

Citizens of Heaven: Living with Jesus

Week 1: You will need scrap paper, pens/pencils, paper plates, and scissors.

START PRAYING:

Dear Jesus, you are alive. | You are with us. | No matter what we face each day | we can be certain that you will take care of us | now and always | Amen.

KEY SCRIPTURE:

1 Peter 1:3-5: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

KEY TAKEAWAY:

Peter says our hope is living. Since our hope is in Jesus, who is risen and will never die again. Our hope is certain and a strong expectation that Jesus will take care of us always.

START STUDYING:

- Read the Key Scripture
- What do you think it means to have hope?
- What gives us hope every day when we trust Jesus?
- What is an inheritance?
- What is our inheritance because of Jesus?
- Can it ever die or be taken away from us?
- What/who is coming?
- What does it mean to "shield something or someone"?

START APPLYING:

- Tell each other about the hopes and dreams you have for your life?
- Will they happen? Why or why not?
- What is the hope that we have because of Jesus?
- Will this happen?
- Gather 3 scrap sheets of paper for everyone.
- Write sin on one. Death on another. And Satan on the last. Then crumple them up into 3 balls.
- Give each person a paper plate that has two slits cut into it to make a little handle.
- Write "Jesus" and "Faith" and "hope" on the plates. These will be your shield.
- Have a fun "snowball fight" by tossing the crumpled paper and blocking them with your shield.
- Try a fun way to calm everyone down (clap a rhythm, etc.)
- Say together: **Jesus will come! | Jesus will take care of us! | He is our hope! | Alleluia**

Draw a picture of what you think heaven will be like?
Who will DEFINITELY be there?

Biblical Equipping

- Pick a Scripture verse from the key text to memorize. Work on it throughout the week.