



LESSON 13

REFERENCES: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16, 17; REVELATION 21; 22; ISAIAH 65:17-25; TESTIMONIES, VOL. 1, PP. 60, 61, 67-70; EARLY WRITINGS, PP.13-20; THE GREAT CONTROVERSY, PP. 635-652.

Coming in the Clouds

Can you think of the best day you've ever had? the best place you've ever been? the best gift you've ever received? Heaven will be all of those things and better! Here's how Emma learned about heaven.

Daddy, Mommy, and Emma were sitting on the sofa. "Tell me more about Jesus, Daddy," said Emma. "I want to know all about Him. Tell me about when He will come again."

"Jesus is coming back to take us home to heaven," Daddy said. "He's coming in the clouds with His angels."

"Will I see the angels?" Emma asked.

"Yes," Daddy answered.

"When Jesus comes, everyone will see angels.

You will see lots and lots of angels in the clouds. And you will see your special guardian angel who has loved you and taken care of you ever since you were born."

Emma looked thoughtful. Daddy just smiled.



Memory Verse

"We are looking forward to a new heaven."

2 PETER 3:13, NIV.

The Message

We praise Jesus for His gift of heaven.

“I wonder what my angel’s name is,” Emma said.

Daddy laughed.

“What else will I see in heaven?” Emma asked.

“You will see Adam and Eve, and Noah, and Daniel, and Esther, and Mary, and all the Bible friends of God that we read stories about,” Daddy answered.

“What else will I see?” Emma asked.

“You will see the New Jerusalem,” Daddy said. “It’s the place where we will live. It’s more beautiful than anything we’ve ever seen before.”

Emma smiled. “What else will I see?” she asked.

“Lots of animals! All the different kinds of animals that God created,” Daddy answered.

“From the tiniest bugs to the big, strong lions and polar bears. And none of them will hurt you!”

“I’m glad for that, but what else will I see in heaven?” Emma asked.

“You’ll see the best thing of all,” Daddy said. “You’ll see Jesus and God! You can listen to them tell stories. You’ll be able to hold Jesus’ hand on walks. Maybe you can have a picnic together.”

“We could eat mangoes!”

Emma exclaimed.

Emma squirmed off of Daddy’s lap. She ran to the window and looked outside.

“Keep looking,”

Daddy answered.

“He will come. He promised. He always keeps His promises. Keep looking for Jesus every day!”



Do and Say

SABBATH

Each day this week, review the story and practice the memory verse together.

“We Point to self, then to others.
are looking. Shade eyes with hand,
look from side to side.

forward to Stretch both arms out and
point forward.

a new heaven.” . . . Point up.

2 Peter 3:13. Palms together, then open.
Sing a song about heaven.

SUNDAY

Let your child pick a flower or stem from a bush. Don't put it in water. See how long it takes to shrivel and die. Discuss why flowers and plants will not shrivel and die in heaven.

MONDAY

With your child, look up at the night sky. Talk about how there won't be night in heaven and they won't get tired. But now they need to rest. Thank Jesus for heaven and for watching over us while we sleep.

TUESDAY

Help your child wear the crown made in

Sabbath School, and tell someone about heaven. (Or make a simple crown, and draw colored stars on it.) Have

your child act out being an animal that they want to play with in heaven.



WEDNESDAY

Tell your child about a friend or relative who has passed away. Tell why you are looking forward to seeing that person in heaven.

THURSDAY

Talk about the last time your child was sick.

Remind them that there won't be any sickness in heaven. Name and count your favorite fruits. Share some fruit as you talk about the tree of life.



FRIDAY

Go outside and look at the clouds in the sky. Imagine Jesus and His angels coming in them someday. Talk about rising up to meet Jesus in the clouds. Will your child want to give Jesus a hug? Have them practice on you! Sing songs about heaven; then thank Jesus for His promise to take you there.