



My Prayer

Thank You, Jesus, for the hope of heaven. Thank You for telling me that when I die, I'm only sleeping, waiting for You to wake me up when you come again. I love You, Jesus. Amen.



Library

- "Jesus said, 'Go away. The girl is not dead. She is only asleep'" (Matthew 9:24).
- " 'A time is coming when all who are dead and in their graves will hear his voice'" (John 5:28).
- " 'They will come out of their graves'" (John 5:29).
- "We will be taken up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air" (1 Thessalonians 4:17).
- "We will be with the Lord forever" (1 Thessalonians 4:17).
- "Comfort each other with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:18).



My Friend Ellen Wrote

"All creation will hear that voice [of Jesus], and those who have lived and died in Jesus, will respond to the call of the Prince of life" (Review and Herald, July 31, 1888).

Don't ever think that you won't hear Jesus' voice when He comes again. Notice that Ellen says that "all" of creation will hear it. Yes, you'll hear it loud and clear!

Penny for Your Thoughts

Is there someone that you have known that is now sleeping in death that you want to see again?

Bible Adventures for Young Readers

LESSON 26



Heaven's Flowers

I Can Read Text

"The Lord himself will come down from heaven. . . . And those who have died and were in Christ will rise first."
—1 Thessalonians 4:16



"I don't understand," Albert said. "My friend Danny is dead. We put his coffin in the ground and some men covered it up with dirt. Then the preacher stood there by the grave and told everyone that we'll see Danny again when Jesus comes. Is that true?"

Mom put her hand on Albert's shoulder. "There's something you need to know," she said softly.

Mom and Albert walked to a large field behind their house and sat down on a log. "What do you see out there?" Mom asked, pointing.

"I see green grass and lots of spring flowers," Albert said, enjoying the colorful view.

"What did you see out there last winter?"

"Oh," Albert said with a shake of his head, "I saw brown dirt, lots of ice, and piles of snow."

"What happened?" Mom wanted to know. "Why did it change?"

Albert thought for a moment. "Spring, I guess," he said. "When spring came, the snow and ice melted, and the grass and flowers grew out of the ground." He stopped talking as a new, exciting idea filled his mind. "The grass and flowers were waiting in the ground, waiting for the sunshine, the rain, and the warm breezes to blow, right?"

Mom smiled. "When Jesus comes, it will be like spring for those who have died and are sleeping in the grave. Only, this time, it won't be sun or rain that's calling grasses from the ground. No, it will be Jesus calling out the names of everyone who has died loving and trusting Him. People just like Danny."

Albert gazed out over the beautiful field and nodded. "I understand," he said quietly. "When Jesus comes, Danny will be alive again, and we can run through the grasses and play in the shade of those tall trees." He looked up at his mother. "I'm sad today because I miss Danny. But, someday, I'm going to be so happy to see him again. I can hardly wait!"

Mother and Albert walked back to the house, leaving behind a field covered with beautiful blooming flowers.



Draw a picture of a field of flowers. You can include some trees if you'd like. Make sure you use many colors for your flowers like red, yellow, pink, and blue. Add lots of green grass too. Then write these words somewhere on your picture: Jesus brings springtime to everyone who has died loving Him.

Look up the texts in the **LIBRARY**; then circle the correct answer to the following questions.

Unless Jesus comes soon, we will all die. We say, "That person is dead." What does Jesus say a person who has died is doing? (Matthew 9:24)

Working Traveling Living in heaven Sleeping A ghost

When Jesus comes, something amazing will happen to those who have died loving Him. What happens? (John 5:28)

They disappear They hear His voice They get angry They cry

Something exciting happens to these people. What is it? (John 5:29)

They eat dinner They fight a war They go shopping They come out of the grave

Next comes an event that all of God's people are looking forward to. What happens to those who are alive when Jesus comes? They will (1 Thessalonians 4:17):

Visit Jerusalem Be taken to meet Jesus Build a church Read a book

How long will we be with the Lord? (1 Thessalonians 4:17)

Three months A year 500 years Forever

What are we supposed to do with these wonderful words from the Bible? (1 Thessalonians 4:18)

Comfort each other Write a book Sing a song Watch television