

6-week “Heaven” study for teenagers



Worksheets adapted from Randy Alcorn’s book *Heaven for Kids*

For Sunday school or small groups



The students in our junior high Sunday school class started asking questions about Heaven. I had just gone through an adult Sunday school study of Randy Alcorn’s book *Heaven*. As I answered the students’ questions, I realized they could benefit from studying Randy Alcorn’s book too. I read his book *Heaven for Kids* and wrote up some worksheets, creating a 6-week study for our students. If you’re planning to teach *Heaven* to your teenagers, these worksheets might help you prepare.

These worksheets include word games*, activities and challenges to engage your students, as well as promptings for worship and prayer. (There is also an optional *New Earth Travel Guide* that students might enjoy creating.) The main focus of each week’s lesson is building a solid foundation in Scripture. Students start with a question about Heaven, and then they look up the answers themselves (with your guidance) in the Bible.

It’s possible that one answer will spark a long discussion, and you might not have time to investigate all the questions together in class. Be sure to give students the answers to each remaining question, and recommend that they look up the Scripture verses on their own. (You can also expand this class beyond 6 weeks, but it’s hard to hold teenagers’ attention beyond that. You know your students better than anyone, so adapt it for them.)

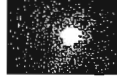
Before you begin sharing this study with your students, I strongly recommend that you read Randy Alcorn’s book *Heaven* in its entirety – or listen to it on CD. Then read *Heaven for Kids*. Then spend a lot of preparation time, meditating over the Scripture verses and praying for your students. This 6-week study requires a lot of preparation, but it’s time well spent with the Lord.

I hope you and your students will be as excited as I am, with everything the Bible teaches us about the New Earth!

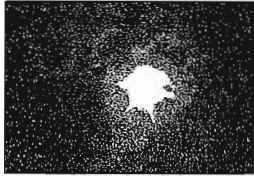
**Scripture verses for word games are from the Holy Bible, New Living Translation*

Week 1 - January 4

Is Heaven boring?



Teacher preparation

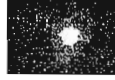


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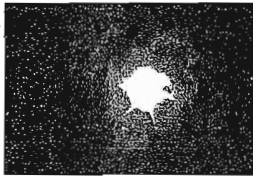
- Pray for your students by name. Ask God to help each one receive His Word and His Spirit in their hearts. Ask for His protection and blessings for each student and their family.
- Read *Heaven for Kids*, Intro – Chapter 1
- Read and meditate on these Scripture verses:
 - Heaven Scripture Verse for this week
 - Isaiah 65:17 – God is creating new heavens and a New Earth!
 - Does God want you to live in an awesome place? What do you know about His personality?
 - Romans 1:19-20 – Look around to see what God is like.
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 - Does God really share His heart with you?
 - I Corinthians 2:6-12 – God wants you to understand Him.
 - Isaiah 64:4-5 – God has revealed former mysteries by His Holy Spirit.
 - What does the enemy want you to think?
 - John 8:44b – The enemy does NOT want you excited about Heaven.
- Photocopy the Week 1 Student Guide (one for each student).
- Photocopy the Week 1 Heaven Scripture Verse word game (one for each student).
- Photocopy the Student Instructions for the New Earth Travel Guide.
- Consider supplying each student with a folder to keep their Heaven materials in.
- Make your New Earth Travel Guide section title pages and put together your New Earth Travel Guide notebook.
- Get a supply of construction paper, doodle paper, crayons, colored pencils, stickers, glue and scissors. Bring these with you to class every week.
- Bring your Bible to class every week.

Week 1 - January 4

Is Heaven boring?



Teacher guide



Worship – 5 min

Opening prayer (*ask a student to lead, or ask all students to pray in unison*)

Father, we thank you for this day. We thank You for Your presence here, for wanting to hang out with us. We thank You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, who has given us eternal life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

New Earth Travel Guide – 5 min (*introduce*)

Heaven Scripture verse – 10 min (*word scramble*)

Let students complete the word scramble to get this week's Heaven Scripture verse:

"Look! I am creating new heavens and a New Earth, and no one will even think about the old ones anymore." – Isaiah 65:17

Group activity – 10 min (*have students work together in small groups*)

Describe and illustrate the most awesome place you could live.

Investigation – 20 min (*discuss as a class; have students look up the Scripture verses to answer the questions, with your guidance; if you run out of time, give answers to the remaining questions and suggest that students look up the Scripture verses at home*)

- What would God think about your awesome place? What do you know about His personality?
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Group response – 10 min (*working with small groups again, let students respond creatively to answer this question; they can write their answer, draw their answer, write song lyrics, etc.*)
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Closing prayer (*ask a student to lead, or ask all students to pray in unison*)

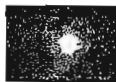
Father, You are so awesome! We thank You for wanting to spend eternity with us. Thank You for Heaven and the New Earth that You are creating for us. Help us to learn more about Your plans for us. We love You, Lord. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Heaven challenge (*give students this challenge to work on this week; ask them to bring their answers next week; remind them to bring their folder and Bible with them next week*)

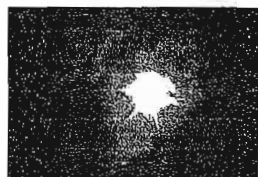
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Is Heaven boring?



Student guide



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Heaven challenge

Find a Scripture verse that proves to you God wants to give you THE coolest place to live.

Bring your answer to the “Heaven challenge” next week.

Remember to bring your Heaven folder and Bible next week too.

Week 1
Heaven Scripture Verse
(Word Scramble)

Unscramble each word and write the correct word in the numbered blank that corresponds to that word. (Hint: If you get the Bible verse first, that'll help you figure out the other words. Your Bible version may be different, but it'll be close.)

1. KOOL
2. CERAGINT
3. VEASHEN
4. EWN
5. RAETH
6. KINTH
7. DOL
8. MORYANE
9. HASAI

_____ 1 _____ ! I am _____ 2 _____ new _____ 3 _____ and a
_____ 4 _____ _____ 5 _____, and no one will even _____ 6 _____ about the _____ 7 _____
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New Earth Travel Guide

Teacher Instructions

The New Earth Travel Guide is a way for your students to share what they've learned. They can share Scripture verses, write descriptions, draw pictures ... be as creative as they want, as long as what they share lines up with God's Word.

Introduce the Travel Guide to your students at the start of the six weeks. Give them a copy of the outline. Invite them to contribute something to the Travel Guide each week. If the Travel Guide isn't finished by the end of the six weeks, invite students to spend another week or two working on it. Their "group responses" can also be included in the Travel Guide.


Below is a suggested outline, with section titles and things to include. You can make your own variation. Make the section title pages using construction paper, and let the students color and decorate each title page. Put together a folder to keep everything in – a 3-ring binder with hole punch works well.


The New Earth


- What is it? (Students can share Scripture verses about the New Earth and give possible "descriptions" based on what they know from the Bible. Remind them to share how God will live among us!)
- When can we go there? (Students can share about the Present Heaven; and share about the things that will happen in the future, and why God is waiting – II Peter 3:9.)
- How long can we stay? (Students can share about Salvation and eternal life.)


How to pack

- God's Word (Students can share about God's Word as the "ultimate travel guide;" and share how God's Word helps us prepare for living in the New Earth.)
- CRF "boosters" (CRF: Confession, Repentance, Forgiveness. Students can share how these "boosters" will prepare us for living in the New Earth. You can help them with this.)
- Fruit of the Spirit (Students can share how the Holy Spirit produces "fruit" in us that prepares us for living in the New Earth. You can help them with this.)
- Kingdom treasures (Students can share the meaning of Matthew 6:20 and how we can prepare now.)

 **Where to stay** (Ask students to share what John 14:2-3 means to them.)

 **People to meet** (Ask students to share who they look forward to meeting in Heaven.)

 **Places to see** (Students can share some of the "features" that might be in the New Earth, based on what they've learned from the Bible.)

 **Things to do** (Students can share some of the "activities" that might take place in the New Earth, based on what they've learned from the Bible.)

■ **God's special collection**

- God's refrigerator (Ask students to share some of the joyful moments here on earth – in their lives – that God might pin up on His refrigerator. Invite them also to draw a picture of their family for God's refrigerator.)
- God's mailbox (A great activity throughout the Heaven study is for students to write letters to God. We keep these letters in our prayer room; students can leave letters open to share, or they can seal them in envelopes for only God to read. Students write to God, telling Him what excites them about living with Him in the New Earth. Invite students to share a few of their "Letters to God" in the Travel Guide.)
- God's treasure box (Ask students to share moments when they observe Christ-like behavior in others – things that God would consider an irreplaceable treasure.)
- God's journal (Ask students to write about discoveries they make as they read God's Word – breakthroughs that God might record in His own personal journal.)

■ **Invitation** (Ask the students to write an invitation and prayer for others to join them in getting ready for the New Earth!)

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People to meet (Who are you looking forward to meeting in Heaven? Write about this.)

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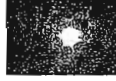
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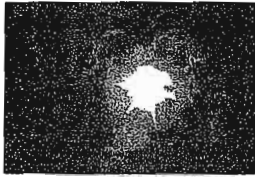
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Week 2 - January 11

What happens when we die?




Teacher preparation




Teacher preparation


- ☒ Pray for your students by name. Ask God to help each one receive His Word and His Spirit in their hearts. Ask for His protection and blessings for each student and their family.
- ☒ Read *Heaven for Kids*, Chapter 2
- ☒ Read and meditate on these Scripture verses:
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 - Are people in Heaven right now? Where is Heaven?
 - Luke 23:43 – Jesus tells the man, “You’ll be in paradise with Me today!”
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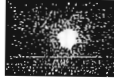
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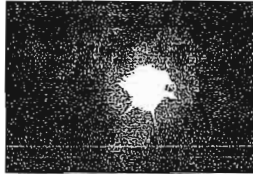
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Worship – 5 min

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New Earth Travel Guide (*students turn in contributions*)

Heaven Scripture verse – 10 min (*hangman*)

Let students complete the hangman to get this week's Heaven Scripture verse:

“But we are citizens of Heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for Him to return as our Savior.” – Philippians 3:20

Group activity – 10 min (*have students work together in small groups*)

Describe what you think your first day in Heaven might be like.

Investigation – 20 min (*discuss as a class; have students look up the Scripture verses to answer the questions, with your guidance; if you run out of time, give answers to the remaining questions and suggest that students look up the Scripture verses at home*)

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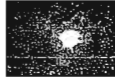
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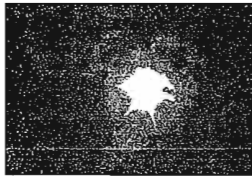
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Student guide



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Verse _____

Summary of verse _____

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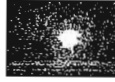
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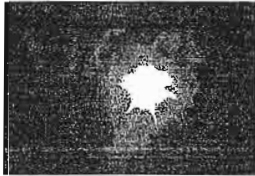
Week 2
Heaven Scripture Verse
Hangman

Week 3 - January 18

What will the New Earth be like?



Teacher preparation



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- Read *Heaven for Kids*, Chapters 3-4.
- Read and meditate on these Scripture verses:
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 - John 14:2-3 – Jesus is preparing a home for you!
 - Will you actually see God in the New Earth?
 - Job 19:25-27 – Job knows one day he will see God.
 - Exodus 33:20 – God tells Moses no one may see Him and live!
 - Matthew 5:8 – But, because of Jesus, the pure in heart will see God.
 - Isaiah 6:1 – Isaiah sees God on His throne.
 - Revelation 22:3-4 – In Heaven, you will be allowed to see God.
 - How will you worship God in the New Earth?
 - I Thessalonians 5:16-18 – You’ll worship God in all that you do.
 - Will God really serve you?
 - Luke 12:37 – Jesus will serve dinner to His own servants.
 - Matthew 20:28 – Jesus, your King, wants to serve you!
 - What will the New Earth be like?
 - Revelation 21:4 – There will be no more death or sorrow or pain.
 - Isaiah 51:3 – Paradise on earth will be restored (in the way God meant it to be).
 - Revelation 21:21 – The New Jerusalem will be extravagant!
 - Revelation 22:1-2 – The New Jerusalem will have the River of Life and Tree of Life.
 - Revelation 21:10 – The New Earth has mountains (which implies other features).

○ Will “time” exist in the New Earth?

- II Peter 3:8 – God exists outside of time (but you don’t).
- Revelation 8:1 – There is silence in Heaven for half an hour.
- Luke 15:7 – Beings in Heaven rejoice when a sinner repents.
- Revelation 6:10-12 – The martyrs ask, “How long?”
- Revelation 22:2 – The tree of life will give a fresh crop each month.

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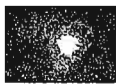
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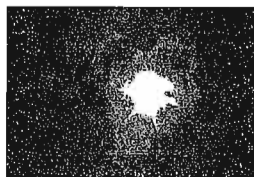
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Teacher guide



Worship – 5 min

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Father, we love You so much. We thank You for Your gift of Salvation and eternal life. We thank You for the hope You have given us, by Your Son, Jesus Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

New Earth Travel Guide – (*students turn in contributions*)

Heaven Scripture verse – 10 min (*decoding*)

Let students complete the decoding to get this week's Heaven Scripture verse:

“There is more than enough room in My Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with Me where I am.” – John 14:2-3

Group activity – 10 min (*have students work together in small groups*)

Imagine your group is living in a New Earth village. Draw the village on poster board. Add your individual homes to the village.

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So ... what will the New Earth be like?

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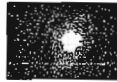
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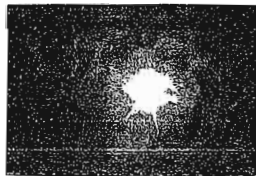
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Week 3 - January 18

What will the New Earth be like?



Student guide



Opening prayer

Father, we love You so much. We thank You for Your gift of Salvation and eternal life. We thank You for the hope You have given us, by Your Son, Jesus Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture verses for this week

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Verse _____

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Bring your answer to the “Heaven challenge” next week.

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Week 3

Heaven Scripture Verse

(Decoding)

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Using the chart above, replace each symbol below with the corresponding letter, to get the Scripture verse.

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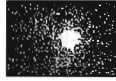
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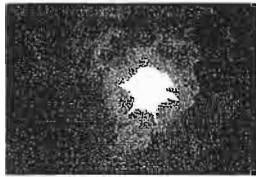
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Week 4 - January 25
Who will rule the New Earth?



Teacher preparation



Teacher preparation

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 - Who will rule in the New Earth?
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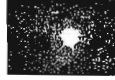
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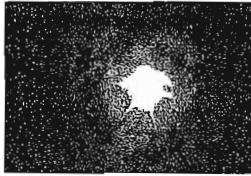
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Week 4 - January 25

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Teacher guide



Worship – 5 min

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New Earth Travel Guide (*students turn in contributions*)

Heaven Scripture verse – 10 min (*word scramble*)

Let students complete the word scramble to get this week's Heaven Scripture verse:

"But in the end, the holy people of the Most High will be given the kingdom, and they will rule forever and ever." – Daniel 7:18

Group activity – 10 min (*have students work together as a class*)

Read John 13:1-17 out loud as a class. Then experience a foot washing as Jesus would do.

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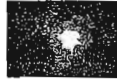
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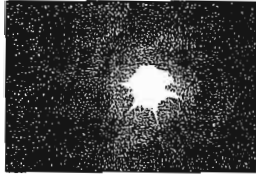
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Week 4
Heaven Scripture Verse
(Word Scramble)

Unscramble each word and write the correct word in the numbered blank that corresponds to that word. (Hint: If you get the Bible verse first, that'll help you figure out the other words. Your Bible version may be different, but it'll be close.)

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2. LYOH
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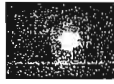
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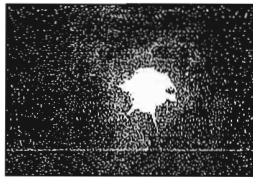
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Week 5 - February 1

What will New Earth life be like?



Teacher preparation



Teacher preparation

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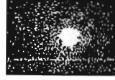
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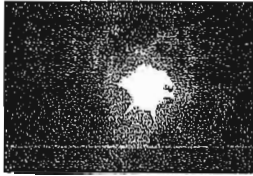
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Teacher guide



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New Earth Travel Guide (*students turn in contributions*)

Heaven Scripture verse – 10 min (*hangman*)

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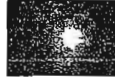
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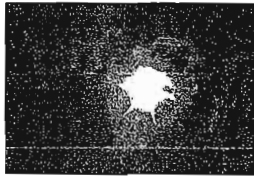
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Week 5 - February 1

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Scripture verses for this week

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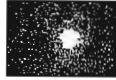
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Hangman

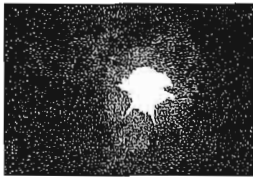
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Week 6 - February 8

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Teacher preparation



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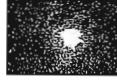
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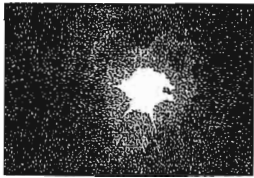
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Week 6 - February 8

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Teacher guide



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New Earth Travel Guide (*students turn in contributions*)

Heaven Scripture verse – 10 min (*decoding*)

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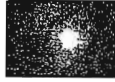
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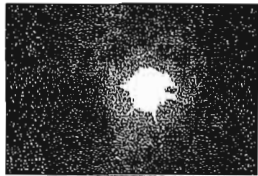
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Week 6

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“Look, I am Ω ☒ £ ◇ ♪ ™ everything ♪ ☀ ↑ !”

□ ☀ ∑ ☀ € ☒ ∞ ◇ ♥ ♪ 21:1a, 3a, 5a