

The Adventure Begins

14 Devotions for New Believers

Best Day Ever

Memorize This: He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. - Revelation 21:4 (NIRV)

Big Idea: Someday I will live happily-ever-after with Jesus.

Think About This:

What was your best day ever? Was it a trip to an amusement park or a vacation at the beach? Or was it something simpler like a sleepover or a birthday party or that time you couldn't stop laughing on the playground with your friends?

Do you know what all the best days we've ever had have in common? Every single one of them ended. The amusement park closed. You went home from the beach. The sleepover was done. The bell rang on the playground, and you had to go back to school.

Just imagine for a minute if you could have the best day ever . . . forever. What if you didn't have to go home from the fun place, because the fun place was your home? Imagine if you could take the amusement park and the beach and the sleepover and the playground and roll them all into one incredible experience that never ever ended.

And imagine if your coolest, most amazing, best friend was there too.

Well, here's the good news. That's really going to happen. That endless fun place? It's called heaven. And someday it's coming to earth. You know that amazing, best friend I mentioned? His name is Jesus, and the best part about heaven is that He'll be there too.

Jesus IS coming back. We don't know when, but when He does come, He's bringing heaven to earth with Him, and He is going to make everything new and awesome.

In the new heaven and the new earth,

- No one will ever be sad.
- No one will ever get hurt.
- No one will ever die.
- No one will ever fight.
- No one will hurt your feelings.
- No one will do anything bad.
- Our enemy, Satan, will be squashed like a bug.
- We will never get sick.
- We will never be scared.
- We will feel safe and loved.
- We will all belong and fit in.
- No one will make fun of you.
- We will get to see all the friends of Jesus who died made alive again.
- We will party!
- We will play!
- We will laugh.
- We will smile.
- We will eat.
- We will go on adventures.
- We will do cool work that matters.
- We will be surprised.
- We will see God face to face.
- We will be with Jesus.
- We will enjoy Him forever!

Wow, what a list! What are you looking forward to the most about heaven? Take some time to check the boxes beside what sounds the best to you.

Who knows what else Jesus has in store? There may be new animals, new plants, new foods and new things we can do. Remember when Peter walked on water? How cool would it be to do things like that with Jesus? When Jesus is around, anything is possible!

That stuff is fun to think about, but why does it really matter? Because the hope of heaven gives us strength for today. When you are discouraged, lonely or scared, remember heaven. When you're tempted to do what's wrong, remember heaven. When you feel like giving up or think God doesn't care about you, remember heaven.

And most, of all, remember, the reason we get to go to heaven is because we're friends with Jesus. We get to have the best day ever forever all because of Him.

Put It Into Action:

Use your imagination to draw a picture of what the new heaven and new earth will look like when Jesus comes back and starts the party. Draw in your favorite places, things and people.

Imagine the crazy, wild surprises Jesus may have in store. Mountains of ice cream? Blue snow? Talking dolphins? Why not? Dream big and put this picture some place where you'll see it all the time to remind you to keep following Jesus because of the hope you have of life forever with Him.

Prayer: Jesus, I can't wait to see you face to face. Come soon, Jesus! Let's get this party started today!