

## Of Hell

These Children's Materials are inspired by John Wesley's sermon. The intention is for both adults and children to be studying similar Bible materials at the same time, to facilitate family discussion. These suggested materials are therefore meant to help plan the children's programme of inter-generational connect groups.

You can use materials to plan for a children's programme of 50-60 mins (excluding worship, prayer etc). The basic components are as follows –

Bible Story/ Stories

Discussion

Activities/ Games

It is important for all facilitators to pray and prepare before the 'lesson' proper. The 'lesson' is only the beginning, may you continue to walk with the children, especially your own, over these material after the 'lesson'.

### SUMMARY

For children to know that hell is a real place where fire burns forever. It is a place without God.

### GOALS FOR CHILDREN

1. Know about hell.
2. Know that they can go to heaven when they believe in Jesus and become children of God.
3. Pray for loved ones who have not yet become children of God to come to believe in Jesus (7-12yo).

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### A. Bible Story

Use the children's personal Bible to share the Bible verse. Mark 9:48-49

**In hell the worm does not die; the fire is never stopped.** Every person will be salted with fire. (International Children's Bible)

**where the worm never dies, and the fire never goes out**— where all are salted with fire. (Living Bible)

- It is suggested to use the International Children's Bible for 4-6yo and the Living Bible for 7-12yo.
- Start with a game of musical chairs. Get the same number of chairs as the number of children. Play music for a while, then stop the music. When the music stops, shout 'River of Fire' and quickly find a chair to sit on and put his or her legs up to avoid getting 'burnt by the fire'. After each round, remove a chair till the game ends with only one child and one chair. The last child is the winner of the game. In every round, there will be a child who cannot find a seat and must stand aside to watch the game.
- Watch video <https://www.theblessedrun.sg/index.php/2020/07/26/lcm-kids-online-lesson-17-what-is-hell/> from 3.15 min to 9.54 min. (about 6.3 min)
- Hell is a real place that exists.
- Every man is made by God to enjoy a relationship with Him. But when one does not believe in God, one will face God's judgement in hell after death.
- Being in hell will mean being away from God forever, away from all joy. Since every man is made for God, and there is no God in Hell, the person in hell will have no rest.
- Only in heaven will there be fullness of joy and rest in God's presence.
- All of us have a choice, whether we want to go to heaven or to hell. It depends on whether we believe in Jesus or not. When we believe in Jesus as our Saviour (the one who saves us from sin), we become God's children and go to heaven after death. But if we don't believe in Jesus, we will go to hell after death.
- Be on the lookout for the younger ones (4-7yo), who might be scared after seeing the video and hearing the teachings.
- Get the children, especially the primary school children (7-12yo) to commit **Mark 9:48** to memory, using one of the versions suggested above.

### B. Discussion

<b>Suggested Discussion Questions</b>	<b>4-6yo</b>	<b>7-9yo</b>	<b>10-12yo</b>
Have you made the choice between heaven and hell? What have you chosen? Why?		√	√
Do you have loved ones (family members and friends) who have not made the choice? How can you help them to choose heaven?		√	√
Do you believe in Jesus and are you a child of God? If not, do you want to become a child of God?	√	√	√

- Children who are 7-8yo may not be able to participate in the discussion. But give a try, even if the answers are short.

- For the discussion about helping loved ones choose heaven, guide the child to pray for his or her loved ones to believe in Jesus as Saviour. Encourage him or her to tell his or her loved ones that God loves them, and to tell about Jesus dying on the Cross for their sins.
- A child may ask if his or her loved ones would be suffering in hell now if they had died and didn't believe in Jesus. Express sympathy and give a listening ear to the child. You can also pray with the child for God to have mercy.
- For those who are not yet children of God and would want to become one, you can get the resource from Iris and pass the resource to the parent. Let's leave the privilege of bringing the child to Christ to the parents. If a child is not comfortable to receive Christ under the guidance of the parents, you as the facilitator can bring the child to Christ by saying the sinner's prayer with the child. Remember to inform the parents of their child's salvation.

### C. Activities/ Games

#### **Materials Needed**

- Appendix 4.1 Who needs to hear?
- Appendix 4.2 Mysterious maze
- Small pieces of paper, pencils, pens and an empty box

#### For 4-12yo

- Give each child 2-3 small pieces of paper. Ask him or her to write or draw things that he or she likes onto the paper. *For the younger child (4-7yo), an adult's help may be needed to write or draw.*
- Collect the written-on pieces of paper and placed them into the empty box. You can write God, health, happiness and love on pieces of paper and add them into the box.
- Tell the children, this is what heaven is like. Take each piece of paper and read them. Heaven is full of good things and, most importantly, heaven is where God is.
- After reading everything from the box, show the children the empty box. Tell them that this is what hell is like. No good things, no God, all darkness, and fire that burns forever. (Adapted from <https://www.christart.com/handouts/zoom/3831>)
- Pray that God will help each child to know that hell really exists and is for those who don't believe in God. May God help each child believe that when he or she becomes a child of God, he or she will go heaven to be with God forever.

#### For 4-6yo

- Appendix 4.1 Who needs to hear?
- Tell the children that there are many people who have not yet become children of God. These people can be their family and friends. Despite their young age, they can still tell these people about God's love for them and how Jesus came to die for their sins on the Cross.

For 7-12yo

- Appendix 4.1 Mysterious maze. Ask the children to find their way out of the maze at the same time finding the message in the maze. (Answer: When we believe in Jesus, we go to heaven.)
- Ask the children if they have loved ones who have yet to become children of God. Ask each child to come up with the name of such a loved one. The loved one can be a family member or a friend. Get each child to pray and tell God the name of the loved one who has yet to become a child of God. Ask God to help to him or her believe in Jesus and become God's child. You can round up the prayer by saying, "Father, we know that You hear all the names that each child has brought to you. May You bring people to tell them about Jesus, move their hearts to believe and help them become children of God. We wait patiently for the day that we can rejoice over their salvation. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."
- Pray that God will help each child be confident that the only way to get to Heaven is to believe in Jesus as Saviour (the one who saves them from their sins) and become a child of God.

Appendix 4.1 Who needs to hear?

# Who Needs to Hear?

INSTRUCTIONS: Look at the people in the key. Circle them in the bigger picture.



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Appendix 4.1 Mysterious maze



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