

6TH GRADE

FOUNDATIONS

Heaven and Hell

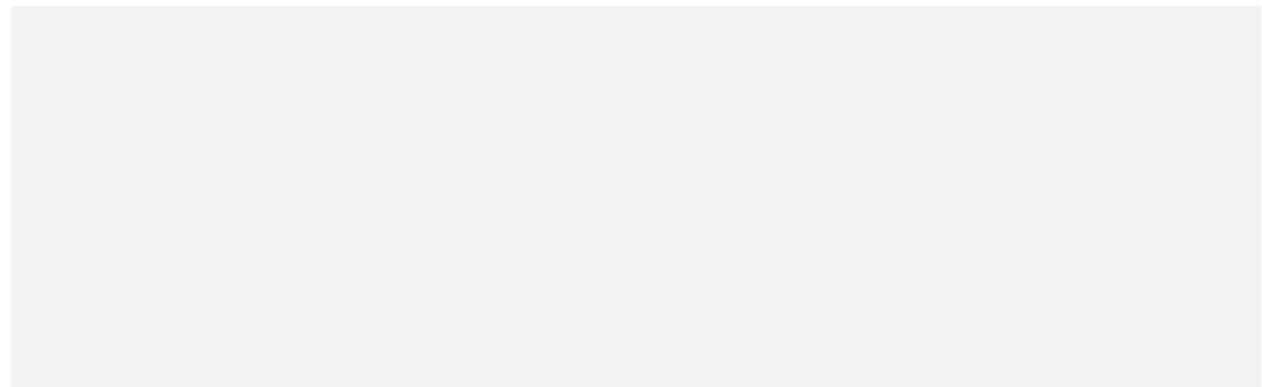
OVERVIEW

Pew Research Center also did a study and found that 72% of Americans believe in heaven and 58% of Americans believe in hell.¹ This gap is continuing to widen because it is easier for people to believe in a place of joy and beauty after death, than to admit the reality of consequences after death. When we understand the hell as a real and tangible consequence, we begin to understand the joy of heaven and the grace of God in a fuller, more intense way. Daniel 12:2 says, “Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt” (NIV). Knowing that there is a real Heaven and a real Hell creates a healthy sense of urgency around the Gospel for all. If we have agreed that God’s Word really is Truth and it is infallible, then we must search for a deeper understanding of these two real places.

ON YOUR OWN

What are some of the phrases you have heard about heaven or hell? Read John 3:16 and John 3:36, what is different?

Draw a picture, on one side Heaven and on the other side Hell.



¹ https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2016/12/01/if-the-u-s-had-100-people-charting-americans-religious-beliefs-and-practices/ft_16-11-28_100religiousbeliefpractices_heavenhell310px-2/

LARGE GROUP

- I. Where do we start?
 - 1 Timothy 2:4-5
- II. Heaven
 - What is heaven?
 1. Real according to Jesus (Luke 15:7, Matthew 7:21-23)
 2. God's Throne (Isaiah 66:1)
 3. Place God has Prepared for us (John 14:2)
 4. Real according to John's vision (Revelation 4)
 5. Fullness of Joy (Psalm 16:11)
 - What will it be like?
 1. No pain and no death (Rev 21:4)
 2. Redeemed Creation and physical bodies (Rom 8:19-23)
 3. Beauty (Rev 21:22-27)
 4. Free from evil (Rev 21:27)
 - Who will be there?
 1. Everyone who has believed in Jesus alone
 - Rom 10:9-10
 - John 1:12
 - 1 John 5:11-13
 - John 14:6
- III. Hell
 - What is hell?
 1. A place of eternal conscious punishment
 - Luke 13:22-30
 2. And eternal separation from God
 - John 3:36
 - Romans 2:5
 - 2 Thess 1:9
 - What will it be like?
 1. Eternal Fiery Lake (Rev 19:20, 20:10)
 2. Pit or Abyss (Rev 9:2)
 3. Never-ending fire (Jude 7, Matt 18:8)
 - Who will be there?
 1. Wicked and corrupt, unrighteous (2 Pet 2:4-10)
 2. Unrepentant sinners
 3. Angels who have rebelled (Jude 6)
- IV. What Now?
 - There are two places every person will go when they die here on Earth.

- “Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel” (Ez 33:11)
- There is a consequence to sin, yet God has given us the gift of salvation (Rom 6:23)
- **Put on an ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE as you interact with each person**
 1. Evangelism: Share the Truth we have because each person has an eternal destiny (2 Cor 5:18-20).
 2. Hope: “For me to live is Christ, to die is gain...to be with Christ which is better by far” (Philippians 1:2-4, NIV).
 3. Victory: “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor 5:55-56).

SMALL GROUPS

What stuck out to you the most throughout this lesson?

How does a better understand of heaven and hell help us as Christians?

What does an eternal perspective mean to you?

TAKE IT HOME

Why does God send good people to Hell? This is a tough question, but this video is extremely helpful in this question. Grab a parent or older sibling and watch the video “How Can a Loving God Send Someone to Hell? SeanMcDowell.org” available at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DCIagUoqMvE>.