

Text            1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, John 14:1-3,  
                    Acts 1:10-11, Revelation 1:4-8

Focus           Jesus is coming to take us to heaven

Verse          1 Thessalonians 4:17 “. . . we shall  
                    always be with the Lord.”<sup>NKJV</sup>

## Songs of Praise and Worship

### Prayer/Offering

Story 1        Jesus is Coming for Us (Bible)

Craft 1        Coming (coloring)

### Snack Time

Story 2        Jennifer’s Daddy (people)

Craft 2        Jennifer (stickers)

### My Bible Verse

Story 3        Higher Than Eagles (action)

Craft 3        Eagle (coloring)

Story 4        Heaven (puppet)

Craft 4        Home (gluing)

# Jesus is Coming for Us

I Thessalonians 4:13-18, John 14:1-3, Acts 1:10-11,  
Revelation 1:4-8

Water and Sky Scene, Purple Board, Hillside Overlay, Jesus (3A), Angels (10),  
Jesus with Angels (1C), Angel (2C), Angel (3C), Angel (4C), Angel (5C), Angel (6C),  
Glorified Mother (2M), Glorified Father (4M), Glorified Girl (7M), Glorified Boy (14M)

1. **Jesus is in heaven preparing a special home for us.** *Display Purple Board, Jesus with Angels (place in the middle of board), Angels.*
  - A. He is looking forward to when we will be in heaven with Him.
  - B. He is talking to God about us coming home.
  - C. Jesus may be saying to God, "Daddy, is it time yet?"
  - D. Soon God will tell Jesus, "Yes, it is time. Go and bring My children home."
  
2. **When Jesus has everything ready for us, He will come back again, and take us to heaven to be with Him.** *Display Water and Sky Scene, Hillside Overlay, Jesus (in sky), Glorified Mother (in sky), Glorified Father (in sky), Glorified Girl (in sky), Glorified Boy (in sky).*
  - A. We will get new bodies.
  - B. He will call you and me up into the air to meet Him.
  - C. We will live with Jesus forever.



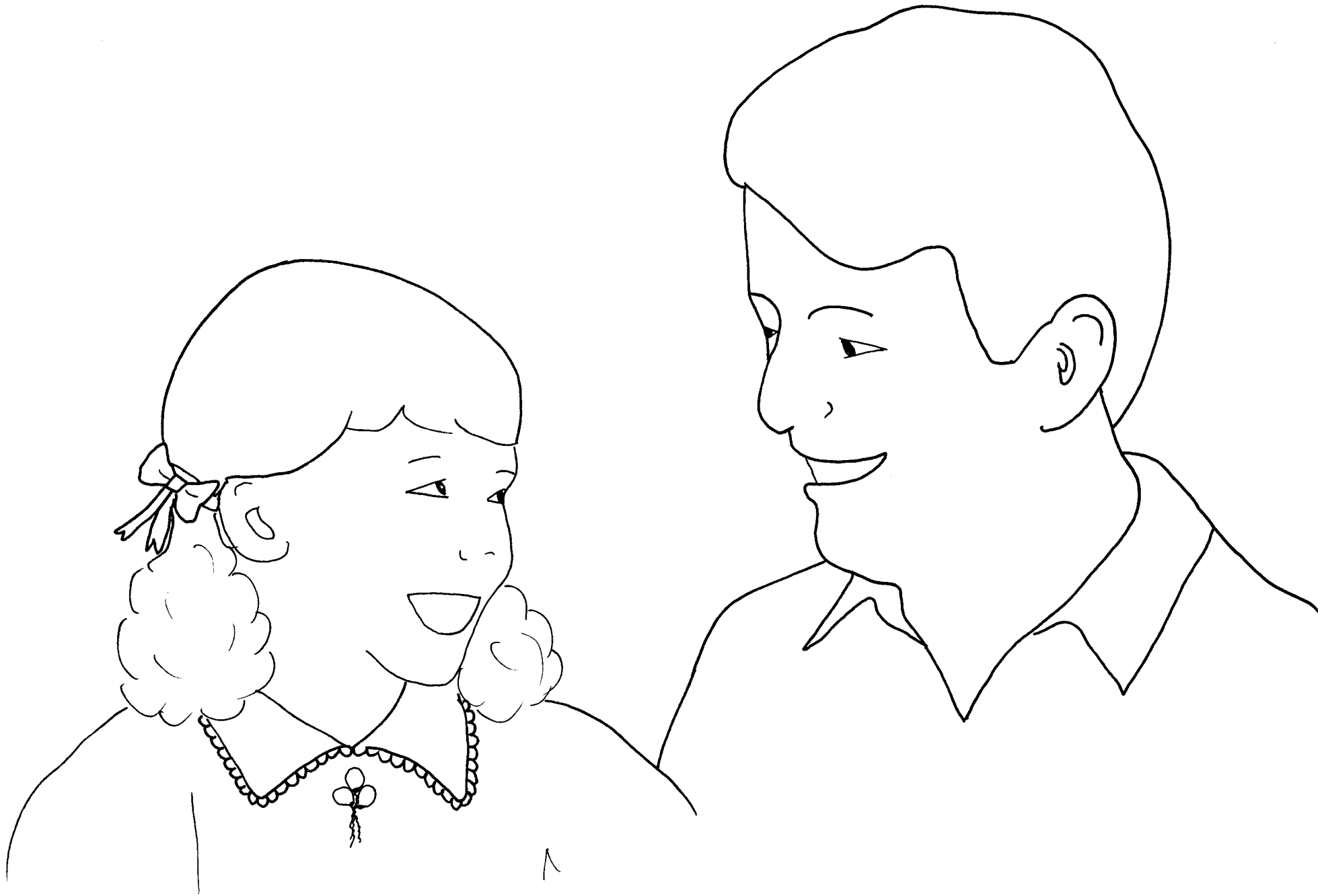
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## Jennifer's Daddy

Jennifer's daddy had been gone a long time. He had a new home ready for her in a far away place. She missed her daddy. Jennifer had talked to Daddy on the telephone, but now she wanted to see him very much.

Today was a happy, happy day because Daddy was coming back! He was going to take Jennifer and her family with him to the new home. She knew that everything would be better now.

Right now we are waiting for Jesus. He has a new home ready for us in heaven. We love Him and want to be with Him. Soon He will appear in the sky to get us. We will all meet Him in the air. Then we will always be with Him.



Jesus will appear in the sky to get us

## Higher Than Eagles

### Preparation:

Prepare an open place in the room. As you give instructions, have the children do the corresponding action.

### What to Tell Them:

Eagles are really big birds with big wings. They can fly up to the mountain tops! They can stay high in the air a long time. Let's spread out our arms and pretend to fly around the room like eagles. *As you and the children "fly," continue speaking.*

Soon, Jesus will call you and me up into the air to meet Him. Our bodies will change at that time. We will fly higher than eagles can and we won't need wings. The power of God will lift us up! Jesus will take us to heaven. Then we will always be with Him.

...we shall always be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:17 NKJV



## Heaven

Characters: Teacher  
Ginger (or your favorite puppet)

GINGER: What is heaven?

TEACHER: Heaven is where we will live with Jesus.

GINGER: What is Jesus doing now?

TEACHER: Jesus is in heaven preparing a home for us. He is talking to God about us, and looking forward to when we will be there with Him.

GINGER: What does heaven look like?

TEACHER: It is very beautiful. It is filled with God's glory.

GINGER: Is it a fun place?

TEACHER: Yes, everyone is happy in heaven.

GINGER: Can anyone go to heaven?

TEACHER: Yes, anyone who asks Jesus into their heart will go. I am looking forward to seeing Jesus, aren't you?

GINGER: Yes, I am!



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