

## **Sheldon's Adventures in Heaven**

"The great war on earth was finally over. Jesus, with vast clouds of shining angels, took all the daddies, mommies, and little children who loved Him to heaven. Now Sheldon is in a land where dreams come true. Jesus gives him a white bear cub to snuggle up against and shows him how to fly. Sheldon's family takes him to explore other worlds with sparkling gems and delicious new fruits. And then the fun really begins"- Sheldon's Adventures in Heaven, Publisher Review and Herald

**Grade levels:** 1-2

**Content Area:** Bible, Spiritual Life, Language Arts

**Description of Lesson:** Sheldon's Adventures in Heaven is an exciting book. This is a worship book extension. It gets kids excited about heaven.

**Time Requirements:**

*Preparation Time:* 5 min.

*Class Time:* 7-8 sessions

**Standards Addressed:**

*Journey to Excellence-* 1,2,6,7,9

**Specific Learning Outcomes**

*Head (know):* The student will know God's plan for their future.

*Heart (feel):* The student will feel the excitement of God's eternal plan.

*Hand (do/respond):* The student will write their own adventure in heaven.

**Assessment of Outcomes:**

Presentation of his/her story to the class.

**Learning Experiences:**

## **Revelation 22**

### **The River of Life**

1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 There will be no more night. They will not

need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever. 6The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place."

**First we read and discuss Revelation 22. Next we read Sheldon's Adventure in Heaven at the beginning of the year. They loved it so much they asked to read it again. Here is some ways to apply it:**

1. On the second time of reading it they wrote and illustrate their own adventures in heaven.
2. There is a chapter about Sheldon finding gems on new planets. I surprise them and give them some sparkly rocks.
3. Another chapter has Sheldon at the tree of life eating cherries. Teachers make a classroom tree of life in middle of the room. You can do this with cardboard or bulletin board paper. Students will make and decorate the tree with a fruit with their name on it. Class sits on the floor and reread the chapter on the tree of life. Discuss what the tree of life is like Reread Rev. 22. Also, discuss E G White quote,  
“ Upon the tree of life was most beautiful fruit, of which the saints could partake freely. . . . The most exalted language fails to describe the glory of heaven or the matchless depths of a Saviour's love”. *From My Life Today*, p. 355
4. During the chapter that Sheldon eats cherries at the tree of life. So that day eating cherries for a snack and imagining what other kind of fruit there could be. Then students draw, color paint, make with clay the tree of life. Hang it on the class tree of life.
5. Teachers make a class floor to ceiling tree of life in middle of the room. You can do this with cardboard or bulletin board paper. Students will make and decorate the tree with a fruit with their name on it. Class sits on the floor and reread the chapter on the tree of life. Discuss what the tree of life is like Reread Rev. 22.
6. In another chapter of the book Sheldon receives his crown. Students make and decorate crowns. Sing, “ In my Father’s house will wear crown”.
7. Another chapter God reads Sheldon’s Book of Life. Teachers pre-make little books with a gold print. Have them draw pictures of life on earth.
8. Last, have a “heaven banquet” sit around a long white table with variety of fruits, and sweet bread (manna),to eat. Talk about the table and banquet feast in heaven.

**Link specific resources used:**

[www.reviewandhearld.org](http://www.reviewandhearld.org)  
[www.adventistbookcenter.com](http://www.adventistbookcenter.com)

**Required Materials:**

“Sheldon’s Adventures in Heaven” to purchase go to [www.adventistbookcenter.com](http://www.adventistbookcenter.com)  
Paper, cherries, variety of fruit, “manna”, long white table, sparkly rocks, art materials for tree of life. Bulletin board paper / card board box to wind around to form the class room tree of life.