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"The _____ does not need the _____ or the _____ to shine on it. The glory of _____ is the _____, and the _____ is the city's _____. By its light the _____ of the _____ will _____" (Revelation 21:23, 24).



My Prayer

Thank You, Jesus, for the beautiful new world You are going to make for me and my family. I'm looking forward to being where the animals aren't afraid and everyone loves me very much. Please come soon! Amen.



Library

- "The angel showed me the river of the water of life. The river was shining like crystal. . . . The tree of life was on each side of the river" (Revelation 22:1, 2).
- "Then wolves will live in peace with lambs. And leopards will lie down to rest with goats. Calves, lions and young bulls will eat together. And a little child will lead them" (Isaiah 11:6).
- "Lions will eat hay as oxen do. A baby will be able to play near a cobra's hole" (Isaiah 11:7, 8).
- "They will not hurt or destroy each other on all my holy mountain" (Isaiah 11:9).
- "The street of the city was made of pure gold. The gold was clear as glass" (Revelation 21:21).
- "The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it. The glory of God is the light, and the Lamb is the city's lamp. By its light the people of the world will walk" (Revelation 21:23, 24). (The "Lamb" is Jesus.)



My Friend Ellen Wrote

"The Lord of heaven has an eternity of happiness for His children in the earth made new" (Manuscript Releases, vol. 3, p. 86).

Bible Adventures for Young Readers



No More Walls

I Can Read Text

" ' "The saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever—yes, for ever and ever." ' ' "

—Daniel 7:18, NIV

My Story

Alex and his dad sat down in the shade of a green tree. They were both very tired because they'd been walking and walking and walking. But it was a happy tired, and Alex didn't want their adventure to end.

From their hilltop perch, they could look down on rows of stone buildings, flower-lined paths, and many, many cages surrounded by metal bars. "This is fun," Alex said.

Dad was silent for a long moment, and then he turned to face his son. "Alex, what do you see down there?"

Alex frowned. "I see a zoo, Dad. Isn't that what you see?"

Dad chuckled. "Well, yes. But, I see something else. Hidden in that zoo is a picture of heaven."

"Heaven?" Alex gasped. "Does God keep His animals in cages?"

"No," Dad responded with a chuckle. "That's why the picture is hidden. If you take away all the cages and all the metal bars and all the buildings with thick glass in the windows, what would you have left?"

Alex squinted down at the scene, trying to imagine what it would look like with all of those things gone. "You'd have a bunch of animals standing around saying, 'Hey, where did my house go?'"

Dad laughed. "Maybe you're right. But, there's one more thing that will be missing in heaven. And it's the reason why those zoo animals are in cages."

"I know, I know!" Alex said with a smile. "Those animals are afraid of each other. The antelope in that cage knows that the lion in that cage over there would kill and eat it. Right?"

"That's right," Dad said. "All of those animals live in fear—even the lions. People kill lions, you know. So, they don't mind having those walls to protect them. But, in heaven, nothing hunts and kills anything. Animals don't need walls and cages and stone buildings. The antelope and lions will hang out together. The hawks and gophers will be best friends. The wolf and the lambs will drink water from the same stream at the same time, and nothing bad will happen."

Alex thought about what his dad had said. It sounded almost too good to be true. Then he looked past the zoo and out over the city. All he saw were more walls—walls around houses, walls around businesses, walls around schools and churches, and walls around prisons. Walls everywhere. "If no one is afraid in heaven," he asked his dad, "will all walls go away?"

Dad nodded. "The only reason you'll need one in heaven is if you want to hang a picture on it."

The two burst out laughing. "Heaven is going to be such a wonderful place," Alex said. "I can hardly wait to go there! But, until Jesus comes, we can enjoy visiting the animals in the zoo. Come on, Dad. We haven't seen the monkeys yet!"

Dad nodded as he stood to his feet. "Monkeys without walls. Now that's an interesting picture!" The two hurried down the hill, eager to continue their visit.

My Bible Adventure

When Satan and sinners are gone, God will create a brand-new world for us to enjoy. What will that world look like? Create a gallery of pictures to show what you think it will look like. You can draw the pictures or cut and paste them from a magazine. But first, find the texts in the **LIBRARY** and fill in the missing words. Then draw a picture of what that text describes. Use lots of color because heaven will be filled with color.

"The _____ showed me the _____ of the _____ of _____. The river was _____ like _____. . . . The _____ of _____ was on each side of the river" **(Revelation 22:1, 2).** ▶

▶ "Then _____ will live in _____ with _____. And _____ will lie down to rest with _____. _____, _____ and young _____ will _____ together. And a little _____ will lead them" **(Isaiah 11:6).**

"_____ will eat _____ as _____ do. A _____ will be able to _____ near a _____ hole" **(Isaiah 11:7, 8).** ▶

Remember, in the Garden of Eden, snakes were beautiful creatures and not scary. That's why Satan made himself look like one so he could talk to Eve. Make your heavenly snake beautiful, maybe with fur and wings. Notice that, in the text, it doesn't even scare a baby!

▶ "They will not _____ or _____ each other on all my _____ mountain" **(Isaiah 11:9).**

Instead of hunting animals, what will people do with them in heaven? Draw what you think they will do.