



## I'M GOING HOME!



### CLASS PREPARATION

Prior to class, decorate with large paper clouds on the walls.

Write the following scripture references in the clouds:

Acts 2:36-39

Romans 8:17

Revelation 21:18-21

John 14:2-3

Make a “street of gold” with yellow paper on the floor at the front of the class to be used for “heavenly hopscotch.

Staple up green paper to make a “wall of jasper”.

If you use tables, cover with white cloths.

Teacher may want to wear or bring a white robe.

Post one student at the door and give them the “Book of Life” with a list of students’ names. Instruct them to mark each students attendance as they walk in single file.



### GREETINGS

Welcome all students

Make sure new students are recognized and introduced.

Acknowledge any birthdays

Take up offering and prayer requests//praise reports.

Pray over requests, students and the lesson.



### THINKING CAP



*Allow for answers to these questions:*

“What do you think of our classroom today?”

“What do you think all of the clouds represent?”

We are on our way to heaven! We want to make it to our heavenly home with Jesus.

“What is heaven?”

“Who wants to go there?”

“How do we get there?”



## SONGS

Singing helps to reinforce the main point. Sing periodically throughout the class when there is any down time or busy work to create a lively atmosphere and strengthen the lesson.

“This Train is Bound for Glory”  
“I’ve Go Heaven on My Mind” Chorus  
“You’re Gonna Make It”  
“Happy Day Express”



## OPEN THE WORD

Tell students, “Now we are going to find out what the Bible says about going to heaven.” Help the students look up the “cloud” scriptures starting with [John 14:2-3](#) and ending with [Acts 2:36-39](#). *Allow groups of students to read out loud, making sure that any who wish to read are not excluded.*



## A LOOK AT MY LIFE

WOW! That isn't so hard is it? All you need to do is be baptized in the name of Jesus and be filled with the Holy Ghost. Are you prepared to go to heaven? Do you have the Holy Ghost? God will write your name in the Lamb's book of life. Do you remember getting your name checked off at the beginning of class this morning? God will keep your name in His heavenly book when you receive the Holy Ghost. He knows you by name and is waiting for you in heaven.

*Allow time to pray with students who are seeking the Holy Ghost and remind others that it is a continual renewing, not a one time event.*



## TESTIMONY

*Allow students who have received the Holy Ghost to tell the rest of the class about it.*

A testimony for those who wish to use it:

[I had been attending church for a few months, but had not yet received the Holy Ghost. I wanted it, but I didn't quite understand how to get it. I was at home with my two small children in Oregon while my husband was helping the hurricane Katrina victims in Louisiana. I became more interested in the Bible. As I began to read, God brought revelation to my life. I read in Acts chapter 8 about the Ethiopian eunuch that didn't understand all that he was reading. I felt that way too. When a man of God helped the eunuch to understand, he immediately wanted to be baptized. I knew that is what I needed to do. I immediately called a friend and arranged to be baptized that day. As I cam out of the water, I was speaking in another language. It was proof that God had filled me with the Holy Ghost! In that instant I became a child of God. It was the happiest day of my life.]



## GET MOVING

Mark yellow paper “street” with boxes and numbers in a hopscotch pattern. Show students how to play and all 1-3 turns per child as time allows.



## WORKSHEET

Do the “Train” word search



## SNACK

Serve Jell-O “jewels” on whip cream “clouds”



## REVIEW

Ask the students what they have learned today and how they might apply it to themselves.



## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. Have each student write a note to Jesus such as “I am coming home” and attach it to a string of a helium balloon. Go outside and release the balloons as a group.
2. Make “cloud dough” for each child to play with and take home in baggies.  
Cloud dough recipe:
  - 5 lb bag of flour
  - bottle of baby oil
  - combine until thoroughly mixed
  - divide dough into baggies for each child
  - lay out a tarp or table cloth for an easy clean up play surface
3. Pick up cardboard crowns for each child and spray paint them a solid color. Instruct children to write; “Child of the King” on the front and decorate with markers and sequins.
4. Give each child a blank piece of paper. Instruct the children to draw their “mansion” in heaven. Stir up some creativity by offering ideas such as a ten story tree house, a roller coaster or skate park in the back yard, a yard full of tamed jungle animals, a pool bigger than half the block, a build in McDonalds. Allow time for the kids to share their ideas of what heaven will be like.