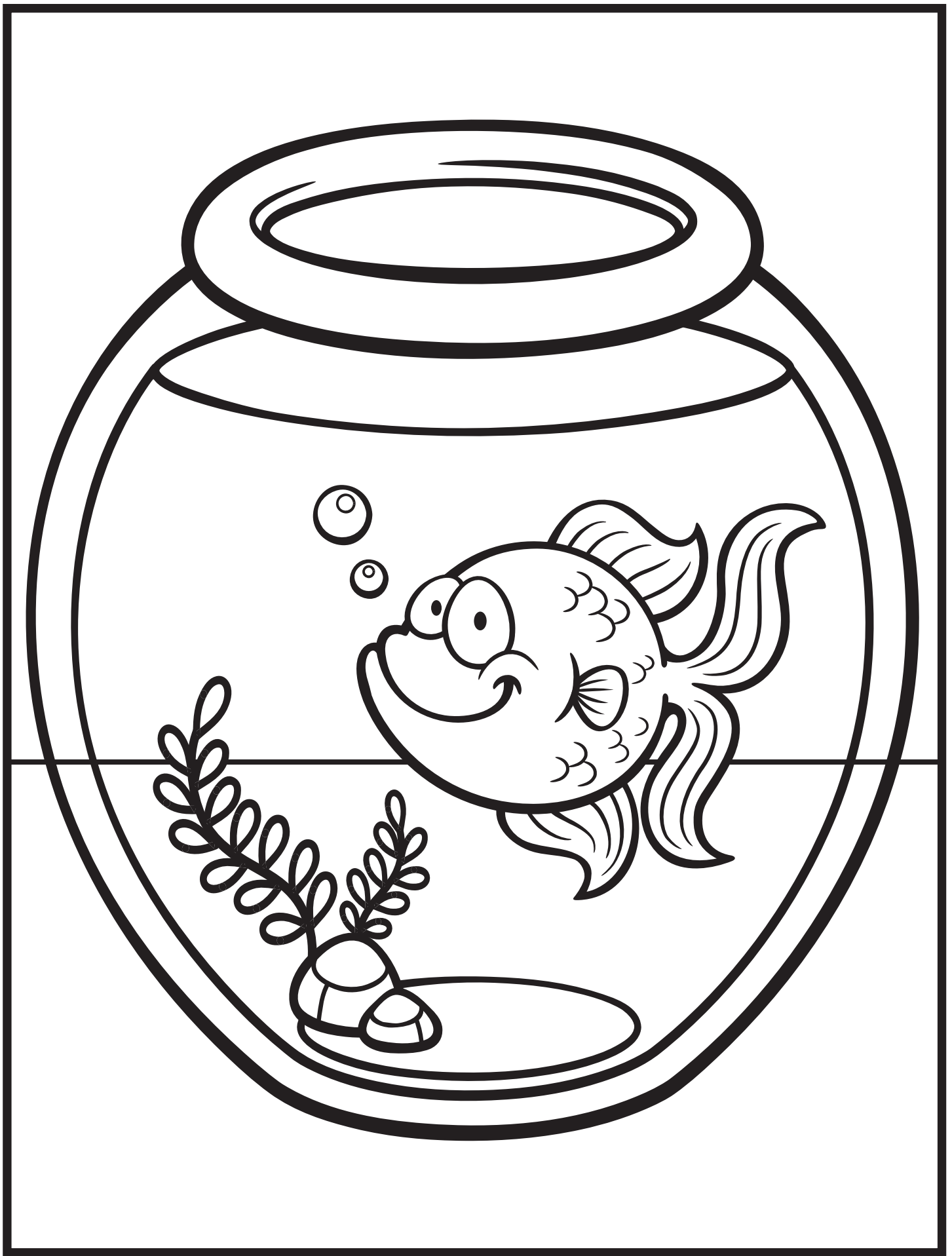
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Follow the Leader

Grab a friend or sibling and play a few rounds of "Follow the Leader." Take turns so that you both have the chance to lead and follow.

The best thing about following Jesus is that you can trust Him. He will always lead you in the right direction. When you put your faith and trust in Jesus, you will live forever with Him in a perfect place. Because following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine.

Ask Jesus to help you follow Him each day and thank Him for the promise of heaven.





READ ECCLESIASTES 3:11-14

DAY 1

Get a sheet of paper and draw the most amazing place you can imagine. It might be a real place, or it could be something you completely make up . . . like a real-life Candy Land. If you have time, go all out with markers and colored pencils and even glitter or stickers. Leave the paper blank on the other side and hold on to it for tomorrow.

No matter how awesome your imaginary land might be, it can't come close to what God says heaven will be like. As much as we want to imagine how things will turn out in the end, we simply can't imagine how great heaven and living with God forever will be!

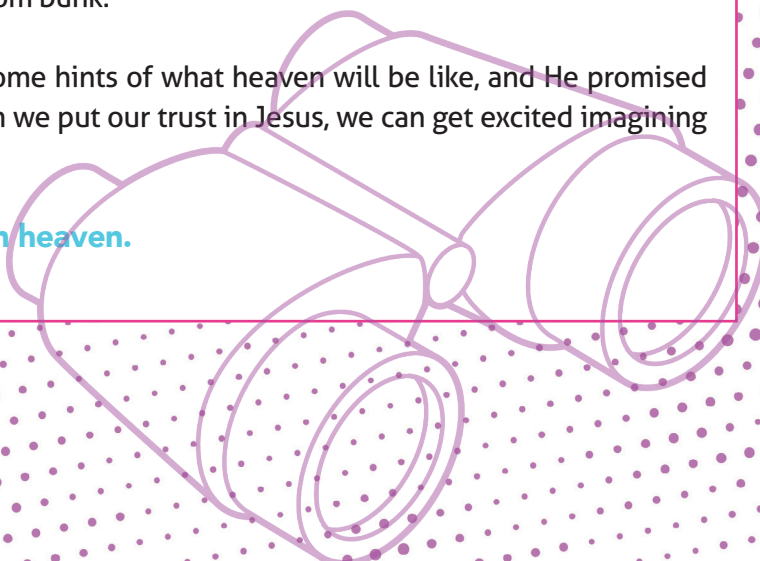
Know that following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine!

READ JOHN 14:2-3

Grab your sheet of paper from yesterday, where you drew the most amazing place. Flip it over and now draw your dream room. What color would the walls be? Would you line it with bookshelves or display cases for your LEGO® creations? Would you have a bunk bed or maybe a canopy? Now think about who your roommate might be in this dream scenario—or your next-door neighbor. Maybe your parents are just down the hall, but your best friend is in the bottom bunk.

It's fun to imagine, isn't it? Jesus gave us some hints of what heaven will be like, and He promised there are many rooms—room for all of us! When we put our trust in Jesus, we can get excited imagining what following Him will look like for eternity!

Thank God for preparing a place for you in heaven.



READ PSALM 16:11

DAY 3

Put a smiley face besides the things that make you really happy. You can put two smiley faces besides the ones that make you the most happy.

PUPPIES
MOVIES
CANDY
ROLLER COASTERS
BOOKS

MUSIC
FRIENDS
VIDEO GAMES
DANCING
FAMILY

Believe it or not, following Jesus can give you more joy than all these things combined. That may be hard to imagine, because we're only experiencing Jesus on this side of heaven. But one day, when we are with Him forever, all these things will pale in comparison to being with Jesus!

Ask God to give you a taste of the joy to come in heaven.

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 2:9

DAY 4

What is the coolest thing in nature you've ever seen? _____

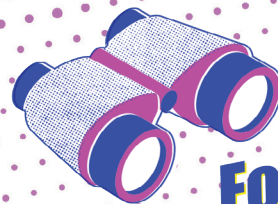
What is your favorite song to listen to? _____

What is the most amazing fact you've ever learned? _____

_____ (Here's one for you . . . the woodpecker's tongue is wrapped around his brain for an extra level of protection when he pecks!)

Isn't it awesome to know that in heaven, you'll see things unlike you've ever seen before? And the sound of worshipping God will be the best music you've ever heard? And you'll know everything there is to know about God and Jesus? Put on your favorite song as you go about your day, and imagine how great heaven's sights and sounds will be.

Thank God for the promise of heaven.



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WHAT DO YOU THINK HEAVEN WILL BE LIKE?

DAY 5

After the author of Revelation tells us what He saw in his vision of Heaven, the One sitting on the throne says,

"Write this down. You can trust these words. They are true."

Revelation 21:5b, NIV

This verse tells us the most important part of having faith—you can trust what God says. You can trust that Jesus is His One and only Son, sent to earth so that we could be in God's family forever. When we are faced with something hard or something confusing, we can have faith and trust in God. We can follow Jesus. We can know that no matter what, God loves us and Jesus wants to have a relationship with us.

There are already ways following God has helped your life. Think of one person you can talk to about the ways following God has turned out greater than you imagined. Tell them about Him, about His love, and about how following God is the best choice you've ever made.

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DAY 1

Go to Studio252.tv and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show. (Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.)

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that . . .

1) YOU LIKED: _____

2) YOU LEARNED: _____

3) YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW: _____

DAY 2

READ REVELATION 21:3-5A

The book we're reading from this week is called Revelation. Revelation basically means *made known*. And in the book of Revelation, we uncover many truths about what heaven is like. Check out what Revelation says about heaven:

"... God now makes his home with the people. He will live with them. They will be his people. And God himself will be with them and be their God." Revelation 21:3, NIV

We learn one important fact about heaven: **GOD WILL BE THERE**. He will actually live with us in Heaven. He will be our God—meaning, He will be in charge. That sounds amazing, right?

We're going to talk a lot about heaven this week. Before we get there, think about this . . .

If you could ask one question about heaven, what would it be?

DAY 3

One of the most important ways to following Jesus is to talk to Him. He wants you to tell Him everything—even ask Him questions.

Look at your question from yesterday. **Spend a few minutes praying to God, telling Him you're curious about heaven.** Tell Him you want to know more about it—more about Him.

DAY 4

Following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine. It's true! Do you know someone who is following Jesus right now? Take some time to talk to that person. If you can't do it in person, you can text, email, or even video call them. Ask them all the ways that following Jesus has been good—even great—for them.

If you have time, ask them what they think about heaven. What will it be like? Compare what they think to what you think!

