



HOUSE PARTY

PARENT GUIDE

Life App Definition

Faith — trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

Main Idea

John had been exiled to live out his life alone on a remote island for prisoners. While he was there, he had a vision of a future more wonderful than we could ever fully understand. But we do know that God is making all things new. And because of Jesus, we get to experience life forever with God.

Memory Verse

"God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift" (Ephesian 2:8 NIRV).

Bottom Line

Following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine.

Small-Group Discussion

Review the story and use the following questions to reinforce the lesson learned from the story.

- What did John's prison look like?
- What happened as John began to fall asleep?
- What did Jesus show John?
- What did John do after the vision was finished?
- What was the best part of the vision?
- What is the light in the city that John saw in the vision?
- Did John know when the things in the vision would take place?
- What would it be like to not have any sadness, pain, or anything bad happening to you?
- What else do you think heaven will have or not have?
- What part of heaven do you most look forward to?
- What are you really hoping is true about heaven, or what would be most exciting to you?
- Is there anything about heaven that makes you nervous? If so, what would that be?

Object Lesson

The following activity is intended to help your children apply the lesson that was learned in today's House Party. Complete the activity as a family by following the steps below.

Supplies Needed

- Paper
- Pencil

Activity

- Give your children a piece of paper and a pencil.
- Instruct them to think about their favorite place and then write down three words or phrases that describe that place.
- Ask them not to write down the name of the place on the paper.
- Collect the cards, read the words and phrases on the cards out loud, and have your family try to name the places described.
- Share with your children that in today's story Jesus gave John a vision of heaven and he wrote down what he saw. *God will make all things right in the end. We can be with Him forever in a place that's more wonderful, more amazing, more mind-blowingly awesome than any place we have ever been! And while we may not know everything there is to know about heaven, we can know for sure that **following Jesus will turn out greater than we can imagine.***
- *Make it personal* by sharing your favorite scripture promise. Tell your family why this promise is your favorite. Remind them that while there are things we don't know about heaven, God has made it very clear that the way to heaven is by trusting Jesus, and that following Jesus will turn out greater than we can imagine.

Prayer

Take a moment and pray with your children. Thank God for heaven, and ask Him to help you always follow Jesus so that you can join God in heaven one day.

Dear God,

Thank You so much for heaven. Thank You that there will be love and joy in heaven. Thank You that there will be no more crying or hurt. Thank You that You will take those who believe in You to heaven to be with You. Thank You for sending Jesus so that we can know You. We want to follow Jesus always. Help us to follow You every day, knowing that following Jesus will turn out greater than we can imagine.