

8th GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS 16
Sharing Jesus So People Go to Heaven

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SPEAK TOGETHER OUR MEMORY VERSE - 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.

REVIEW -

1. **A B C D** **We have been studying about 'Growing as a Disciple - a Child of God.' What this has meant is a) growing more childish, b) growing more mature as God's child, c) whatever the pastor says, d) all of the above.**

2. **A B C D E F** **The different Units have been on a) believing, b) growing, c) serving, d) Sharing, e) all of the Above, f) none of the above.**

3. **T F** **Ways to grow include Bible Study, worship, the Lord's Supper, baptism, and prayer.**

4. **A B C D E F** **Ways to serve include a) helping the needy, b) helping other Christians c) obedience to God and just authorities, d) keeping the 10 commandments, e) all of the above, f) none of the above.**

I. WHAT ARE HEAVEN AND HELL LIKE? (Divide into two groups. One read about heaven. One read about hell. After reading come back with 3 written descriptions of the place you studied.)

HEAVEN (Selected verses)

Revelation 7:9, 13-17-After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands . . . Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes-who are they and where did they come from?" I answered, "Sir, you know." And he answered, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, **'they are before the throne of God** and serve him day and night in his temple and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Revelation 21:1-4-Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and **God himself will be with them** and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death, or mourning, or crying, or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

John 14:1-6-Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that **you also may be where I am**. You know the way to the place where I am going. Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

God describes heaven as:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Who would want to experience Heaven?

HELL

II Thessalonians 1:8-9-He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power.

Luke 16:19-31-"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire. But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.

He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

God describes hell as:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Who would want to experience Hell?

II. HOW ARE WE SAVED FOR ETERNAL LIFE IN HEAVEN?

A. Answer 1 – Please Read Romans 5:6-8

6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (NIV)

We are Saved because Jesus died and rose.

B. Answer/Question 2 *If you died tonight, are you SURE you would go to heaven?*

Genesis 15:6-Abram BELIEVED the Lord, and he (the Lord) credited it to him (Abram) as righteousness.

Habakkuk 2:4 . . . the righteous will live by his FAITH.

Mark 16:16 Whoever BELIEVES and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

John 3:16-18 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. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever BELIEVES in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 5:24 I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and BELIEVES him who sent me has eternal life, and will not be condemned. He has crossed over from death to life.

John 11:25-26 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who BELIEVES in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and BELIEVES in me will never die."

Acts 16:30-31 He . . . asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved-you and your household."

Romans 3:28 For we maintain that a man is justified by FAITH apart from observing the law.

Galatians 2:15-16 We . . . know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by FAITH and NOT BY OBSERVING THE LAW, because by observing the law no one will be justified.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, THROUGH FAITH-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-NOT BY WORKS, so that no one can boast.

HOW ARE WE SAVED FROM HELL FOR HEAVEN? WHY IS IT IMPORTANT WE BELIEVE IN JESUS? (Is there anyone we might want to go to hell??)

SKIT - Lesson 16

- Sam: Hi Jenny, wasn't church . . . well, a blessing? Wasn't church great Sunday?
- Jenny: You know, sometimes it really hits me. The music, the sermon, the readings, somehow they spoke to what I needed to hear.
- Sam: Me too. I wish everyone had the joy of Jesus' love.
- Jenny: There's Derek. You know, we've had trouble with him. Maybe he would be blessed by worship at church.
- Sam: Let's ask. (Hollering to Derek across the room) Derek. Hey! Derek, come on over here.
- Derek (Looks surprised, puts up his hands) Huh? Well, ok (walks to Sam and Jenny)
- Sam: Hey Derek, we thought, what I mean is, well, how would you like to come to church with us. We think learning about God helps us, and it would be a blessing to you too.
- Derek: Man, what's all this stuff about God? You can believe it if you want. But, as for me, I don't need that stuff!
- Jenny: Why not Derek?
- Derek: I can live my own life. When I die, that's it.
- Sam: Derek, don't you want to go to heaven?
- Derek: I don't believe in that stuff.
- Jenny: You know Derek, we DO believe. But, think of it this way, it either is or it isn't. It doesn't matter what YOU think, it matters what IS. And, we believe God loves everyone, us and you, and he wants everyone to go to heaven.
- Derek: Man, this is creepy.
- Sam: Well, sorry, Derek. We thought what was a blessing to us, might be a blessing to you too. We were just trying to be friendly.

Derek: Well, let me think about it.

SPEAK INDIVIDUALLY OUR MEMORY VERSE - 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.