

Beginners Sabbath School

Heaven Theme

1. ***Shake hands with everyone while you say...** *"Welcome to Sabbath School this morning! It is polite to greet someone when you first see them. I am so glad that you are here. May I shake your hand this morning?"*

***Sing** while you shake hands with everyone.

Good Morning to You

(Little Voices Praise Him, p.3)

Good morning to you, Good morning to you,
How are you today?
Good morning to you, Good morning to you,
This happy Sabbath day!

***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.

2. ***Take little church (or mirror) around to each child and open the doors so they can see themselves in the mirror while you say...** *"Let's see who is with us today in Sabbath School?"*

***Sing**

Who Am I?

(Little Voices Praise Him, p.117)

Who am I? Who am I?
Some-one spe-cial to Je-sus.
I am _____.
I am _____.
I am spe-cial to Je-sus.

***Say**-Each one of you is very special to us and to Jesus! We are so glad you came to Sabbath School today!

***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.

3. ***Say**- *"I am so thankful for each day that the Lord gives to us, but I am especially thankful for the Sabbath! It is important that we thank the Lord. Let's clap and sing, 'This is the Day.'"*

***Clap and Sing**

This is the Day

(Little Voices Praise Him, p.238)

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day; this is the day that the Lord has made.

***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.

4. ***Pass out little flags with Jesus' picture on it while you say...** "Do you know how much you are loved? Your mom, dad, brothers, sisters, grandmas, grandpas, and your Sabbath School friends all love you. But do you know who loves you most of all? Jesus. Jesus' love is so great that it just makes us want to tell other people that He loves them too. Let's sing about Jesus' love together, while we wave our flags."
***Sing while kids wave flags**

Jesus Loves Me (Little Voices Praise Him, p.102)

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Lit-tle ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

- *Have kids hand you the flags to** put away or ask one of the older kids to help collect.
***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.
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5. ***Point to some trees, clouds, and the sun outside. You may also need some felts like Jesus' 2nd coming, mansions, angels, etc. Say –** *"Do you see the trees outside? They are tall, aren't they? What is higher than those? The clouds in the sky are higher. Have you ever seen a plane fly in the sky? They fly even higher than some of those clouds! Do you know what is higher than that? The sun. It is higher than the clouds. Heaven is the place where Jesus lives. (Show felts that illustrate Heaven). Heaven is a beautiful place, and it is higher than all of those things that we can see. Let's sing about it while we try to stand as tall as we can."*

***Sing while kids try to stand really tall on their tip toes with their arms stretched high in the air.**

Heaven is Higher Than all of These Things (Heaven Program, Janet Sage)

Heaven is higher than all of these things, all of these things, all of these things.
Heaven is higher than all of these things, the Bible tells me so.

(There is another verse if you want to sing it. If not skip it)

- *Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.
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6. ***Pass out smiley face sticks while you Say –** "We are going to talk about what heaven is going to be like today. It will be a wonderful place because Jesus is going to be there. I know that when we are with Him, we will be very happy.

***Sing while you wave the smiley face sticks or play peek-a-boo with the kids.**

Heaven is a Happy Place (Little Voices Praise Him, p.131)

Heaven is a happy place; Heaven is a happy place.
Heaven is a happy place; O I want to be there!

7. ***Say** – “Let’s invite Jesus to be with us as we learn more about heaven today. Will you kneel down with me as we sing our prayer song?”

***Sing while you do the motions of the song (kneel, fold hands, bow head, close eyes, pray)-**

When It’s Time to Pray (Little Voices Praise Him, p.17)

When it’s time to pray I bend my knees,

Fold my hands, bow my head.

When it’s time to pray I close my eyes, and then I talk to Jesus.

***Have kids go sit back in their seats.**

***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.

8. ***There is an adult white robe that you can put on over your clothes. Pass out kids robes while you Say...** “You all look very nice today! You are wearing some really beautiful dresses and handsome church clothes. Did you know that in heaven we will have clothes that are even more beautiful than what you are wearing today? The Bible says that we will wear special white robes in heaven like this. (Put on the adult white robe and/or pass out kid’s robes) Everyone will have a white robe. Would you like to wear one?”

***Pass out white robes to parents so they can put them on the kids.**

***Sing**

I Will Wear a Robe (I Will Wear a Crown) (Little Voices Praise Him, p.132)

I will wear a robe in my Father’s house,
In my Father’s House, In My Father’s house.

I will wear a robe in my Father’s house,
there’ll be Joy! Joy! Joy!

***Kids can keep these on the rest of the class.**

***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.

9. ***Pass out crowns to everyone, even adults and pianist while you say-** “Not only will we wear white robes, but the Bible says that everyone will have a crown in heaven. Would you like to wear a crown?”

***Sing**

I Will Wear a Crown (Little Voices Praise Him, p.132)

I will wear a crown in my Father’s house,
In my Father’s House, In My Father’s house.

I will wear a crown in my Father’s house,
There’ll be Joy! Joy! Joy!

***Have kids go sit in their seats and keep the crowns (If they don’t want to wear them, have them put them under their chair. They will need them later in the program.)**

***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.

10. *Pass out a star sticker to each person with a crown and say – “The Spirit of Prophecy says that every person that goes to heaven will have stars in their crown. Each star stands for a friend that we have shared Jesus with that has given their heart to Him! Isn’t that exciting! There won’t be one person without a star in their crown. Some people will have more stars than others, but we won’t care. We will just be happy everyone is there. We want to tell everyone we meet about Jesus! Would you like to put a star on your crown?”

***Sing**

Stars in My Crown (Heaven Program, Janet Sage)

For all the little friends that I help to heaven,
There will be stars in my crown.
There will be stars, Bright, shining stars,
There will be stars in my crown.

***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.

11. *Say- “In heaven we will wear white robes and crowns with stars in them. It is going to be so exciting. But do you remember what the best part about heaven will be? Jesus will be there! It is going to be such a happy place. Let’s clap and sing.” (You can stand and march if they need more movement).

***Sing**

Heaven is a Happy Place (Little Voices Praise Him, p.131)

Heaven is a happy place; Heaven is a happy place.
Heaven is a happy place; O I want to be there!

***Have kids go sit back in their seats.**

***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.

12. *Say – (Birthday Song) “Does anyone have a birthday? (If not skip this... If they do, then use the birthday cake and candles. Light them and sing...)”

***Sing –**

Happy Birthday (Little Voices Praise Him, p.39)

Happy birthday, Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday to you.
Jesus loves you, dear _____, Happy Birthday to you!

***Gift-**They can pick a gift.

***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.

13. ***Say – (Visitor Song-we sing it even if we don't have a visitor. We want to be ready for the time we do have one come to class).** We want all those that visit our Sabbath School know that they are welcome here and we would love for them to come back. Let's sing our song to (be ready to) welcome _____ to our class."

***Sing**

We're Glad You Came to Our Sabbath School! (Little Voices Praise Him, p.25)

We're glad you came to our Sabbath school. Won't you come again?

We're glad you came to our Sabbath school. Won't you come again?

***Give the child(ren) a gift.**

***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.

14. ***Hand out mini choir folders and say,** "There is going to be all kinds of music in heaven. The angels will sing the most beautiful songs we have ever heard. We will also sing in the great heavenly choir, and we will be singing praises to Jesus. Let's stand and pretend we are singing in a choir in heaven together. Can you open your books and see the music there? ***Sing-**

Praise to Jesus (Little Voices Praise Him, p.222)

Praise to Jesus! Praise to Jesus!

We praise Him, We praise Him, We pra-ise Him!

***Put choir folders away.**

***Turn the page** to the next song for parents

15. ***Pass out harps to each child and say,** "The Bible says that everyone who goes to heaven will receive a crown and a harp. I love listening to someone play the harp and I can't wait to be able to play one in heaven."

I Will Play a Harp (I Will Wear a Crown) (Little Voices Praise Him, p.132)

I will play a harp in my Father's house, In my Father's House,

In My Father's house.

I will play a harp in my Father's house,

there'll be Joy! Joy! Joy!

***Have the kids help put the harps away and sit in their seats**

***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.

16. ***Get instruments out for the next two songs. They can choose to play an instrument for one song and then trade for another instrument for the second song. *Say – “I don’t know if we will be able to play other instruments in heaven, but I do know that we will make lots of music to praise Jesus for all He has done. Would you like to play one of these instruments?”**
***Sing-**

Making Music (Little Voices Praise Him, p.220)

Praise them with the trumpet, play it loud and clear,
Then the drums and symbols, so everyone can hear!
We are making music for the Lord! We're making music for the Lord!

- *Let the kids trade (or keep) instruments for the next song.**
***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.
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17. ***Kids trade or keep instruments. Sing**

Praise Him (Little Voices Praise Him, p.221)

Praise Him, Praise Him, All ye little children. God is love; God is love.
Praise Him, Praise Him, All ye little children. God is love; God is love.

- *Have kids help put instruments away.**
***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.
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18. ***You will need several toy cars and the church you used at the beginning of the program. Pass the cars to each child and hold the church in the middle of the room. Say – “When we drive to church what does the road look like? Is it gray or black? Sometimes we might drive on a brown dirt road. Let’s pretend we are driving our car to church this morning.”**
***Kids drive cars to church while you *Sing-**

Here is the Way We Drive to Church (Little Voices Praise Him, p.186)

Here is the way we drive to church, drive to church, drive to church,
Here is the way we drive to church every Sabbath morning!

- *Kids give you their car and go sit in their seats.**
***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.
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19. ***Get large piece of fabric with gold sequins and lay on the floor. Say-** *“In heaven the street will not look like the ones here on earth. The Bible says they will be streets of gold. (Lay the fabric down). And they will be beautiful. Would you like to pretend we are walking on the streets of gold in heaven? (Hold kid’s hands and walk on the gold fabric).*

***Sing**

On the Streets of Gold

(Little Voices Praise Him, p.129)

There'll be joys untold, on the streets of gold,
when we go to live with Jesus.
There'll be mansions fair for us over there,
when we go to live with Jesus.

***You can leave the gold fabric out.**

20. ***You will need bricks and some of the beautiful rocks in the front of the backdrop. *Say-** *“Here on earth we make our houses and buildings out of brick, stones, metal, or wood (stack bricks in the middle of the room). It won’t be that way in heaven. Not only will the streets be beautiful, but the walls and gates of heaven will be made of precious stones. Here are some beautiful rocks that we find on earth. (Show the kids some of the rocks; take some to the babies too.) In heaven they will be even more valuable than the ones we have here. Do you know what is more precious than all the jewels there will be in heaven? You are more valuable than all of them. You are jewels to Jesus. Let’s sing about it.”*

***Sing**

When He Cometh

(SDA Hymnal, 218)

When He cometh, when He cometh to make up His jewels,
Precious jewels, precious jewels, His loved and His own.
Like the stars of the morning, His bright crown adorning,
They shall shine in their beauty, bright gems for His crown.

***Put rocks, bricks, and fabric away.**

***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.

21. ***You will need a mansion door for this song. Say-** *“The Bible says that God is preparing us a place to live in when we get to heaven. Maybe it will be a mansion or maybe it will be a garden home. Let’s pretend we will live in this mansion. We will take turns opening the door and inviting our friends to come in and visit. (Take turns having someone hide behind the door and another person opening it).*

***Sing-**

I’ll Meet You in Heaven

(Little Voices Praise Him, p.133)

Be happy, Be kind,
Be loving, Be true.
I’ll meet you in heaven, (Open the door here.)
And live up there with you!

***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.

22. ***Say-** “There will be so many wonderful things to see in heaven. But the best part is that Jesus will be there! Let’s sing our theme song together...”

***Sing and clap-**

Heaven is a Happy Place (Little Voices Praise Him, p.131)
Heaven is a happy place; Heaven is a happy place.
Heaven is a happy place; O I want to be there!

***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.

23. ***You will need the basket of fruit. Say-** “The Bible talks about a special tree that will be in heaven. It is called the Tree of Life. It will have a different fruit grown on it every month. Isn’t that cool? What is your favorite kind of fruit? (Pass out fruit) ***Sing.**

I Will Eat the Fruit (On the Streets of Gold, Little Voices Praise Him, p.129)
I will eat the fruit from the tree of life, when we go to live with Jesus,
I will eat the fruit from the tree of life, when we go to live with Jesus.

***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.

24. ***Say-** “*How many of you like to pick flowers? Do you give them to people that you love or want to make happy? In heaven we will pick the flowers, but they will never wilt or die! Would you like to come and pick some flowers to give to everyone in the room?*”

***Sing while kids pick flowers from the planters by the mansion and have them pass them out to everyone in the room.**

I Will Pick the Flowers (On the Streets of Gold, Little Voices Praise Him, p.129)
I will pick the flowers that will never die, when we go to live with Jesus,
I will pick the flowers that will never die, when we go to live with Jesus.

***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.

25. ***Say-** *“God made some amazing animals, didn’t He? On earth there are some animals that we can play with. They are soft and cuddly, but there are some we don’t get to play with because they are scared of us, or they could be dangerous. In heaven we will get to pet, play, or ride animals like the lion or elephant. Let’s take turns riding one of these animals today (You pick the kids and have them take turns).”*

***Pull out the elephant rocker and the lion rocker and *Sing about whatever animal they are riding.**

A Real Little Bear to Play With (Little Voices Praise Him, p.127)
A real little bear (Lion, Elephant) to play with
A real little bear there’ll be.
A real little bear in the new earth
And the little bear won’t hurt me!

***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents

26. ***Talk a little about some other animals in heaven. Let the kids pick an animal that they would like to pet or ride.**

***Sing-**

Animals in Heaven (Little Voices Praise Him, p.130)
There'll be li-ons there, and a big brown bear,
and I'm sure there'll be a tall giraffe.
There'll be bun-nies too, and a kang-a-roo,
great big elephant, little mon-keys too,
and will be happy up in heav-en.

***Put animals away-have kids help you.**

***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.

27. ***You will need to get the offering box. Open it and Say-** *“Right now it is time for us to take up our offering. I will open this box and put it right next to the throne. Here on earth, we take up our offering to help missionaries further God's work here, but in heaven, God will not need our money. We will still be cheerful givers there. The Bibles says that we will show how much we love Jesus, giving Him our crowns. We will put them at the feet of Jesus, who gave all for us! I want to invite you now to bring your offering to the box and to put your crown on this blue cloth right next to the throne.*

***Sing-**

God Loves a Cheerful Giver (Little Voices Praise Him, p.29)
God loves a cheer-ful giver,
God loves a cheer-ful giver,
Cheer-ful, cheer-ful, cheer-ful giver,
God loves a cheer-ful giver.

***Pray for the offering and put it in the envelope.**

***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.

28. ***Invite the kids to sit on the floor to tell them a short 2 min version of their Bible story and say the memory verse. Tell the story and have everyone (including parents) repeat the memory verse after you.**

We are on lesson:
Which is the story of:

The memory verse is:
Pray together.

29. ***Say-** *“Someday we will be able to hear stories told directly from Jesus himself! You may even be able to sit on His lap and give Him a hug! Won’t that be awesome! While we sing our next song, we will take turns sitting on the throne and pretend we are sitting on Jesus’ lap.”*

***Invite different children to sit on the throne and Sing**

Do You Want to Sit on Jesus’ Lap? (Susan Davis, My Bible First)

Do you want to sit on Jesus’ lap?
And fell His arms around you?
Yes, I want to sit on Jesus’ lap.
When I get to heaven, I do!

*Have kids go sit back down in their chair.
***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.

30. ***Have foam trumpets ready to pass out. Say-** *“We have talked a lot about heaven today. Jesus is in heaven now, and He is looking forward to coming soon to take us to heaven with Him. Now it is up to us to stay close to Jesus and tell others about Him. When He comes, we will hear trumpets and singing. It will not be quiet. Let’s pretend to play our trumpets loud and clear, like we are telling others of the soon return of Jesus.”*

***Sing-**

Lift Up the Trumpet

(SDA Hymnal, p.213)

Lift up the trumpet and loud let it ring.
Jesus is coming again.
Cheer up ye pilgrims, be joyful and sing.
Jesus is coming again.
Coming again, coming again,
Jesus is coming again.

***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.

31. ***Get the sticks that have children's faces on them. Ask each child if they know who is on their stick. Then talk about how someday we will be able to go up to heaven in the clouds with Jesus. (If you have a visitor, use one of the other faces or use an angel stick) Say-** *"Jesus said He would come back to get us. When He comes, He will take us up to heaven with Him. Who wants to bring me your pictures? We can put them in this cloud and pretend to go to heaven with Jesus."*

***Have older kids collect the picture sticks to bring to you.**

Jesus Is Coming (Little Voices Praise Him, p.182)

Jesus is coming from heaven,
He's coming for you and me, too.
We'll live with Him there in Heaven so fair.
Oh, I want to ready, don't you?

***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents

32. ***Pass out rainbow sticks while you Say-** *"Just like we keep Sabbath here on earth, we will be able to keep the Sabbath with Jesus in heaven! Jesus sent the rainbow as a promise to Noah that there would never be a flood. Did you know that there will also be a rainbow around God's throne? It is a beautiful reminder that God keeps his promises. Let's sing about His promise to come back soon and take us to heaven with Him!"*

***Sing and wave the rainbow sticks-**

Sabbath In Heaven (Little Voices Praise Him, p. 135)

Someday we'll keep Sabbath in heaven.
Someday we'll see Jesus there.
I know we'll love everything God has made.
I know we'll be happy there.

***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.

33. ***Pass out the Jesus Loves Me flags. Say-** *"We have learned about all the wonderful things there will be in heaven. We talked about white robes, bright crowns, lots of animals, music, amazing animals, streets of gold, mansions, and flowers that never die. It will be so wonderful to have a place where we won't get hurt and people will live forever! But do you know what the most wonderful thing will be about heaven? Jesus will be there, and we can see Him face to face! We will sing praises to His name and shout the victory. Let's be sure to shout when we sing that part of the song."*

***Sing-**

When We all Get to Heaven (SDA Hymnal, p. 633)

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy, and His grace.
In the mansions bright and blessed, He'll prepared for us a place.
When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be,
When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and **SHOUT** the victory!

***Turn the page** to the next song for the parents.

***Say-** *“It is time for us to say good-bye and go to church. Can you wave at your friends and sing?”* ***Sing and wave-**

Sabbath School Is Over (Little Voices Praise Him, 46)

Our Sabbath school is over, and we are going to church,
Good-bye, good-bye, Be always kind and true.
Good-bye, good-bye, Be always kind and true.

***Pass out the Little Friends.**
