



UNDER CONSTRUCTION: WELCOME HOME

MAIN IDEA

God wants to give us a home in Heaven. Kids will learn that those who follow Jesus have their true home in Heaven.

KEY PASSAGE

John 14:1-14, Jesus Prepares A Place For Us

MEMORY VERSE

"If the Lord doesn't build a house, the work of the builders is useless."

Psalms 127:1a (NIV)

SUMMARY

When the construction work is done, a new building is ready to become someone's home or business. When Jesus left the earth, he let his disciples know that he was going to build a place for us in Heaven. All of us who put our faith in Jesus will be welcomed home there.

SIMPLE PRAYER

Dear God,
Thank you for preparing a place for us in Heaven.

In Jesus' name, Amen

SONGS

Dig! Dig! Hammer! Saw! (Building on the Lord)

<https://youtu.be/WdZLdTpiyHc>

My feet are on the rock

<https://youtu.be/ukjzYv8-0qY>

Read Scripture reference

John 14:1-14

Or watch it here

<https://youtu.be/wZPWf2jWTmw>

LESSON

A construction project is a very long from start to finish. When all is done and you get the keys - it's pretty amazing! It's exciting! So what else is there to do... but to celebrate!

We've been talking about building, but not just building buildings with bricks and cement, but the house we've been talking about the most is the one God is building, in us, because He lives in us.

This story shows us one last really important building project that Jesus told His disciples He was doing.

When we decide to put Jesus first and follow Him He gets to work building a place in His Father's house. He has a place picked out in Heaven, and He's ready to make you a forever home.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

14 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God. Believe in me also. **2** There are many rooms in my Father's house. If this were not true, would I have told you that I am going there? Would I have told you that I would prepare a place for you there? **3** If I go and do that, I will come back. And I will take you to be with me. Then you will also be where I am. **4** You know the way to the place where I am going." **5** Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. So how can we know the way?" **6** Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **7** If you really know me, you will know my Father also. From now on, you do know him. And you have seen him." **8** Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father. That will be enough for us." **9** Jesus answered, "Don't you know me, Philip? I have been among you such a long time! Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. So how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" **10** Don't you believe that I am in the Father? Don't you believe that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. The Father lives in me. He is the one who is doing his work. **11** Believe me when I say I am in the Father. Also believe that the Father is in me. Or at least believe what the works I have been doing say about me. **12** What I'm about to tell you is true. Anyone who believes in me will do the works I have been doing. In fact, they will do even greater things. That's because I am going to the Father. **13** And I will do anything you ask in my name. Then the Father will receive glory from the Son. **14** You may ask me for anything in my name. I will do it.



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MAKE IT STICK!

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week:

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HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Tell your kids about the first time you got the keys to your first house, first apartment, or first car. How much did you sacrifice for that moment? How proud did you feel? Ask your kids how they can know they have a home in Heaven?



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why did Jesus return to Heaven?
- What is Jesus preparing for us in Heaven?
- How can we receive Jesus as our Savior?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

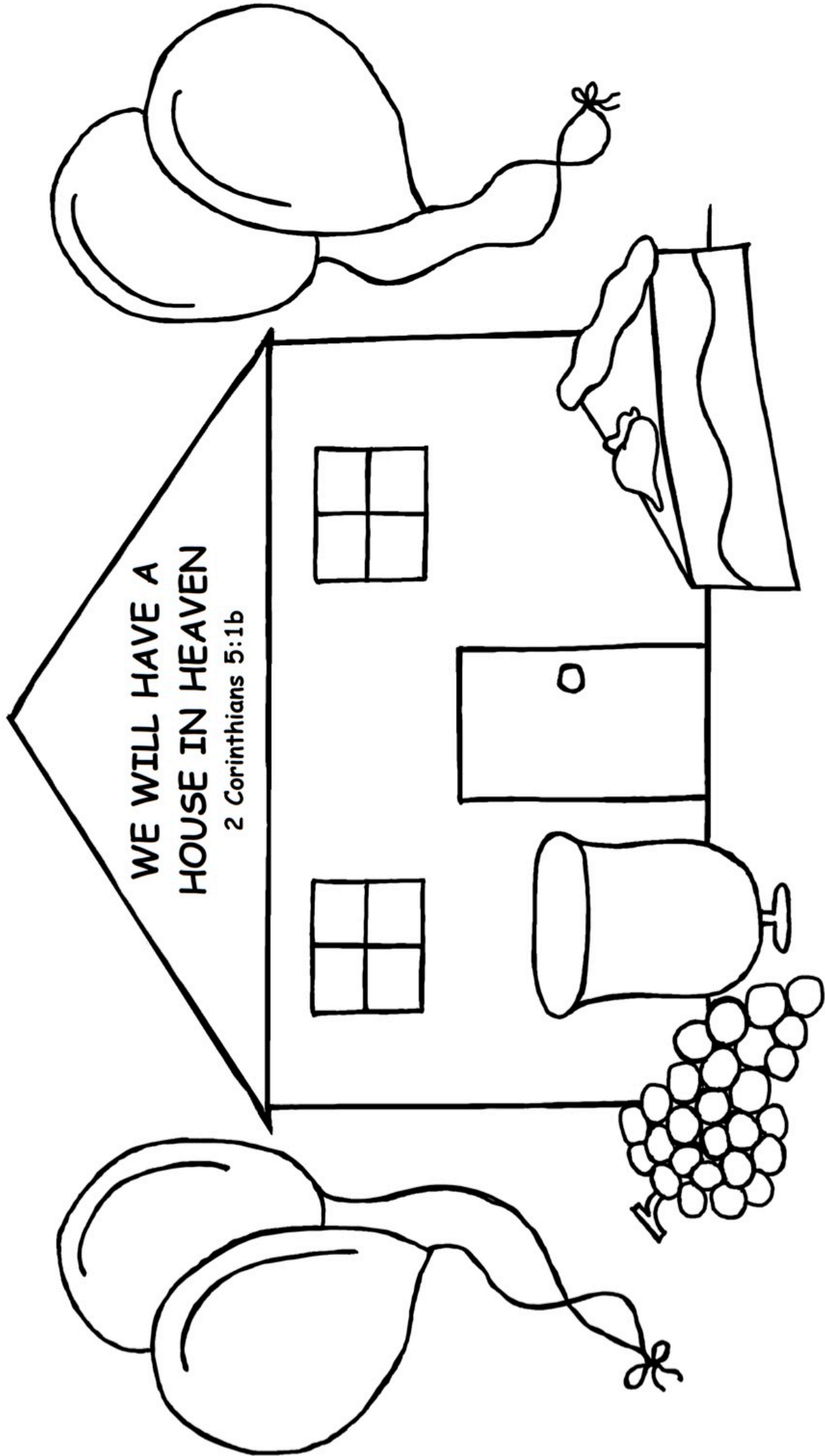
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PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

God is preparing a place for us. Anyone who believes in Jesus will spend eternity with God in that special place. Pray for our children to receive Jesus as their Savior.



Hidden Picture. The way to heaven is hidden in the picture below. Color or shade in with a pencil all the spaces that have dots in them to see what it is.

