

6 year olds	OUR HEAVENLY FATHER
Module 2	Heaven is Our Home
Lesson 2	Heaven is Our Home

AIMS

1. Students will be able to identify earth as their temporary home and heaven as their final home.
2. They will expand their notion of “forever”.

STEP 1

1. Ask the children to share their photographs of beautiful places they have brought from home. Pin the pictures up. Then ask the children to close their eyes and imagine a place even more beautiful. Remind them that Heaven is even more beautiful

STEP 2

1. Read the paragraph at the front of the children’s pack and say the prayer with them.

STEP 3

1. Remind the children that God is their Father and that they are His children.
2. That is why He wants them to live with Him.
3. Normally, children live with their fathers so they can be safe, sheltered, fed and loved.
4. Fathers and children want to live together because they love each other.
5. It is the same with our Heavenly Father. We want to live with Him too, in His home – Heaven.
6. He made us to be happy with Him for ever in Heaven.
7. Earth is only a temporary home; our lives here will end someday, but our lives with God in Heaven will never end – they will last for ever.
8. Our lives with God in Heaven will not only last for ever but we will be perfectly happy; there will be no sadness, pain or tears.
9. The Bible says, “Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in Heaven ...” (Luke 6:23a)

STEP 4

1. Explain to the children that when they get to Heaven they will be saints
2. Ask the children if they know any saints and write down their responses.
3. Tell them that angels live in Heaven too.

STEP 5

1. Draw the children’s attention to the pictures of St Thérèse of Lisieux and tell them that she is a great saint.
2. She used to often think about what it means when we say that Heaven lasts for ever.

3. Remind the children that they have learned that heaven is a place of perfect happiness. Could it be perfect if it ended?
4. Ask them to name some event in their life that they would like to last forever (summer holidays, a birthday party, a visit from grandparents, etc.)
5. Explain that the joys of Heaven will never end, because if they did one could not be completely happy there.

STEP 5

1. Help the children understand the concept of “forever.” Ask them to ponder how long a minute is. Have them sit quiet and still for one minute.
2. Then think about how long a day is; how long a week is; how long a month is; how long a year is.
3. Now try and imagine a 100 years, 1000 years, a million years.

REINFORCE

1. Have the children draw a picture of themselves in heaven with God the Father. Remind them that Heaven is the best gift of all. They must thank God for this gift.
2. Review Catechism questions 1-4 with the class.
3. Play a game. Say “I’m getting ready for Heaven, so I’m going to _____”. You can mention acts of charity, prayers to say, commandments to keep, etc. The next one in the circle repeats this and adds something of their own, so it becomes a memory game.

STEP 8

Perform the little skit in the children’s pack.

CONCLUDE

Summarize what has been learned about Heaven thus far:

1. Heaven is Gods home.
2. It is a place of perfect happiness.
3. There is nothing sad or painful there.
4. Heaven will never end.

Pray the Our Father together

Sing “Our Father,” Adoremus Hymnal, p 85.

PREVIEW

Next time we will learn who made it possible for us to go to Heaven and how.