## HELPING HAND

## **Pearly Gate**

This award is intended to make children aware of and look forward to the Second Coming and Heaven.

- 1. Find and read a promise of Jesus' Second Coming in the Bible.
- **2.** Act out a parable from the Bible about Jesus' Second Coming.
- **3.** Name a Bible book and chapter that describes last day events.
- 4. Make a list of the signs of Jesus' Second Coming, found in Matthew 24:3-14.
- **5.** Describe Jesus' ascension into Heaven and tell how it is like or unlike the way He will return.
- 6. Find and read in the Bible a description of the Holy City or New Earth.
- 7. Understand and memorize John 14:2, 3 using one of the following activities:a. Fill in the blanks:

"In my F	ather's	are many	;	if it were not so I would
have	I go to	· · ·	i	for you. And if I go and
	a	for you, I	will	, and receive you
unto	; that where	2	, there	may be also."

- **b.** Put each word on an index card (one word/card) and have the children put the cards in order.
- **c.** Help make a rebus of the memory verse; say the verse with help from the rebus.
- **d.** Hide pieces of the puzzle and make a game for the Parable of Lost Coin with them.
- **8.** Close your eyes and imagine meeting Jesus at the Pearly Gate, then either draw a picture of what you imagined or create what the Pearly Gate would look like.

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- **1.** John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11.
- **2.** The Ten Virgins, Matt. 25:1-13; The Net, Matt. 13:47,48; The Wicked Tenants, Matt. 21:33, Mark 12:1-10, Luke 20:9-16; The Great Banquet, Luke 14:16-24, Matt. 22:1-14; The Lost Coin, Luke 15:8-10; The Narrow Door, Matt. 7:13,14, Luke 13:22-30; The Weeds, Matt. 24-30; The Lost Sheep, Luke 15:3-7; The Sower, Matt. 13:3-23; others.
- **3.** Matt. 24
- **4.** False Christs (v.5), wars and fall of kingdoms (v.6-7), famine and earthquakes (v.7), persecution (9), turning away (v.10), false prophets (v.11), increased wickedness and love growing cold (v.12), gospel to all the world (v.14).
- **5.** 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18; Acts 1:1-8.
- **6.** Isaiah 65:17-25; Rev. 21, 22.
- 7. Provide heavy paper, markers, scissors.
- 8. Have available paper, markers/crayons, popsicle sticks, glitter, construction paper, pearls, foil, etc.

## Songs

- "In My Father's House"
- "Countdown"
- "I'm Going to Heaven"



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