



Lesson 8:

A ROOM IN HEAVEN



TEACHING GOAL: Jesus went to heaven to prepare a place for us.

1. Play theme song
2. Pray
3. Review last lesson
4. Lesson and discussion
5. Memorize: **Jesus left the tomb; and went to heaven to prepare my room.**
6. Close in prayer



SCRIPTURE: John 14:2-4 “In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”



MATERIALS: Clothes line, strong string, or thin rope
Bed sheets and clothespins



IN ADVANCE: This will take some time but it is worth it! Pick a space (basement, guest room, kid’s room) where the created “mansion” can stay up for a couple days. Kids will enjoy hours of playing in the “mansion” after Family Time.

Turn a room in the house into a maze leading to several spaces called “rooms.” To begin run the string, cord, or rope back and forth across the room about chest high. Attach the rope to closet rods, bed posts, doors, etc. (Safety First! Do not attach it to anything that can be pulled down onto kids playing below.)

Create a web with lines running in all directions across the room. Next, take as many sheets as you can find and use clothespins to fasten them to the lines in such

a way that you create passages that lead to several spaces called “rooms.” Create enough rooms so that you’ll have one for each child. If you have extra sheets you can lay them across the top of the rope-web creating a sheet-ceiling. Be creative. Boxes can be used as tunnels. You are creating an elaborate fort made from sheets.

If possible, keep the “mansion” a secret.

Words that are written in **bold** are when you, the parent, are speaking. Feel free to use your own words.

A Big Idea

Start the Family Time in a room away from the “mansion.” Ask each child to bring a favorite toy or personal item. Read John 14:2-4. **When Jesus went up in the clouds after being raised from the dead, He went to heaven to prepare a place for everyone who believes in him.**

B Activity

In the same way that Jesus is preparing a place for us, I have been working to prepare a special place for you. This place is a mansion made of sheets. There are passageways and secret rooms. I’ve picked a special room for each one of you. You will know which room is yours because it will have one of your toys in it. Just like Jesus went to heaven and promised to come back and get us, I need you to give me one of your toys so I can go to prepare your room. Stay here and I will come back and get you.

Come back and invite the kids one at a time to go into the mansion and find his or her special room. You may choose to ask them if they can recite the memorization before they can go back and play in the maze. The kids will love playing in the maze for as long as you will leave it up!

C Application

Take time to remind children that Jesus is preparing a special place for those who believe in him. That's important because it demonstrates that God loves us and cares for us.

