



CONNECTED CAR QUESTIONS

KEEP THESE QUESTIONS IN CAR AND USE AS YOU TRAVEL FROM PLACE TO PLACE:

Ask:

- What would it be like to not have any sadness, pain, or anything bad happening to you?
- What else do you think heaven will have or not have?
- What part of heaven do you hope for the most? What are you really hoping is true of heaven or what would you be most excited about?
- Is there anything about heaven that makes you nervous? What would that be?



GAMES

God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift. Ephesians 2:8, NIV

WHAT YOU NEED:

three or more keys hooked together, blindfolds, chair

WHAT YOU DO:

- Create a boundary on the ground in the shape of a circle with the chair in the middle.
- Place the set of keys under the chair.
- Pick one child to be the "Guard." Sit him in the chair, and blindfold him. His job is to protect the keys.
- All other kids stand outside (and around) the circle.
- Silently choose one child to quietly move into the circle to take the keys without the Guard hearing her. If the
- Guard thinks someone is taking the keys, he must yell, "STOP," before the keys are taken outside the circle.
- If the Guard catches someone, he remains the Guard. If he yells, "STOP," but no one is in the circle, he must switch places with someone outside the circle.
- Option: Play outside and allow the guard to have a water hose that can be sprayed when the guard thinks someone is coming close.

SHARE AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

The Guard really had to focus hard on hearing the keys get taken. Just like in the game, we will have all sorts of distractions or things in our lives that can throw us off course, but when we focus on Jesus and trust His promises, we can stay focused on the plan He has for our lives and help others do the same."



CRAFTS

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Mini-canvases, paint and paintbrushes, cups of water, and Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

Pass out the painting supplies and instruct kids to spread out.

Explain that John saw a vision from God and had the challenge of putting it into words. Ask kids to imagine what it would've been like to try to find words to describe a vision from God!

Tell them that they now have the job of hearing John's words and painting a picture of what they think John is describing.

Encourage kids to paint whatever comes to mind as you read the Scripture. (NIV is quoted below for your convenience.)

Read the verses aloud slowly.

Repeat the verses every two or three minutes as kids paint.

I heard a loud voice from the throne. It said, "Look! 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. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death. And there will be no more sadness. There will be no more crying or pain. Things are no longer the way they used to be. He who was sitting on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Revelation 21:3-5a

Remind kids that just like we don't know exactly what John is describing or what his vision looked like, we don't know exactly what heaven will be like. But we do know that following Jesus will turn out greater than we can imagine.



STEAM

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Plastic cups, straws, lengths of string, rubber bands, LEGO® figures

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each team 10 cups, 4 straws, 2 lengths of string, 2 rubber bands, and 1 LEGO figure.
- Tell kids to stack their cups into a pyramid.
- Instruct teams to come up with a way to move the cups from the pyramid into one single stack without touching the cups using only the materials provided.
- If they have trouble figuring out what they can do, prompt them with a couple of ideas:
- Lift the cups with the straws.
- Use the rubber bands to attach strings to the cups.
- After they do this once, increase the difficulty. Tell them to re-stack the cups and add a LEGO figure to the top cup that they can't let fall off the cup. Or have them time themselves and see if they can beat their last time.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

“Sometimes life can be hard, and you may face difficulties. However, God has given us the tools we need to be wise and hear from Him, just like you had all the tools you needed to move the cups. What tools has God given us to help hear him?”