



Heavenly Housing

When I was a kid in primary Sabbath School (a long, long, long time ago), we sometimes sang a song that started like this: “I will wear a crown, in my Father’s house . . .” After we sang that song, the teacher would explain that in heaven we would live in beautiful homes—mansions, as the Bible says—and since we are sons and daughters of the King, we would wear crowns. It sounded amazing.

Have you ever been somewhere and seen a beautiful place to live, like a palace or mansion? They are usually bigger than anything you’ve ever seen before, and if you had taken a tour, you would

have seen more bedrooms than there were people to fill them! Maybe living in that type of place sounds like it would be lonely after a while—unless the entire town lived there too. And maybe your idea of a beautiful house is smaller and cozier, and would smell like bread or cake was baking all day. Others might enjoy a house near the ocean, where they could fall asleep to the sound of the waves crashing. And there are those of us who love to wake up to a view of snowcapped mountains from a warm, pretty chalet.

Whatever your idea of a fantastic home looks like, God has already planned it for you in heaven. And not only will it

be a beautiful place to live, but you will also be surrounded by the people you love—Jesus included! Many of us would agree that what makes a house a home is the wonderful people inside it.

The next time things seem hard, or you are having a particularly annoying day, remember this: the best is yet to come! For all those who love Jesus and want to be with Him forever, living for Him means He’s preparing things for us that will be so much better than anything we have here on earth.

Claim the promise in the Bible treasure on the next page and look forward to heaven—who knows, we might be neighbors!



Let's Build a Mini Grass House!

This is a fun craft that can be as creative or as simple as you like!

What You Will Need:

- a variety of ordinary household sponges (unused or cleaned well)
- markers
- ruler
- a plate
- sharp scissors
- toothpicks
- glue
- spray bottle filled with water
- fast-growing grass seeds (you can try wheat berries, chia, or alfalfa seeds, for example)

How to Do It

- 1** Rinse the sponges well. Allow them to dry just until damp. This is very important.
- 2** Using your marker, draw shapes for doors and windows. Using your scissors, cut out the shapes.
- 3** Build the house on a counter, piece of wood, tabletop, or another sturdy flat surface. Use toothpicks or glue to hold the sponge pieces together.
- 4** Spray the house with water, using the spray bottle. Get it really damp, but not soaking. Now sprinkle the grass seeds on the house.
- 5** Give your sponge house another good spray of water. Place it in a sunny spot to help it grow quickly.
- 6** Trim the grass as it grows, and water it with a spray bottle. If you like, add decorations, such as beads or glitter.

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Bible Treasure

“In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.’ Thomas said to Him, ‘Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’”

John 14:2-6