

Real World Skit

You and an assistant will act out this skit discussing what heaven and hell are like according to the Bible. Bring props to add interest!

Student 1: That movie was good!

Student 2: Yeah, but that was so sad when the girl's dad died.

Student 1: I almost cried when the cop had to tell the family. But I liked the part where the girl learned that her dad is up in the stars looking down at her, and she went out to the park at night to talk to him.

Student 2: I liked that part, too. But I don't know if that's what really happens.

Student 1: What do you mean? Aren't people who die looking down at us?

Student 2: The Bible doesn't say what people can see on earth after they die.

Student 1: But people go to heaven, right? If they're good?

Student 2: Well, not exactly.

Student 1: What do you mean?

Student 2: I hate to say it, but when people die, they either go to heaven or to—the other place.

Student 1: You mean that place is real? That place with the devil and his pitchfork?

Student 2: I'm afraid so. But it's not like you see in cartoons. Jesus talked about it in the Bible. He said it was a terrible place of punishment with fire that never stops burning—and darkness.

Student 1: That doesn't seem fair that someone would have to go there if he has tried to be good.

Student 2: We can't be good enough, though. It's because of sin. It all started when Adam and Even sinned in the garden of Eden.

Student 1: Oh yeah, I've heard of that.

Student 2: They were turning away from God. And ever since then, everyone sins. And the punishment for sin is living forever away from God—in that awful place.

Student 1: Oh. (*Shivering*) I don't want to think about that. . . . What about heaven? My mom read a book about a kid who went to heaven and talked with her grandparents

and then came back to life. She remembered a beautiful city and meeting her grandparents. Pretty cool, right?

Student 2: We should be careful when we hear people talking about their visits to heaven, especially when their stories don't match the Bible and when they don't talk about God or Jesus being there.

Student 1: What does the Bible say it's like?

Student 2: It has streets of gold, feasts, music, and people worshipping God together. Heaven doesn't even need any light because the glory of God is so bright.

Student 1: Glory of God? What does that mean exactly?

Student 2: It means God's wonder and power and holiness—his awesomeness!

Student 1: Wow! I wish we could see that now.

Student 2: It would be too much for us if we saw it now. But there were a few men in the Bible who did get to see just a little of God's glory.

Student 1: Really? What happened?

Student 2: They were in fear and awe of God. They got to see how amazing God is. They fell on their faces!

Student 1: That sounds truly awesome!

Student 2: Yeah!

Student 1: *(Looks worried.)*

Student 2: What's wrong?

Student 1: I'm scared now. I don't want to go to—you know where! I want to go to heaven. But you said we couldn't be good enough.

Student 2: Don't worry. You don't have to be scared when you trust in Jesus. He took our punishment for sin when he died on the cross. So, all you have to do is know that you aren't good enough—that you are a sinner—and then turn to God and trust Jesus to save you.

Student 1: Really? That's great! But . . . I'm not really sure I understand it all.

Student 2: I'll tell you more on the ride home. My mom is parked over there. Come on!