

Things on Earth and Things in Heaven Youth Sunday School Lesson

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1. Similarities

- a. All things on heaven and earth were created by God, who existed forever. Genesis 1:1. Colossians 1:16.
- b. Everything that God originally created was good. Genesis 1:31.
- c. The threefold witness of God testifies to His presence and power in heaven and on earth. 1 John 5:7-8.
- d. Jesus has all authority in heaven and earth. Matthew 28:18.

2. Contrasts (Differences)

- a. The devil is a fallen angel who sinned, and was banished from heaven. He tempted Adam and Eve to sin. Now there is sin on earth, but no sin at all in heaven. Genesis 3:1. Romans 5:12. Sin can be found everywhere. Where do you see the results of sin at school, with people you know, and in the news?
- b. The things of heaven are worth seeking. The things this sinful world has to offer are not worth seeking. Colossians 3:1-6. What are some of the things worth seeking, and what are some of the things we should not seek, and, in fact, avoid?
- c. Riches on earth come and go. But heavenly riches are forever. Matthew 6:19-21. Discuss examples of both kinds.

3. Summary

- a. God can be found anywhere. Even though He is in heaven, He is also in all places at all times. Only God can do that! Matthew 18:20.
- b. The earth and the heaven associated with it (the sky) will pass away, but eternity with God in the third heaven where He dwells is forever. Matthew 24:35.
- c. There is no hope on earth, other than Jesus who came from heaven. That's why He came, to give us hope. John 6:38-40.
- d. If we believe in God through the salvation of Jesus Christ, we have a sure hope of heaven. Hebrews 6:19.