

KEYS TO HEAVEN

The Bible says that Heaven is a wonderful place! The Bible says, in Revelation, that there will be no crying or pain or sadness or sickness or death in Heaven. There will be no sin or trouble there, only peace and good things to enjoy. Heaven will be our heavenly home and the streets are paved with gold. Best of all, God will be there and we will live with Him forever and ever.

How many of you would like to go to Heaven someday? Me too!! But how do we get in to Heaven? Let's pretend that this lock represents Heaven and the gate to Heaven is locked. Let's find a key that opens the lock on the gate to Heaven.

I need 5 volunteers. (Call kids up and distribute the keys. Ask the kids to try the keys one at a time to see which will open the door to Heaven.)

1. Being good – *Antos de bondade*
2. Going to church – *Vai pra igreja*
3. Giving money to the poor – *Da dinheiro a pobre*
4. Read the Bible – *Lei a Biblia*

None of these things open the lock on the gate to Heaven. These are all good things. Jesus wants us to be good and kind. Jesus wants us to go to church and give money to the poor and to be baptized, but none of these things will get us in to Heaven. How can we get to Heaven?

There's one more key - - let's try it!

5. Accepting Jesus as your Savior – *Aceitar Jesus como seu Salvador.*

Hurrah! We've found the key! The only way to get to Heaven is to trust in Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord. Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." That's the Key to Heaven! Have you trusted in Jesus to forgive you of your sins and come into your heart and life and be your Lord and Savior? If you have, then you are a follower of Jesus – a Christian – and Jesus has promised to give you eternal life with Him in Heaven someday. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

Once you have trusted Jesus as your Savior, this is what He wants you to do until the day you go to Heaven (refer to the other keys):

Be good and kind - Go to church - Give to the poor - Read the Bible

I hope each of you will trust Jesus and then live your life to please Him!

DIRECTIONS FOR THE KEYS TO HEAVEN

Items needed:

Padlock

5 rectangle cut cardstock papers (laminated)

4 keys that don't fit the padlock

1 key that fits the padlock

On one side of cardstock words will be written in English and the other side words will be written in Portuguese. Collect 4 extra keys that don't open the padlock. Punch a hole in each card and attach a key to each card with yarn or string.

Make sure the key to the padlock is attached to the card that says, "Accept Jesus as your Savior."

Words written on cards:

Go to church – *Vai pra igreja*

Read the Bible – *Lei a Biblia*

Give money to poor – *Da dinheiro a pobre*

Do good deeds – *Antos de bondade*

Accept Jesus as your Savior – *Aceitar Jesus como seu Salvador*