



## LOW-ENERGY GAME

### This Is the Game That Doesn't End

[10 min]

#### Supplies

- “Circle Game Board” handout (1 color printout for every 4 kids)
- coins (1 for every 4 kids)
- scissors (1 for every 4 kids, optional)
- upbeat music (optional)
- music player (optional)

#### Play a Board Game That Could Go on Forever

**Say:** Today we discovered some of the sneak-peek details the Bible gives us about heaven. Heaven is so good and so amazing that it can't really be described in a way we can totally understand, but one thing we do know is heaven is forever. Let's play a game that'll give us a picture of what *forever* means.

- Form teams of four. Have teams spread out to sit in circles, and give each team a copy of the “Circle Game Board” handout.
- Have teams tear out (or cut out if you're providing scissors) the game pieces from the handout. Each person on the team can take a game piece.
- Teammates can each place a game piece on any space on the game board.
- Give each team a coin.
- Teammates will take turns flipping the coin to see how many spaces to move on the game board. If the coin lands with the heads side facing up, they'll move two spaces. If the coin lands with the tails side facing up, they'll move one space.
- The person on each team with the closest birthday can go first, and players take turns moving clockwise around the circle.
- The goal of the game is to get to the end of the circle. (Note: That doesn't mean kids reach the place they started; there is no end!)
- If you'd like, play upbeat music while kids play.

#### Talk About It

**Ask:** • **What did you notice about this game?**

**Say:** **If you didn't need things like food, bathroom breaks, or sleep, you could play this game forever! Because the game board is a circle, the game could go on and on *and on*. A circle gives us a picture of what *forever* is like—there's no end.**

**Ask:** • **What are things you've wished wouldn't end?** Share an example of your own, such as a fun vacation or a book series you really enjoyed.

**Say:** **We're used to things ending, but Jesus is different. Jesus is forever, and he's prepared a home for us in heaven so we can live forever, too.**



## TALK-ABOUT VIDEO

### Kylie's Story

[10 min]

#### Supplies

- “Kylie’s Story” teaching video

#### Tips

- This video is about a preteen girl whose dad died. While she shares about the hope of heaven, the video could be a trigger to kids in your ministry who’ve recently lost someone. Be sensitive to those kids, and allow extra time for them to share and process. You might even choose to give them a heads-up about the video and let any grieving kids choose to step outside with a helper if they don’t want to watch it.

#### Discuss and Watch “Kylie’s Story”

Say: **We’re learning that Jesus is forever, so we can live forever. We’re going to watch a story that seems really sad. But we’ll see how knowing that we can live forever brings hope, even when things are sad.**

Watch “Kylie’s Story.”

Ask: • **What do you like to do with your family?**

• **Why do you think Kylie had hope, even though her dad died?**

• **Kylie said it will be amazing to see her dad again in heaven. What are you looking forward to about heaven?**

Say: **When we believe in and follow Jesus, we can live forever in heaven! And even though we’ll always be sad and miss people who die, we can have hope that we’ll get to see them again in heaven. Plus, just like Kylie, we can trust that the people we love are in a great place, hanging out with Jesus! Jesus is forever, so we can live forever.**



## DEEPER BIBLE What Will Heaven Really Be Like?

[15 min]

### Supplies

- Bibles
- “Amazing Universe” handout
- paper
- markers
- gold (or gold-colored) item

### Easy Prep

- Cut the “Amazing Universe” handout into 4 sections.

### Amazing Universe

Say: **We’re learning that Jesus is forever, so we can live forever in heaven. But it’s hard to imagine how wonderful heaven is. When you think about it, it’s hard to imagine how amazing our world and solar system are, and those are things we can see pictures of!**

Have kids form four groups, and give each group a picture from the “Amazing Universe” handout. Set out paper and markers to share. Make sure groups don’t show anyone from the other groups the picture. Then have kids try to describe their group’s picture to the other groups while the kids hearing the description draw what they think the animal looks like. When they’ve finished, have kids show their pictures to everyone.

Ask: • **How well did the picture you drew match what the weird animal really looked like?**

Say: **God made some weird-looking things in our world! Trying to describe them to someone who doesn’t know what they look like is hard. That’s kind of like what John had to do to describe what heaven looks like! And that makes heaven hard to imagine.**

**So what will heaven *really* be like? Let’s dig in to that.**

### Wonder

Hold up the gold item, and then pass it around. Say: **Here’s one thing we know from today’s Bible story: We know that parts of heaven are gold. But somehow, they are a clear gold, which is different from gold we have.**

**We also know that heaven won’t be sad or painful.** Read Revelation 21:4.

Say: **But there’s a lot we don’t know. Let’s wonder about heaven.**

**Fill in the blank of this statement: I wonder if \_\_\_\_\_ will be in heaven.**

Start with your own example, such as pets or your favorite food, and then allow plenty of time for kids to wonder. Don’t try to answer any questions; this is simply a time for wonder.

Say: **Now let’s fill in the blank of another wondering statement. For this one, you can do Charades to show your answer, and we’ll try to guess what your answer is. Here’s the statement: I wonder if we’ll be able to \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven.** Allow time for kids to act out their answers while others guess. Kids could act out playing sports, riding roller coasters, playing video games, and so on.

Say: **We have a lot of things we wonder about heaven! Unfortunately, I can’t point you to a Bible verse that will tell you whether there will be pizza or roller coasters in heaven. We just don’t know everything about what heaven will be like. But we *do* know Jesus will be there, and we’ll have**

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**endless joy and no pain. Let's see what the Bible says about going to heaven with Jesus.**

**Dig Deeper**

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:17.

Ask: • **How do you feel when you think about Jesus coming back to take everyone who loves him to heaven?**

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:10.

Say: **Jesus wanted us to be in heaven with him so much that he was willing to die for us! That tells me that being in heaven with Jesus is going to be *super awesome*. In fact, if pizza and roller coasters aren't in heaven, I don't think we'll even care! We'll be amazed by being with Jesus and all the things that are even *better* than pizza and roller coasters. We'll be happy forever! Jesus is forever, so we can live forever with endless joy and no pain.**

**Let's imagine what it'll be like to be with Jesus. Close your eyes and imagine yourself hanging out with Jesus, doing your favorite activity in the whole world. Pause for about 30 seconds.**

Say: **What you just imagined would be fun. But heaven? Well, that will be even better! Jesus is forever, so we can live forever and have an amazing time with him in heaven.**



## LIFE APPLICATION WRAP-UP

Right Here, Right Now

[5 min]

### Supplies

- extra chair

### Talk to Jesus

Say: **We've been learning that Jesus is forever, so we can live forever.**  
**We found out what it will be like when we live in heaven with Jesus.**

**But you know what? Eternal life with Jesus doesn't start after we die and go to heaven; we're already living it! Heaven is just where we'll continue to live forever after we move on from the earth. In heaven we can see Jesus with us, but on earth Jesus is here with us, too! Let's talk to him.**

- Set an empty chair in the front of the room.
- Have kids picture Jesus sitting in the chair.
- Have kids silently think about what they would say to Jesus if they saw him sitting in the chair.

### Wrap Up

Pray: **Jesus, thank you for giving us a forever life with you.** Help us enjoy that life here on earth *and* forever in heaven! In your name, amen.



**ACTIVITY PAGES WITH A POINT**  
 Looking Heavenward

[10 min]

**Supplies**

- “Forever in Heaven” Activity Page (1 per reader)
- pencils
- crayons
- glitter glue (optional)

**Older Kids: Do an Activity Page**

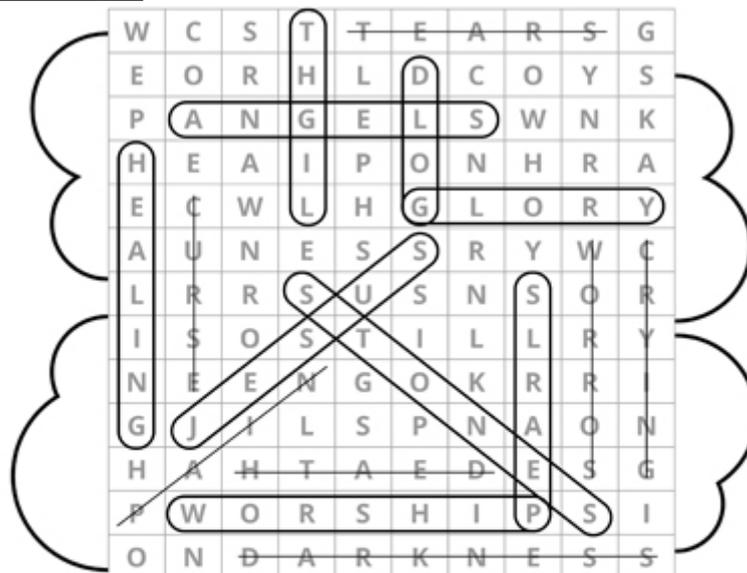
Say: **Jesus is forever. And he invites us to live with him in heaven forever! Let’s do this word search where you’ll cross out things that aren’t in heaven and circle things that are.**

Distribute the activity pages and pencils. Kids will cross out and circle words in the word search.

- Ask:
- Which of these things are you most excited to see in heaven?
  - What are you most excited *not* to have in heaven?

Say: **Heaven will be a beautiful place, and best of all, we’ll get to see Jesus! And there will be no more pain, death, or crying. Jesus is forever, so we can live with him forever in heaven!**

ANSWER KEY:



What's in heaven:

- JESUS
- ANGELS
- GOLD
- STONES
- PEARLS
- LIGHT
- GLORY
- HEALING
- WORSHIP

What's not in heaven:

- TEARS
- DEATH
- SORROW
- CRYING
- PAIN
- DARKNESS
- CURSE

**Younger Kids: Color a Coloring Page**

Distribute the coloring pages and crayons. Say: **Jesus is forever, and we can live with him in heaven forever! Let's color a picture of heaven.**

Allow time for kids to color. Optionally, kids can add glitter glue to make heaven sparkle.