

## WEEK 4 | OLDER ELEMENTARY

**Need to Know:** I Can Wonder About Heaven

**Bible Story:** Heaven

**Bible Reference:** John 14:2-3, 14:6, Revelation 21-22, Matthew 8:11, Isaiah 65:25, 2 Corinthians 5:1-7, 1 Corinthians 2:9



### CIRCLE UP

- DO**
- Welcome kids to church and tell them who you are. **Sanitize** kids' hands.
  - Have each child share his/her name and guess what's in the **Wonder Box**. Encourage them to wonder what's inside the box by using their five senses. Let them know you will show them what's inside at the end of small group.

**SAY** *You did a great job wondering about what is in the box! We will find out soon! We wonder when we feel curious and are surprised by what we find! You may have wondered about a lot of things in life, but have you ever wondered about heaven? (Allow responses) There are so many wonderful things we can find out about it. So let me hear you say this after me:*

***I Can Wonder About Heaven***

### READ THE BIBLE

- DO**
1. Give kids a **Lab Notes Sheet**, and allow them to choose a **drawing utensil**.
  2. Read the **Bible Story Sheet** aloud, stopping for kids to add their observations from the story to their Lab Notes.
  3. Afterward, collect the coloring utensils and ask:
    - *Who made heaven for us? (God)*
    - *True or False: There is only one way that we can go to Heaven. We must believe in our heart that Jesus died for our sins and that God brought Him back to life. (True)*
    - *Do we know everything there is to know about heaven? (No, most of the questions we have about heaven are ones we can't answer today. We have to wait!)*

## LET'S PRACTICE

### OPTION 1: MEMORY MATCH

#### DO

1. Place **Memory Cards** in the center of the group.
2. Divide the group into two teams. Take turns letting one child from each team turn over two Cards, trying to get a match.
3. When a match is made, read one of the Cards, and give that team a point if they answer correctly. If they do not get a match, their turn is over.
4. Once all matches have been made, count the teams' points and announce a winner!
5. Allow the winning team to open the Wonder Box to see what was inside.
6. Repeat the Need to Know again: ***I Can Wonder About Heaven***

### OPTION 2: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. *What is one question you have about heaven?*
2. *Where do you think you can find answers to your questions? (Talk to God, Look in the Bible, Ask an Adult)*
3. *What did you learn about heaven in the story we read?*
4. *How does knowing more about heaven help you?*
5. Have kids repeat:  
***I Can Wonder About Heaven***

## LET'S PRAY

#### SAY

*Hey God! Thank You for creating heaven, an amazing place where we can live with You forever. Knowing that we will one day be in heaven with You is something we get to wonder about and look forward to. We love You! Amen!*

## MEMORIZE IT

#### SAY & DO

*Our memory verse for this series helps us tell God how wonderful He is. Say this after me:*

***"Lord, who among the gods is like you?***

***Who is like you?***

***You are majestic and holy.***

***Your glory fills me with wonder.***

***You do amazing things."***

***Exodus 15:11***

Have kids sit in a circle, putting their feet in the middle. Point to one child's foot and say the first word of the verse. Have the group say each word of the verse as you point to the next foot. Whichever foot you are pointing to when you say "11," is out. Continue until there is only one foot remaining.

Place **drawing utensils** in the center of the group. Then allow kids to draw on the back of their **Lab Notes Sheets** to take home.