



Thinking About Heaven

What do you think heaven will be like?

God created lakes filled with fish, mountains covered with aspens and daisies and forests filled with oaks and maples.

God also created animals of different colors like peacocks and parrots, animals that make us laugh like monkeys and animals with strength like lions and leopards.

God made raspberries, corn and even beans.

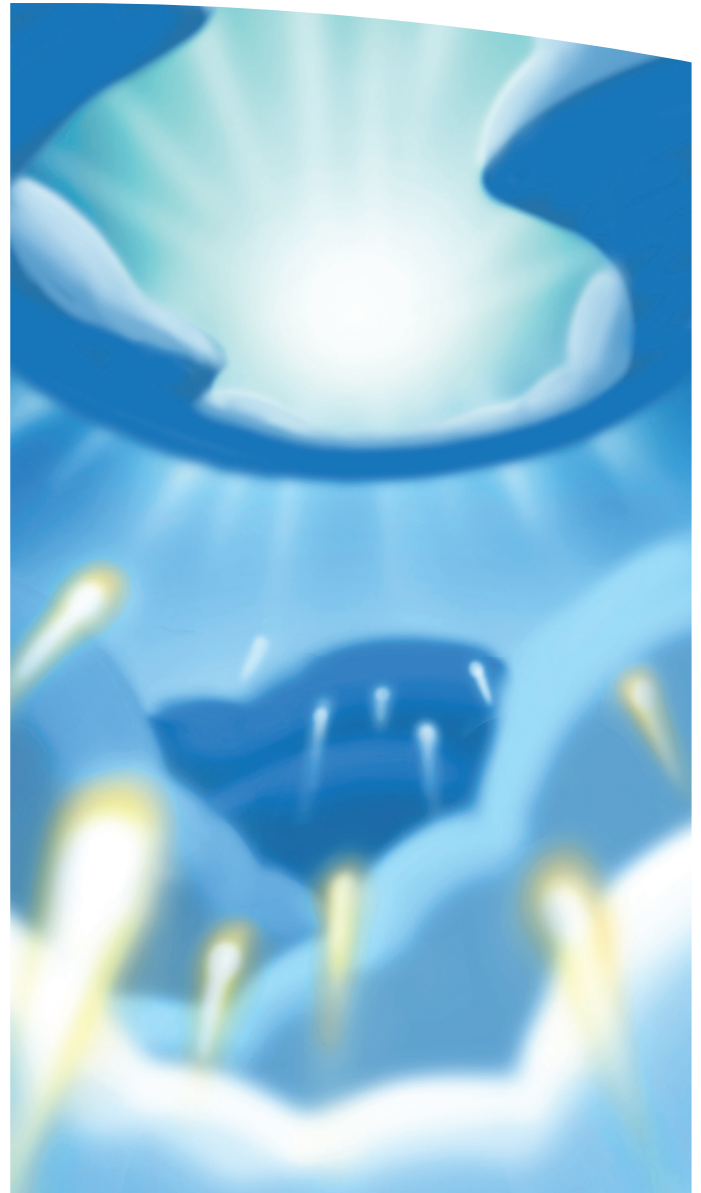
But wait — there's more! He also created our hands that can paint or make cookies, our arms that can give hugs or carry things and our feet that can pedal a bike or kick a soccer ball.

God created our brains that can design a space shuttle, memorize His Word and learn to tie our shoes.

So if God did all this for us in this world, how much more will He create for us in heaven?



Revelation 21:4 —
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.



The God who created all this tells us: ... *I go to prepare a place for you (John 14:2).*

God is going to prepare a place with love, a beyond-anything-we-could-imagine kind of place.

Thank you, Lord, for loving me so much that You're preparing a special place for me in heaven.



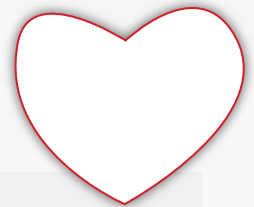
HERE ARE SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

If you live in the United States, you'll celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14. But what if you don't live in the United States? Here are some holidays that other countries will celebrate in February.

February 6 is Waitangi Day in New Zealand. The country celebrates when the Waitangi Treaty was signed — an important paper from the time when New Zealand was founded (when it began).

In parts of Canada, the third Monday in February is called Family Day.

On February 27, the Dominican Republic celebrates Independence Day (kind of like the Fourth of July for the United States).



HA! HA!

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Jesus loves me,
This I know is true!

Knock, knock!
Who's there?
Olive.
Olive who?
Olive you!

What kind of flowers
do you never give on
Valentine's Day?
Calliflowe!s!

HA! HA!

What did the stamp
say to the envelope
on Valentine's Day?
I'm stuck on you!

Puzzle Time!

Find all the words in the word search!



BIBLE
BROTHER
CANDY
DAD
FAMILY

FEBRUARY
GOD
HEART
HUG
JESUS

LOVE
MOM
SHARE
SISTER

Club Announcements & Fun Stuff

CALENDAR

February 1:

- Our Awana Theme: Spot Your Leader
- Sparks: tonight is a night that we will say thanks to our leaders

February 8:

- Our Awana Theme: Worship Night
- Sparks: we will have a special schedule tonight that will let us have extra time to worship and play games together

February 15:

- No Awana tonight

February 22:

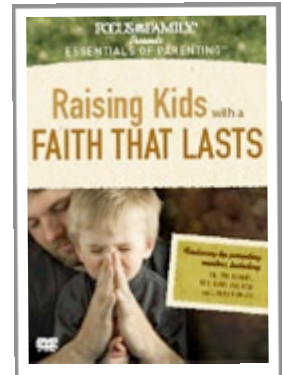
- Our Awana Theme: Shhhhh!
- Sparks: tonight we will play quiet games and also talk about prayer

FAMILY RESOURCES

One of the resources available at the Family Resources Table in the lobby is this one called "Awana@Home." It is, "paired with 24 popular Adventures in Odyssey audio episodes for engaging spiritual development. Listen to these memorable segments together at home or in the car, then enjoy games, discussion questions, takeaways and more ... Great for upper elementary-age kids, but valuable for the entire family" (from Awana's website).



This 6 week series helps parents to take the spiritual leadership in their homes. Spiritual leadership may feel like a daunting task; come find encouragement and tools to help you make a difference in your home!



This Learning Group is hosted by Woodlands Church and begins Monday, February 7, from 6:00-8:00 pm. Contact Nancy Perri at 715.341.0800 if you need additional information.

GOD IS SO BIG...

...So strong and so mighty. There's nothing my God cannot do!" Perhaps your Spark sings that song from time to time. It is a great reminder of the God we love and serve. We may use fancier words to describe Him, but He truly is big, strong, mighty, and able to do it all. February is a great time to tell God how much He means to us and how much we appreciate His hand of protection and guidance in our lives so praise Him for...

- being BIG enough to handle _____ for me,
- being STRONG enough to protect me from _____,
- being MIGHTY and saving me from sin's hold on my life,
- and for being ABLE to do all that I need Him to do, especially _____.