WORSHIP - HEAVEN

As students enter, questions about Heaven are rotated on screen. ‘*I can only imagine’* is played in the background. **(Slide 1)**

**INTRODUCTION**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: Good morning and welcome to worship. Today the students of 5A would like to lead the school community in giving praise and thanks to God for what He has done for us.

**GOD WELCOMES US (S2)**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: As we begin this time of worship, God welcomes us here today.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: In the name of the Father

All: Who sent us Jesus

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: In the name of the Son

All: Who died for us

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: And in the name of the Holy Spirit

All: Who leads us to believe and helps us live as God’s children. Amen

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD (S3)**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**:We light the candles to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world and we bring our gifts to God by placing the offering on the altar.

**THE BIG QUESTION**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: Today’s theme for worship is based around some BIG QUESTIONS about Heaven.

I wonder what questions you have about Heaven.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: Maybe you’re wondering where is Heaven?

Or, will I need money in Heaven?

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: Maybe you’re wondering who lives in Heaven?

Or, how long will I be in Heaven for?

And how can I be sure that I’m going to Heaven?

**WHAT IS HEAVEN? (S4)**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: Let’s begin by looking at what Heaven is. To answer any questions about Heaven, the first place to discover some answers is in the Bible.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: The Bible tells us that Heaven is a place where God is.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: In the book of Psalms it says: From Heaven the Lord looks down and sees everyone. Form His throne he watches all those who live on the Earth.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: The Bible also tells us that Jesus came from Heaven and was going back there. After his death and resurrection, Jesus ascended into Heaven.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: In the book of Luke it says: As Jesus was blessing His disciples, he left them and was taken into Heaven.

**WHAT DOES HEAVEN LOOK LIKE? (S5)**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: Now that we know what Heaven is, what do you think Heaven looks like? The Bible only tells us a little about what it might look like.

In the book of Revelation, one of Jesus’ disciples called John wrote about some dreams he had about Heaven.

As \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reads some of the things John saw, close your eyes and try to imagine what Heaven may look like.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: John said:

I saw Heaven. It was a Holy City. God had prepared it, and it was ready.

Heaven had great, high walls with 12 gates made of pearls. Twelve angels were in charge of the gates.

The main street was pure, clear gold, like glass.

I saw a white cloud. Someone was sitting on it, and it looked like Jesus. He had a crown of gold on his head.

Great bursts of light flashed from him. It was like light from a glittering diamond or from a shining ruby. There was a rainbow glowing like an emerald around his throne.

Heaven had no need for the sun or the moon because the glory of God was shining on it.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: As you open your eyes, I wonder what you saw.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: Although we don’t know lots about what Heaven will look like we can be sure that it will be amazing. In fact, did you know Jesus said:

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: “There are many rooms in my Father’s home, and I am going to prepare a place for you.”

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: Let’s thank God for this by singing ‘Big House’. You may stand and join in with the actions if you wish.

***WE SING TO GOD – BIG HOUSE (S6)***

**WHAT WILL HEAVEN BE LIKE? (Drama)**

Wonders of the World Drama

**HOW CAN I GET TO HEAVEN? HOW CAN I BE SURE? (S13)** – Pastor

Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one can get to the Father except through me.” John 14:6

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: Thank you Pastor for sharing God’s message with us today. The staff band is now going to teach us a song called, ‘Heaven is a wonderful place.’

***WE SING TO GOD – HEAVEN IS A WONDERFUL PLACE (S14)***

**WE PRAY TO GOD (S15)**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: Please close your eyes and fold your hands as God listens to our prayers.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: Dear God,

We thank you for sending Your son Jesus into this world who died and rose to life. Help us to remember that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life and that no one can get to you except through Him.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: Help us to be ready for the day when You return to take us to Heaven. May we also share the good news of life in Heaven with those we meet, so that they too can join us there one day.

We ask all these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**LORD’S PRAYER (S16, S17)**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: We will now pray to our Father in Heaven. This is the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray:

All: Our Father in Heaven

Hallowed be your name,

Your Kingdom come,

Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven,

Give us today our daily bread

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

For the kingdom, the power and glory are yours,

Now and forever, Amen

**GOD BLESSES US AS WE GO (S18)**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: As we get ready to leave this time of worship, God blesses us.

All: Be near us Lord Jesus

We ask you to stay

Close by us forever and love us we pray

Bless all your dear children in Your tender care

And fit us for Heaven to live with you there

Amen

**THANKS FOR COMING (S24)**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: Thanks for coming to worship. May God bless you in a very special way today.

*As students leave, ‘Heaven is a wonderful place’ is played (video version)*