

# Together @ Home

March 13, 2022

The Second Sunday of Lent

Here are some activities you could do together as a family. Begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.

## Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together what it means to be citizens of Heaven.

You can find it in your Bible in:

**Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Read the passage together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your family.

**The other passages we might be thinking about at church this week are:**

Psalm 27:1-6



## A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for making us a part of Your family and citizens of Heaven when we choose to believe in and follow Jesus with our lives.

Help us to stand firm in our faith and live our lives like Jesus did-- loving You and loving and caring for others in all that we say and do.

Amen

## Discussion

Questions to talk about together:

*What is a citizen?*

A citizen is a person who is a member of a country (or state or city/town) either because of being born there or because they live there and/or have been declared a member by law.

*What do you think Paul means that we have citizenship in Heaven?*

Citizenship means having the rights, privileges, and duties of a citizen. To be a citizen of Heaven means that Earth is only a temporary home. Jesus' followers have the right/privilege to have a home in Heaven, and the duty to not only live like it now, but also tell others about it!

*What are some ways you can live like you are a citizen of Heaven today?*

## Family Activity 1

Paul encouraged the people to follow the good example he set in following Jesus.

Follow the Leader: In this easy imitation game, one player, the "Leader," begins by moving around with actions that the rest of the players must mimic/copy. Begin with easy actions like sitting down or putting your hands in the air. Then try more complicated actions.

The players who disobey or lag in completing the leader's motions are "out."

The last person playing becomes the next leader.



## A verse to remember



To learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it throughout the week.

## Family Activity 2

### Standing Firm in the Lord

Paul says that since we are citizens of Heaven, we need to stand strong and hold firm to what we believe.

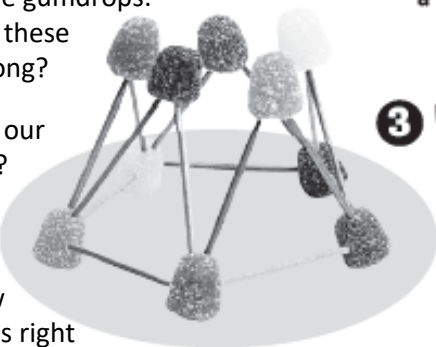
*You will need: gumdrops, toothpicks*

Here are some questions to discuss while you share some gumdrops:

-What makes these domes so strong?

-What makes our family strong?

-How can we help one another know and do what is right at all times?



**1** Use five toothpicks to connect five gumdrops in a circle.

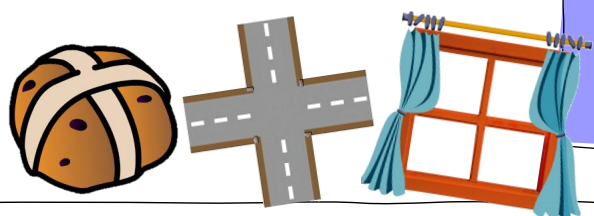
**2** Take two more toothpicks and one more gumdrop, and make a stand-up triangle using two of the bottom gumdrops as a base.

**3** Keep making triangles until you have five triangles sticking up from the base.

Make as many domes as you can. When they're dry, find a board, a large book, or a piece of sturdy cardboard, and lay it across the domes. Put the smallest person in your family on the board, and see if the domes hold. How many domes does it take? Can they support heavier family members? If it doesn't work, how many do you think you would need?

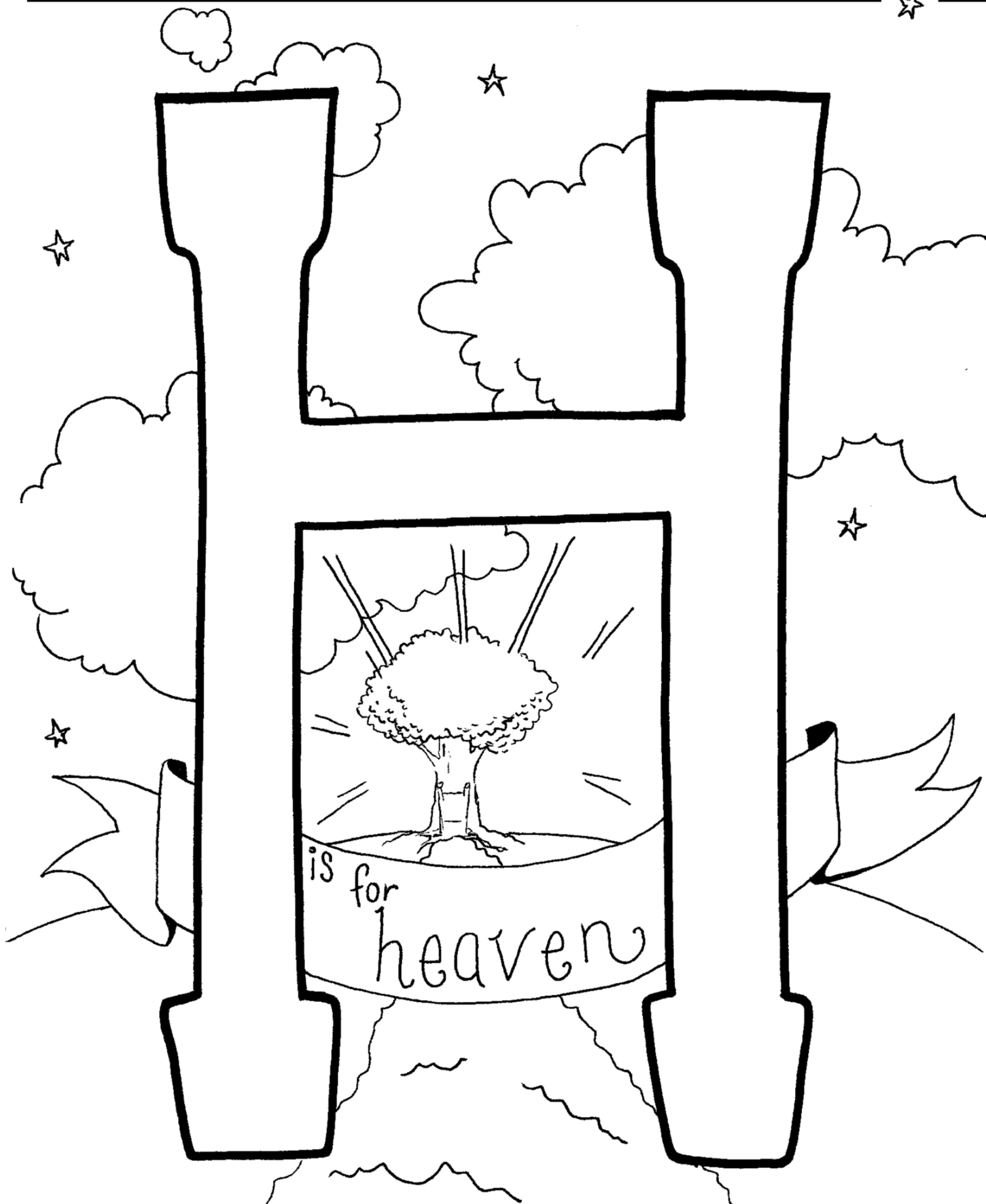
## Lent Connections Challenge

Why not use this idea to connect with God in new ways during Lent?



## Journey to the Cross Challenge

Look out for crosses during the week. Use them as a reminder to pause and check in with God and to think about how you are living for God and sharing God's love with others.



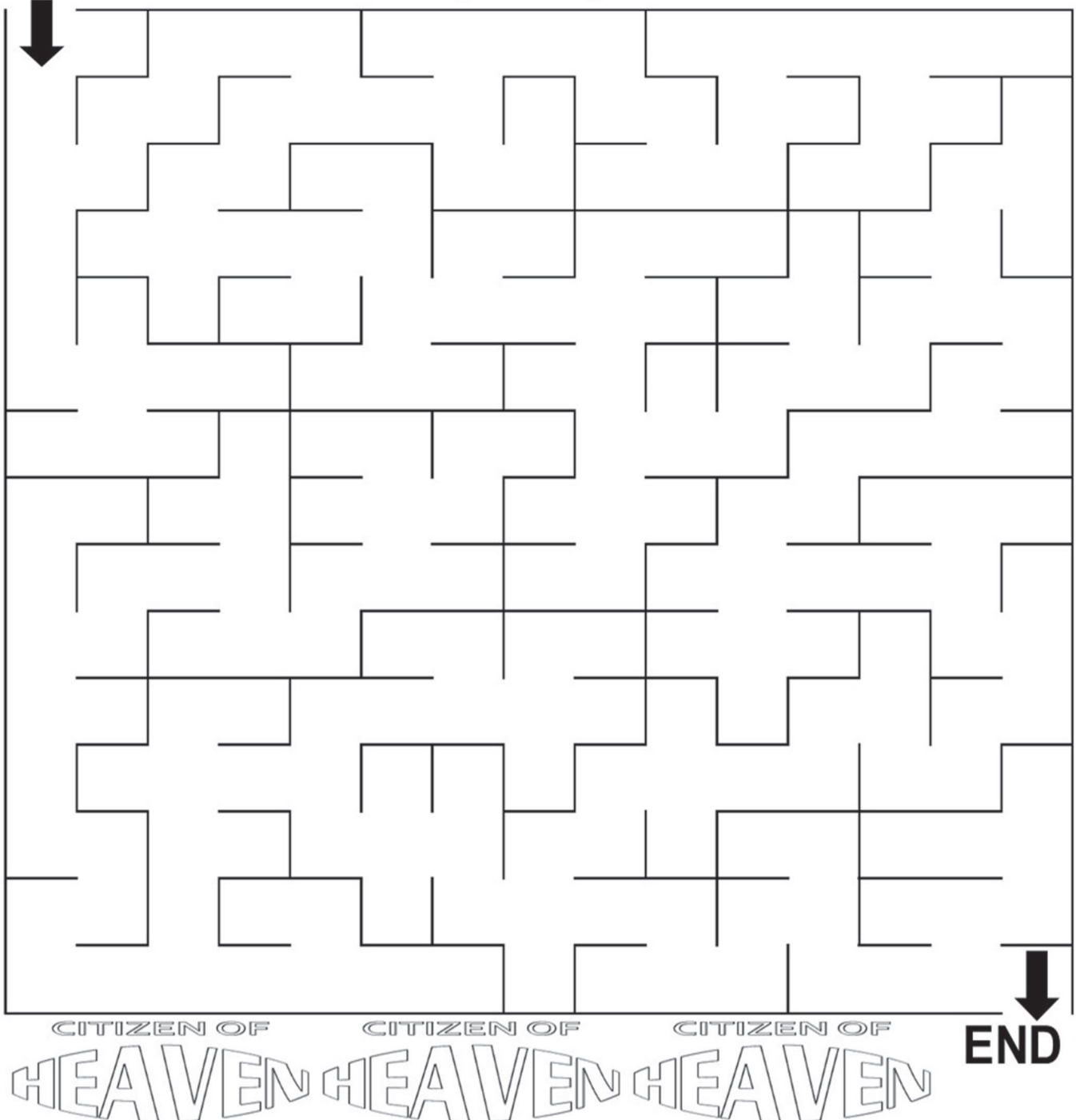
## Maze — Worksheet

Start at the Arrow, End at “Citizen of Heaven”,  
Without Going Over Any of the Lines.

Lesson Title: “Citizens of Heaven”

Bible Verses: Philippians 3: 20-21 (NIV and MSG)

**START** When We Accept Jesus, We’re “Citizens of Heaven”!





# Phrase Decoder — Worksheet

In the Top Key, Each Letter Has Been Assigned a Number.  
Fill in Each Blank Below, with the Letters Matching the Numbers.

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