

In Heaven Forever

Theme

Heaven will be amazing.

Object

A book of jokes and riddles.

Scripture

Luke 20:27-40

Children's Sermon: In Heaven Forever (Luke 20:27-40)

You know what a riddle is, don't you? It is a word puzzle -- a question that makes you think. Sometimes riddles are funny. I'm sure you have probably heard this one. "Why did the chicken cross the road?" The answer is, "To get to the other side." Here are a few of my favorite riddles.

Q: Mary's father has 4 children; three are named Nana, Nene, and Nini. What is the fourth child's name?

A: Mary! (You may have to explain!)

Q: How many months have 28 days?

A: All of them! (Some may have 30 or 31, but all have 28!)

Q: What is full of holes but can still hold water?

A: A sponge! (You might show them one!)

Riddles have been around since the time of Jesus. Maybe longer than that. One day, Jesus was approached by a group of Sadducees — religious leaders who did not believe in the resurrection or the happiness of heaven.

The Sadducees were trying to trick Jesus into agreeing that there was no resurrection. They asked him to answer this riddle: "The law of Moses says that if a man dies, leaving a wife but no children, his brother should marry the widow and have a child who will carry on the brother's name. Well, suppose there were seven brothers. The oldest one married and then died without children. So the second brother married the widow, but he also died. Then the third brother married her. This continued until all seven brothers had married the same woman. Finally, the woman also died. So tell us, whose wife will she be after the resurrection since all seven were married to her!"

My, that is a tricky riddle, isn't it? Listen to Jesus' answer.

Jesus said, "Marriage is for people here on earth. But in the age to come, those who are raised from the dead will not marry or be married. Not only that, but they will never die again. They will live forever as the children of God." (Luke 20:36)

After Jesus answered their riddle so wisely, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Now, you and I know that Jesus promised us that if we love him and trust in him, we will live forever in heaven with him. Isn't it sad that some people do not believe there is a resurrection and eternal life in heaven? Oh, that reminds me of one more riddle!

Q. Why were the people in today's Bible lesson called Sadducees?

A. Since they didn't believe in the resurrection or the happiness of heaven, they were "Sad, you see!"

Dear Father, we are happy today that you have promised us eternal life in heaven. Thank you that heaven is going to be amazing! In Jesus' name, amen.

In Heaven Forever Group Group Activities

Interactive Group Activities
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Sermon Title: "In Heaven Forever"

Scripture Reading: Luke 20:27-40

IN HEAVEN FOREVER BOARD GAME: The teacher will print out game boards. You you will need a game board for every four to six children. ([CLICK HERE](#) for the game board master in PDF format. The master prints out two pages which will be taped together to make one game board.) Each child will also need a game piece and each group will need a die. These items can be purchased from Amazon.com, a craft store, or you could use colored buttons or something similar.

HEAVENLY CLOUDS - Teacher can have 3 big fluffy clouds drawn on childrens' posters. At classtime, children can write on the clouds - NO LONGER DIE, LIKE THE ANGELS, GOD'S CHILDREN, and glue little cotton balls on the edges of the clouds. LUKE 20:36 can be written on a separate cloud.

HEAVENLY CLOUD DISPLAY - Large poster-sized cloud on the focal wall for children to write these words in the cloud - WE WILL LIVE FOREVER AS THE CHILDREN OF GOD.

LIVING PEOPLE DISPLAY - Make cut outs of connecting people and tape to the wall or door of the classroom. Have children tape the words above the connecting people that says, HE IS THE GOD OF THE LIVING. (To make "connecting people", fold construction paper back and forth several times and cut through all the thicknesses for half a person and when this is unfolded, the people will still be connected in a long string of people. If my directions aren't clear, just cut out many little construction-paper people and tape next to each other on the wall.)

CANDY CORN WORDS - Teacher can have a large bowl of candy corns for children to eat, as well as to glue on their 8 X 10 piece of brown or yellow poster board. Children can choose words from the lesson such as LOVE AND TRUST JESUS, or LIVE FOREVER IN HEAVEN, or GOD IS THE GOD OF THE LIVING, etc.

WORDS GAME - Teacher can have colorful printed words on a large poster board with a little piece of paper covering each word. Children will take turns removing one little paper covering on each word, at a time. Children can see who can figure out first what the WORDS GAME POSTER says - IF WE LOVE HIM AND TRUST IN HIM, WE WILL LIVE FOREVER IN HEAVEN WITH HIM.

HAPPY FACE PAPER PLATE ART - Each child can be given a paper plate and markers to draw happy faces all over the plate or happy face stickers. Words can be written on the middle of the plate or around the edges that say - ETERNAL LIFE IN HEAVEN. If there is time and teacher chooses to add the sad faces on the back side of the plate, children can draw some SAD faces and write (Sadducees - SAD YOU SEE - DIDN'T BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION.)

HEAVEN FOREVER GAME - A little treat could be given to each child who can list something special in heaven that we don't have here on earth such as JESUS is there, no more sickness, no crying, golden streets to walk on, no more nights, heavenly singing, angels, all our loved ones, etc. These things could be written on the chalkboard as they're called off, or children could draw a quick picture of what they're thinking of and see if the other children can guess what it is!

Song: "I Have the Joy " by George W. Cooke, arr. by Elaine Kirkpatrick

[Song Sheet \(PDF\)](#)

[Piano Accompaniment MP3](#) - Right click and save to your computer

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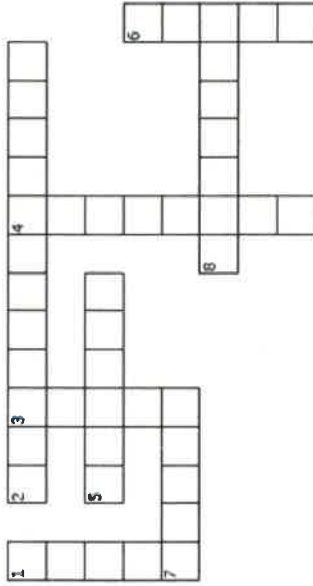
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Crossword Puzzle



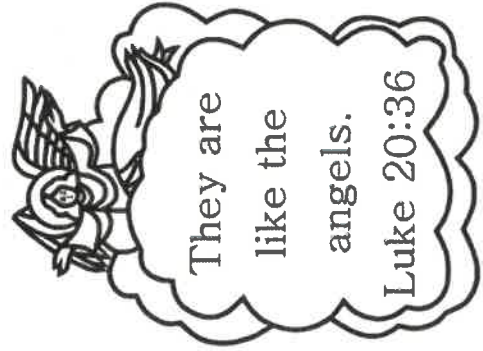
ACROSS

- The act of rising from the dead or returning to life
- The opposite of dead
- An adult female human
- A male who has the same parents as another person

DOWN

- A woman whose husband has died and who has not remarried
- The number equal to 6 + 1
- Sons or daughters; offspring
- To become husband or wife

living	marry	seven	woman
widow	children	brother	resurrection



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Jesus and the Sadducees

Luke 20:27-38

Word Search Puzzle

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 O S E V E N E F S L O N D G V
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 E Y W I F N R I S E A H A K Q
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MOSES
 ISAAC
 WIFE

ABRAHAM
 JACOB
 WOMAN

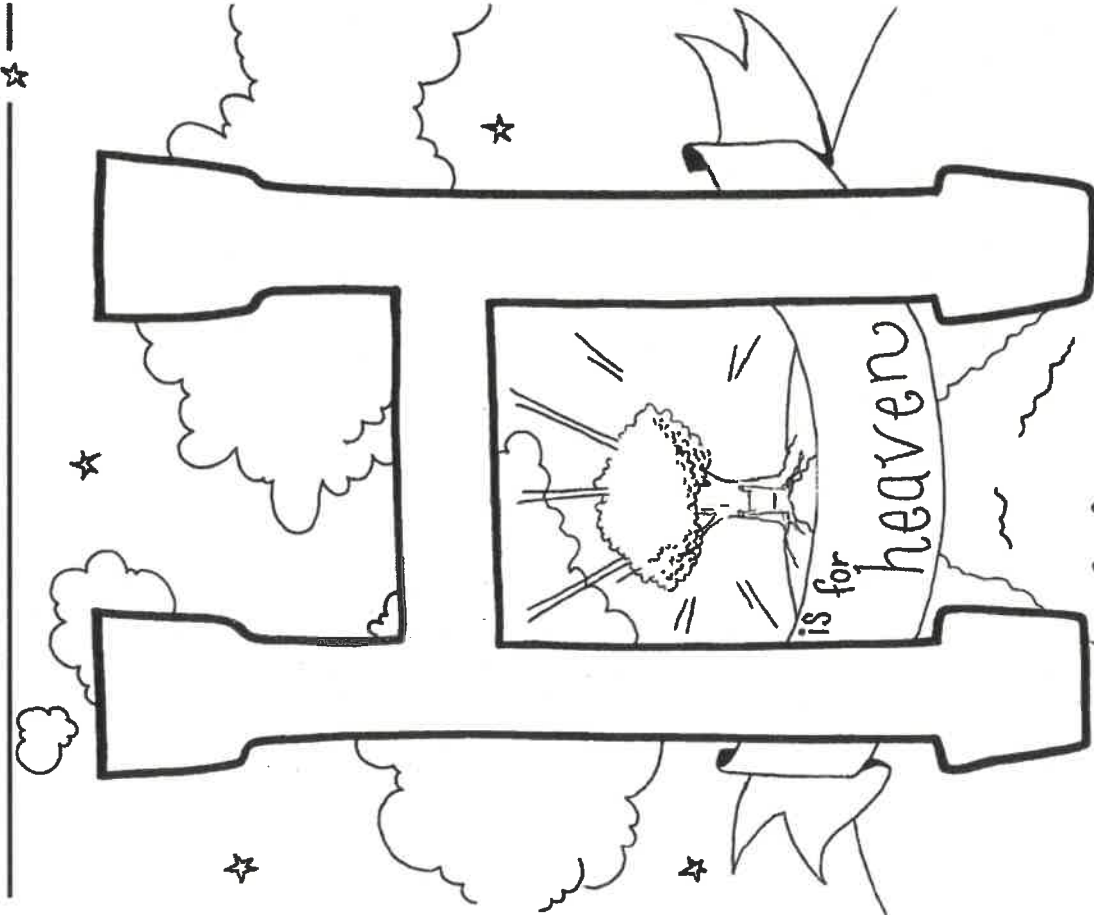
MARRY
 RISE
 DEAD

ALIVE
 SEVEN
 CHILDREN

BROTHER
 ANGELS
 WIDOW

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Decoder Puzzle

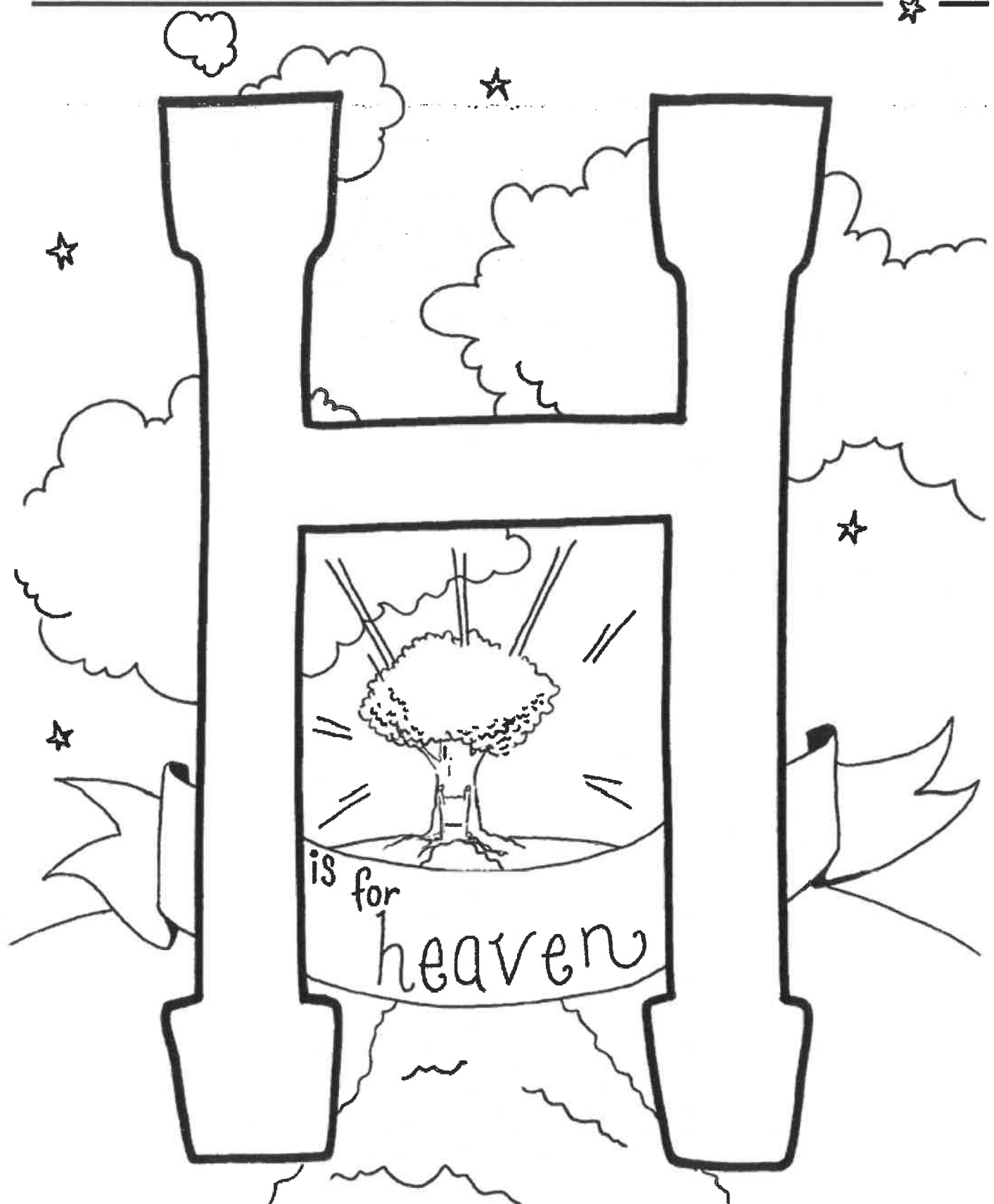
Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
J	B	F	E	L	Y	N	D	R	V	C	O	A	X	I	M	Z	W	G	K	T	C	P	S	U	H

- 16-13-9-9-5 _____
- 2-9-12-21-26-4-9 _____
- 13-7-19-4-5-24 _____
- 13-5-15-10-4 _____
- 8-4-13-8 _____
- 9-4-24-25-9-9-4-11-21-15-12-7 _____
- 11-26-15-5-8-9-4-7 _____
- 18-15-3-4 _____

BROTHER	WIFE	CHILDREN
RESURRECTION	MARRY	ANGELS
	ALIVE	DEAD





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