

HEAVENLY HOPE



discussion questions

Read today's passage together with your parents.

Do you remember where Paul (the man writing this letter) was writing it from?

Paul was writing this letter from prison, just like we learned 2 weeks ago. Does Paul seem angry or joyful that he is in prison because of Jesus? Talk about heaven with your parents. What do you think it will be like? What are you the most excited for about heaven? Is there anything that makes you feel scared when we talk about heaven?

activity ideas

Draw a picture of heaven and meeting Jesus face to face for the first time.

Using pillows and blankets around your house, build a blanket fort and pretend it's a prison. How long do you think you could stay joyful if you were actually stuck in prison?

But what does it matter? Here is the important thing. Whether for right or wrong reasons, Christ is being preached about. That makes me very glad. And I will continue to be glad. I know that you are praying for me. I also know that God will give me the Spirit of Jesus Christ to help me. So no matter what happens, I'm sure I will still be set free. I completely expect and hope that I won't be ashamed in any way. I'm sure I will be brave enough. Now as always Christ will receive glory because of what happens to me. He will receive glory whether I live or die. For me, life finds all its meaning in Christ. Death also has its benefits. Suppose I go on living in my body. Then I will be able to carry on my work. It will bear a lot of fruit. But what should I choose? I don't know! I can't decide between the two. I long to leave this world and be with Christ. That is better by far. But it is more important for you that I stay alive. I'm sure of this. So I know I will remain with you. And I will continue with all of you to help you grow in your faith. I will also continue to help you be joyful in what you have been taught. I'm sure I will be with you again. Then you will be able to boast in Christ Jesus even more because of me.

// Philippians 1:18-26 New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

