

Snatched up to Heaven!

*Astounding testimonies of heaven and hell
from the mouths of babes*

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This book is dedicated to

The Father,

The Son,

and

The Holy Spirit

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Foreword

Dreams tend to hold a significant place in conveying spiritual meaning in religious traditions. This is certainly true of the experiences of several persons in biblical accounts. *Snatched Up To Heaven*, however, is more than just another book about the significance of dreams. Here, the author, Jemima Paul, is convinced that dreams – or perhaps, visions – convey reality.

Now, as far as I am given to understand, Jemima's intent is not to attempt a scientific methodological approach to the psychological interpretation of dreams. Neither are you likely to find a theological rationale justifying the legitimacy of dreams as a way for discerning truth in general within these pages. Instead, the dreams Jemima documents are ratified by scriptural accounts of the heavenly reality. In fact, the strength of Jemima's work is that the dreams she documents are attested and clarified by Scripture. But why is this significant? Apparently, it is not because of the dreams that we know heaven to be true, but it is because heaven is real that the dreams can be counted as true.

The historiographical evidence for the ultimate abode of the human soul is well attested in The Holy Bible. Whether

one is alive in the body or physically dead, the only way for the human soul to reach its ultimate resting place in heaven is through the God of heaven. There simply is no way around this reality. In stark contrast to the promise of heaven, however, is the reality of hell. *Snatched Up To Heaven* does not downplay what often times might be difficult to swallow for some — the same God who takes or snatches people to heaven also consigns people to an eternity of hell. What's the difference? You'll find out in the pages that follow.

As someone given to the task of researching the correlation between what it means to be creative in the image of the Creative God and expressive forms of creativity as a means of embodying true knowledge, I find Jemima's approach refreshing. Don't be fooled, the implications for specific ways in which humankind may know a world beyond the ordinary comes through extremely clearly. Psychological method notwithstanding, here the psyche and logic of the human imagination come into play as core faculties that parallel rational cognitive intellectual forms of knowing and interpreting reality, in this case, through the dreams of children. After all, again, the measuring rod for the validity of dreams is the infallible and unadulterated Word of God — this comes through strongly in the entire narrative.

However, what I observed as a pure gold thread that runs through the entire book is the eager and heartfelt response of a loving parent, a caring mother who listens carefully and takes seriously the dreams of her precious children. The dreams are real. But it takes real love to see them as real. This mother's love obviously takes seriously the reality that indeed, "children are a heritage from the Lord" (Psalm 127: 3a).

I have known Jemima right from when she served faithfully as a young lady in the area of music, playing the piano for Sunday worship, and as an active participant in the Anna Nagar Methodist Church Youth Fellowship, Chennai, India. I have since observed her marriage to Arvind, a godly man and supportive life partner without whom this book may not have seen the light of day — a story that she alludes to in the book — and the flowering of a family with three beautiful daughters, Priyanka, Deepika and Keerthana. Jemima embodies and exudes a genuine love for the Lord Jesus Christ, and the sincerity of Jemima's faith comes through clearly in her book.

More than the correspondence and coherence between the dreams of children and the scriptural account of heaven, therefore, it is faith in the God of the Bible that appears to be the primary motivational impulse for Jemima's writing. The dreams of her children point to a scriptural reality that goes beyond the world that can be seen with human eyes or touched by human hands. But this does not make it any less real. The dreams reveal that heaven is real because Jesus is real. And so is hell.

And so, rather than leave you with a mushy, feel-good experience, the dreams of the children tell of a deep chasm between heaven and hell that cannot be crossed over in the so-called afterlife. At this point one begins to wonder whether the real significance behind these dreams is not so much to proclaim a future reality, but rather, to underscore a clear and present reality of a choice that is to be made in the here and now of this life, a choice with ultimate implications for the human soul; ultimate, because the soul of a human is

built for eternity with its Maker. This is made possible only through faith in the exclusivity and sufficiency of the person and work of Jesus Christ through whom all may enter Heaven through faith.

Snatched Up To Heaven is therefore nothing short of an explicit and timely reminder that dreams count, but not all dreams count equally. Without Jesus as Lord and Savior the dreamer will never experience the true fulfillment of his or her dreams. With Jesus, however, the best dreams will last forever.

It is with great honor and privilege that I offer this Foreword to Jemima's book. May the reader be challenged to dream. Or better, receive the charge to allow the Word of God to inspire new dreams for eternity - heaven begins in the here and now with Jesus as Lord and Savior. I join with Jemima, and especially, Priyanka and Deepika, her daughters, to whom we are ever grateful for sharing their close encounters with the Lord, in the hope that many will read the pages of this book and by doing so may come to the saving faith in Christ alone.

Grace and peace and all the very best to you, Jemima, and to your wonderful family! May you continue to honor and give praise to Jesus Christ in everything until you see Him face-to-face. I know the Lord is thrilled with the offering of Snatched Up To Heaven.

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Prologue

“I Had a Dream about Heaven!”

*“In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.” Acts 2:17*

Joel was a prophet (spokesperson for God) who lived in Israel somewhere between the fifth and ninth century BC. Speaking from that ancient time, he made a remarkable prophecy (divinely inspired prediction or revelation) in the words quoted above. He spoke of four specific signs that would occur at the end of days:

1. God will make His Spirit known to all people.
2. Children will utter prophecies.
3. Young men will see visions.
4. Old men will dream dreams.

The prophecy of the prophet Joel in Joel 2:28, quoted here by the apostle Peter, mentions God giving divine revelations to children in the last days. So God could, if He chose to, speak through children today.

Several centuries later, Jesus also spoke about revelations to little children:

“Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, ‘I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.’” (Luke 10:21)

In his famous Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught a beatitude that again indirectly suggests the possibility that children, being pure in heart, can receive revelations from and about God. As Matthew 5:8 says, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”

There are many people in the Bible who were given divine revelations—Daniel, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Zechariah, and John. There are also several examples in the Bible of children who had direct spiritual encounters—Samuel, Jeremiah, and John the Baptist (in the womb!) There are many children God used in the Bible—the boy who gave his food to Jesus, Naaman’s servant girl, and David as a young shepherd boy. Since God declared that He never changes, He could still reveal great things to children and use them in their relative innocence to bring His messages to people.

“I had a dream about heaven!” exclaimed my four-year-old daughter Priyanka, one morning of May 2011.

While stories of heaven had always intrigued me, my interest in them had lately been fanned into something of an obsession. My husband Arvind had been working toward a

certification exam and was often up late at night. As I kept him company night after night, I stumbled on to a slew of stories online of people describing supernatural visits to heaven and hell, and I was hooked. Why, even if just some of the claimed revelations were true, surely they would conclusively substantiate what the Bible says about our choice of eternal destinies—and more importantly, the way to life eternal.

Ironically, despite heaven’s growing grip on my heart, Priyanka’s comment initially didn’t attract my attention. Even more ironic, Arvind, who normally alternated between sarcasm and concern about my heaven mania, was the one who suggested that I ask her if she remembered anything of her dream. Neither of us was prepared for the torrent to follow, which would change our lives forever.



“Write down,” the Holy Spirit said to me, “all that your children prophesy about the end times.”

“Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it because it will surely come, it will not tarry.” (Habakkuk 2:2–3)

In the following narrative, I have attempted to faithfully reproduce the children’s accounts of their visits to heaven and hell. Sometimes they used childish language, speaking of tiaras, purple wings, monsters, ghosts, and so on. I have not edited or embellished any of their words—although I have

occasionally included my interpretation of what they shared in light of what the Bible says. My intention is that you, the reader, can thus form your own conclusions, comparing the material to the only proven infallible source—the Word of God.

1. *Travel to Heaven*

“After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.” Acts 1:9-10

“As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.” 2 Kings 2:11

Kids’ Visions

One night, as Priyanka and Deepika were sleeping, angels carried their *sulls* to heaven. They flew up and went deep into the clouds. When they were going high, Priyanka looked down and saw houses getting tinier as they went up into the skies. They saw planets as they were flying. The angels took them around the sun but were careful not to go too close to it.

The angels let them go, and suddenly a *wind* pushed them. Priyanka had purple wings, and Deepika had pink

wings. They flew up in the sky with their wings. Priyanka yelled, “Five, four, three, two, one!” while Deepika shouted, “One, two, three, four, five!” and they were walking on grass in heaven. That was the greenest and the most well-watered grass they had ever seen.

Jesus told them that they could stay in heaven for two days. While they were in Jesus’s house, God was in their house. After that, Jesus and the angels brought them home. As they were returning, they saw their bodies sleeping on earth where as they say, “Priyanka saw Priyanka,” and “Deepika saw Deepika.” Once home, the kids led the angels to their *princess* room. The angels told them that one of the lamps in our house looked very pretty.

After they returned, they wanted to go back to heaven. Priyanka prayed very hard asking to be able to visit heaven again. The angels took her and her sister to see heaven again over the course of several more dreams. In some dreams, God was carrying Deepika, and Jesus was carrying Priyanka on their way there. One angel was carrying God and another angel was carrying Jesus. In some other dreams, Jesus carried them with his hands—Priyanka in one hand and Deepika in the other.

In some of the dreams, they were bigger girls like their mom. They had both grown up and looked different.

My Interpretation

Dream or Vision?

According to *Webster’s Dictionary*, “A dream is a series of thoughts, images or emotions occurring during sleep. A vision is something seen other than by natural sight—prophetic sight.” One difference between dreams and visions as found in the Bible is that dreams are received while the person is sleeping while visions are received while the person is awake, and they are often “in the Spirit.” Moreover, two people cannot be having the same dream at the same time.

Priyanka mentioned that she had seen heaven in a sequence of dreams; however, her sister Deepika also claimed to have been there. So it is likely that they were seeing visions. This would be similar to how John, in the book of Revelation, had the Holy Spirit show him in a vision situations and events he could not have seen with mere human eyesight.

The other possibility is that they were snatched up in the spirit into heaven—they mention how they actually saw their bodies lying down on earth as they returned. This also has scriptural backing—the apostle Paul mentioned being “snatched away to the third heaven” (2 Corinthians 12:2), either “in his body or outside of his body.”

This begs the question – does their testimony contradict Jesus’s, who said, “No man has ascended to heaven except the Son of Man” (John 3:13)? Not necessarily. Jesus is the only one who ascends to His Father on His own. Others cannot ascend themselves, but can be snatched by God to heaven.

There are at least three scriptural examples of people being snatched up to heaven: Enoch (see Genesis 5:24), Elijah (see 2 Kings 2:11) and Paul (see 2 Corinthians 12:2–4).

Carried by Angels

The kids shared that angels carried them to heaven. The Bible also talks about people being carried by angels in Psalm 91:11–12, “For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

Priyanka talked about their souls being carried up into heaven, and being able to see their own body on earth. Probably souls was the term the angels used for souls. Their bodies were lying on earth, but their souls had been carried up by the angels into heaven similar to how angels carried Lazarus’s soul to paradise. As it says in Luke 16:22, “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side.”

Up High beyond the Clouds

The girls talked about flying up into heaven. Scripture describes heaven as being directionally upward. One of the most specific verses that talks about heaven’s location is found in a passage that refers to Satan’s I-will statements.

“But you said in your heart,
‘I will ascend to heaven.
I will raise my throne
above the stars of God,
And I will sit on the mount of assembly
in the recesses of the north.’” (Isaiah 14:13)

We can gather several facts about the location of heaven from this passage:

1. Heaven is upward. (I will ascend into heaven.)
2. Heaven is beyond the stars in outer space (above the stars).
3. Heaven is in the northern area of space (recesses of the north).

Priyanka and Deepika said they went deep into the clouds to heaven. The Bible says that even when Jesus went up to heaven, a cloud hid him from their sight.

Pushed by the Wind

Perhaps the wind that pushed them was intended to symbolize the invisible yet powerful work of the Holy Spirit.

John 3:8 states, “The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” Acts 2:2–4 state, “Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house

where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”

I am convinced that their testimonies were not based on their own imaginations, but that they were pushed by the Holy Spirit to receive divine revelations.

As Though Time Stood Still

The girls said they were in heaven for two days, yet when they returned, they missed only a few hours on earth's clock. God operates beyond of our understanding of time. Time on earth is governed by the solar system. Time in heaven does not necessarily track with time on earth. Maybe time, as we understand it, doesn't even exist in heaven. In 2 Peter 3:8, the Bible says, “With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.”

A Peek into the Future

It was pretty incredible to hear the girls talk about how they themselves looked older in some of the visions. Another curious fact was that in subsequent visions, Priyanka talked about reading rules from a Bible in heaven, reading signs and reading what was written on clothes people were wearing. She was just four at the time and couldn't quite read all the words she claimed she had read in heaven.

It was like the girls were looking at themselves in the future. Time exists as a linear concept here on earth; however, that's no limitation to our God, who sees the end from the beginning! I believe God showed them a glimpse of their future selves in heaven.

An Answer to Prayer

I would always pray that God would carry both our children in His hands. I knew they would be safer in God's hands than in mine. Priyanka and Deepika said that in some of their visions, Jesus was carrying them in His hands and the angels were carrying Jesus. Priyanka even demonstrated how Jesus carried them. This was a confirmation to me that my prayers were heard and that they were held securely in His hands.

It also fascinated us that Priyanka, at four years of age, craved so much to return to heaven after her initial visions that she prayed hard to return. The Bible says that when we ask, we will receive. God certainly answered her prayer; she was given to experience several more visions about heaven and hell after that first night.

2. What Heaven Was Like

“The city of pure gold, as pure as glass.” Revelation 21:18

“I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.” Revelation 21:2

Kids' Visions

Priyanka said that heaven was the most beautiful place they had ever seen. It was very tall and was glowing with a big rainbow around it. Heaven was sparkly and very pretty. It was made of gold—light golden on the outside and dark golden on the inside. The color got brighter as they went inside. Deepika said that God put gold sparkles on the floor, but the sparkles did not stick on their legs.

Priyanka said that there was no need of light in heaven since Jesus is the light. The temperature was just right—neither too cold nor too hot. It was a very comfortable place.

There was a big fan, and it blew wind to all the people. From heaven, they could look out through a silver window and see the earth colored blue and green.

Priyanka and Deepika were walking on the streets of gold for a long time. Soon they became tired and then finally came to a golden house with a huge gate in front of the door. The door of the house was also golden with silver sparkles. The door had a brown-colored lock and a golden doorbell. When Priyanka and Deepika knocked, Jesus came and opened the door. He declared that it was His house!

The walls of the house were sparkling with gold and silver. There were many rooms in the house; several of them had beds and mirrors. Priyanka and Deepika were given a room to share.

My Interpretation

Parallels with the Bible

Several terms and phrases the kids used to explain their visions about heaven caught my attention because of how they parallel what the Bible says: Rainbow, Light, Streets of gold, Golden House, Gate, Door, Walls, Rooms.

The following are some of the Bible verses that relate to the terms they used:

1. Rainbow : “A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne” (Revelation 4:3).

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2. Light: “The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp” (Revelation 21:23).
3. Streets of Gold: “The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass” (Revelation 21:21).
4. Golden House: “For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands” (2 Corinthians 5:1).
5. Gate: “I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture” (John 10:9).
6. Door: “After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven” (Revelation 4:1).
7. Wall: “The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone” (Revelation 21:19).
8. Rooms: “My Father’s house has many rooms. If that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?” (John 14:2).

Divine Revelation

Over the years, God has blessed our children with godly, passionate teachers at school, AWANA and church,

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who have poured into their lives. However, when they shared their visions with us, Priyanka and Deepika were just four and two years old. At that stage, Priyanka went to preschool a couple of half-days each week while Deepika was too young even for that. Thus, the level of detail they shared about their experience amazed me—if their visions were imagined, who could have told them that heaven is God’s house, Jesus is the Door to heaven, there are many rooms, there are streets of gold and everyone would get crowns and rewards?

Not Your Average Heaven

Apart from the level of detail, another fact that surprised me was the relative obscurity of some of the biblical passages that agreed with their testimony. For example, while most Sunday school accounts of heaven might include angels and streets of gold, not even too many adults will consciously think about the rainbow encircling God’s throne. And yet they had casually mentioned seeing a rainbow in heaven.

How Could They Have Known?

Interestingly, the girls’ narratives made reference to certain uncommon facts (uncommon, that is, for their ages at that time). Both Arvind and I were quite amazed when they talked about seeing the earth from heaven as a ball colored blue and green. Priyanka even drew a picture of earth with blue and green colors just as she had seen.

We live in a suburban area outside of Los Angeles, where houses are not fenced in. So it surprised me again when Priyanka mentioned that she saw a huge gate in front of the golden house. I was wondering how she made the association between a house and a gate, and what significance it held to heaven, if any. Much later, I was teaching her a verse from AWANA about heaven:

Revelation 21:21 says, “The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl.”

It then struck me that there are indeed gates in front of heaven. In the weeks and months that followed, I made other similar discoveries in the Bible based on what they shared. The kids also mentioned that heaven is tall and sparkly.

Revelation 21:12 states, “It had a great, high wall with twelve gates.” Revelation 21:11 says, “It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.”

The color getting brighter as they were going inside could mean that they were getting closer to the presence of the Lord in heaven. I was surprised how they knew that heaven did not need light since Jesus is the light.

Revelation 21:23 states, “The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.”

It was as they were sharing some of these otherwise unexplainable moments that I thought, “They had to have seen heaven.” I kept asking myself over and over, “How could my little girls have known such meticulous facts about heaven?”

3. A Delightful Ambience

“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.” Revelation 22:2

“The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent’s food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,” says the Lord. Isaiah 65:25

Kids’ Visions

Priyanka saw flowery plants in the garden in heaven. They were blue, pink, purple, dark pink, light pink, white, and blue flowers. They even saw golden flowers. The flowers smelled very good. Deepika saw jewels in the petals and in the middle of the flowers. There were trees of all kinds. There were fruits in heaven like bananas, oranges, and grapes. The water in the river was of a different kind. There was a fountain of perfume bubbles and anyone who touched it smelled good.

There were a lot of animals—ducks, elephants, and snakes. The animals were outside the house. There were colorful butterflies and birds. The baby birds were yellow; the bigger birds were blue with orange beaks. The birds said, “Tweet, tweet.” Deepika said, “Akka (big sister), Jesus, and, God, look at the ducks!” Jesus told them not to be scared of the animals since they were not bad animals. They were nice animals. Priyanka and Deepika were not scared of them; they even rode on the animals’ backs! The animals did not bite anybody because Jesus was with them.

Priyanka and Deepika saw a big glass cage filled with water for fishes to live in. They both knew how to catch fishes. There were two mugs, and Jesus gave one mug to each of them. So they were both happily catching fishes and putting them in mugs. Once they put the fishes in a mug, they were able to feed and take care of them. They were taking turns without fighting to feed the fishes. Then they dropped them into the cage.

There were only baby fishes, not big fishes in heaven. There were orange, blue, and black fishes, but they wouldn’t bite since they were little baby fishes. They did not kill the baby fishes because they wanted to keep them alive. Baby fishes did not want to die or get cooked. Jesus was happy that they both were catching different kinds of fishes.

There were fireworks in heaven.

My Interpretation

A Different Kind of Water

Early on, as she was describing heaven, Priyanka mentioned seeing water of a different kind there. That was the first time I really paid attention to what she was saying. The Bible does talk about crystal clear water flowing in the river in heaven.

Revelation 22:1 states, “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 down the middle of the great street of the city.”

Golden Flowers in Heaven

Priyanka and Deepika were flower girls at a wedding, and their dresses had golden flowers embedded at the center of the lace. I overheard Priyanka talking to Deepika, “Kutty (little sister), remember we saw golden flowers like these in heaven?” The kids’ description of the flowers, fruits, trees, and grass seems to describe a delightful ambience in heaven.

Animals in Heaven

It is interesting that animals were part of the created order in the Garden of Eden before the fall, and they will also be present in a redeemed state in the millennial king-

dom (the period of a thousand years during which Christ will reign on earth in Revelation 20:1–7). So it is possible, if not probable, that animals will be in heaven as well. Priyanka shared about not being scared of the animals in heaven and of riding on their backs. This is very similar to the description of interactions between redeemed animals and children in the millennial kingdom in Isaiah 11:6, “The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.”

It is also interesting to note that Priyanka mentioned that the animals were outside the house. Perhaps the animals are confined to an area just outside heaven, where humans and others can still interact with them? We would need to be content with our imagination for now; however, all this to say that the girls’ descriptions of animals in heaven still fall well within the possibilities afforded by the Bible.

I was surprised that the kids also said they saw snakes in heaven since I always thought that snakes only existed in earth and hell. But again, the Bible describes interactions between children and snakes in the millennial kingdom, making it plausible that something similar could occur in heaven. Isaiah 11:8–9 state, “The infant will play near the cobra’s den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper’s nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain.”

Fishers of Men

Jesus told Peter who was working at his fishing business in Luke 5:10, “Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men.”

The word catch literally means, to capture alive. Although in his occupation, the fish he caught would die, in his new calling, dead men would be caught and come alive for Jesus. The greatest purpose we can have in life is to follow Jesus in catching people for Him.

Matthew 4:19 says, “He said to them, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.’”

Priyanka talked so much about both of them catching fishes in heaven. I believe that their testimonies about heaven and hell will bring many souls to Christ. They were catching baby fishes and not big fishes. Baby fishes may refer to people who believe like a child and accept Jesus with a childlike faith. Ephesians 5:1 says, “Be ye followers of God, as dear children.”

The apostle Paul is making a statement of humility to every believer that they must have the faith of a child. Children are very trusting and will believe what they are told. This is how the true believer is to receive the things of God. We are to believe God with simple trust and childlike faith. The Christians are referred to as the children of God in many places in the Bible like in Matthew 5:9, Luke 20:36, and John 11:52. The key is faith that does not always demand intellectual understanding.

Mark 10:15 states, “Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

The baby fishes wanted to be alive, possibly meaning that they wanted to live eternally and not get thrown into hell (cooked or dead). The fishes that were caught were taken care of separately before they were put in a cage. This could mean that the people who were saved were mentored so that they could be spiritually fed. Then they were put into the big glass cage, which could mean the community of believers. The kids said they were taking turns to feed the fishes and not fighting. In heaven, people don't fight with each other like they do in earth.

A Place of Celebration

The girls talked about fireworks on display in heaven. It is entirely plausible, since there will be much to rejoice in heaven. The Bible says that heaven rejoices when even one sinner repents; how much greater the celebration would be when all of heaven is filled with the redeemed! And it isn't completely unrealistic to imagine fireworks being a part of the eternal celebration; after all, we're talking about a God who orchestrates grand displays through thunder and lightning even here on earth.

By now, I was used to hearing the girls talk about heaven.

4. Meeting Jesus

“They will see His face.” Revelation 22:4

“Christ is seated at the right hand of God.” Colossians 3:1

Kids' Visions

Priyanka and Deepika saw Jesus in heaven. He looked handsome! Jesus was big and tall with light-colored skin. He had brown hair up to the shoulder and wore a mustache and beard. Deepika said that Jesus was always young and never got old since He is in heaven. Jesus was clothed in dazzling white with a red thing around Him from His shoulder to His hip (they didn't know the word *sash*), and He was wearing a golden crown.

Jesus was sitting next to God on a golden throne with sparkles. God wore a red robe with a white sash and had shorter hair. Jesus and God seemed to be of the same age and height. Priyanka was taking photos of them!

Jesus looked at them and smiled. He did not look angry. Priyanka and Deepika were not scared of Jesus. He gave them

a hug and a kiss and said to them in English, “I love you, girls!” Now, Priyanka had combed her hair with a golden comb, and her hair was filled with glitter. Jesus told Priyanka that she had pretty hair. The girls’ nail polishes were glowing and sparkling more in heaven.

Priyanka asked if Jesus could show His hands and feet. He asked her, “Why?” She told him that she wanted to see the scars in them. Jesus sat on His throne and showed His hands and feet to her and indeed there were tiny red marks!

For a while, Deepika was sitting on God’s lap and Priyanka was sitting on Jesus’s lap. Jesus then carried Priyanka and Deepika since they were little and placed them on His throne with Him. They were sitting on either side of Jesus! Finally, Jesus placed them on His lap, and they went to sleep. Priyanka was sleeping on one lap of Jesus and Deepika on the other.

As Priyanka was sharing these things, Deepika kept singing, “If you’re happy and you know it, show your face to Jesus and God!”

My Interpretation

A Mother’s Prayer

When Jesus walked the earth, the mother of two of His disciples came to Him with a strange request. She wanted for her two sons to sit on the right and left side of Jesus in His Kingdom.

Matthew 20:21 says, “She said, ‘Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom.’”

Jesus’s reply indicated that it was not that straightforward: “To sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.” (Matthew 20:23)

When the kids were arguing between themselves about who was sitting on God’s lap and who was sitting on Jesus’s lap, I glanced over at Arvind and saw him smiling. Priyanka and Deepika said that they were sitting on either side of Jesus on His throne! Being a mom, I never would have dreamt that God would seat my kids on the throne with His own Son. I was overwhelmed with amazement.

Revelation 3:21 says, “To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.”

The Least Shall Be the Greatest

The Bible says that those who willingly take the lowest position are the greatest in heaven’s eyes. Jesus promoted a humble, honest faith in God, and He used the innocence of a child as an example.

Matthew 18:4 states, “Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”

Children are characteristically humble and teachable. A child is destitute of ambition, pride, deceit, hypocrisy, and

haughtiness. It follows then that children are given some of the highest places of honor in God's kingdom.

Seated at the Right Hand of God

I was blown away when Priyanka said that Jesus was sitting next to God. The Bible is clear that Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father.

Could it also be true that God and Jesus were the same age and height as the kids shared?

John 1:1 states, "In the beginning was the Word (Jesus), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

John 10:30 says, "I (Jesus) and the Father are one."

The kids described that Jesus wore a white robe with a red sash and God wore a red robe with a white sash. Jesus was wearing a golden crown. These things are also in alignment with the Bible.

Mark 9:3 states, "His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them."

Revelation 4:3 states, "The One who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian."

Revelation 14:14 states, "I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like a son of man with a crown of gold on his head."

John described the one on the throne as having the appearance of jasper and carnelian, which are both reddish in color. It seems to tally with the girls' description of God seated on the throne "wearing a red robe!" I am convinced

that there is no way the kids could have known these truths except by divine revelation.

A God Who Smiles

Jesus did not look angry when He saw Priyanka and Deepika but was smiling at them. We can rest assured that Jesus would not be angry, frustrated or disappointed in us but pleased with us when we get to heaven.

The girls talked about how Jesus noticed Priyanka's hair when she had combed it and said that it looked pretty. I'm reminded of the verse that says that God has even numbered the hairs on our head in Luke 12:7, "Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered."

Now, how many husbands notice when their wife comes home from the hairdresser's having taken a couple of inches off! What an amazing, loving God, that He would notice and celebrate the most seemingly mundane fact about us!

The Triune God

Trinity is a word that doesn't exist in the Bible. But the Bible does say that Godhead exists in three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We may not fully understand the concept of Trinity even if we scan through the entire Bible. Through divine revelations, Priyanka and Deepika were able to see God the Father, God the Son, and feel the wind of the Holy Spirit.

The Only Scars in Heaven

Priyanka said she saw tiny red marks in Jesus's hands and feet. Her words blew me away: "Jesus sat on His throne and showed us the red marks." The only imperfect body in heaven would be the scars in His hands and feet, which will forever remind us of His love for us.

John 20:27 states, "Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'"

I said to myself, "Everyone would believe in Jesus if they only saw Him. Why would He reveal Himself only to some? Aren't they lucky to have seen Him?" But I was reminded of the verse that those who haven't seen Jesus but yet believe in Him are blessed.

John 20:29 states, "Jesus told Thomas, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not yet seen and yet have believed.'"

5. Who Is in Heaven?

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven." Matthew 18:10

"After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven." Revelation 19:1

Kids' Visions

The girls first met angels when they came to escort them to heaven. Priyanka saw an angel come to her bedroom to take her up to heaven. She complimented the angel for his beautiful, sparkly, silver wings. Deepika started crying when an angel picked her up from her crib but later smiled as they were taken up to heaven.

There were many angels in heaven. They were dressed in white, and their dresses sparkled. Priyanka also mentioned seeing angels dressed in green and red. The boy angels had golden crowns. Both the boy and the girl angels had beautiful

silver-colored wings with sparkles in them. The angels were flapping their wings.

The kids saw angels practicing dancing moves in their dancing class. They wore silver crowns and spun around as they danced. After the angels finished their dancing moves, they went home with the kids.

Heaven had lots of people of different color—whites, blacks, and browns. They were all young and beautiful and looked like princes and princesses. As Priyanka and Deepika wandered through heaven, they met Queen Esther in one of the rooms. She looked very beautiful and was wearing a tiara. They also met Noah in another room—he had a long beard.

Everyone in heaven was happy. People they met said to the girls, “We love you like Jesus does!” Priyanka and Deepika were smiling happily in heaven.

My Interpretation

Ministering Spirits

The Bible has several references to angels. Yet most accounts depict the angels doing one of four things: worshipping God, taking a message from God to people, fighting heavenly battles on behalf of God’s kingdom, and serving God’s people. In the girl’s visions too, the angels were normally serving (transporting them for example) or worshipping (for example, dancing).

Priyanka showed me the dance the angels performed. The actions did not look like human dance steps. I was

floored when I saw that her dance moves included the flapping of the angels’ wings.

Hebrews 12:22 says, “But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly.”

It was somewhat puzzling initially to hear her talk of angels dancing since most Christians now have a fairly rigid definition of worship that precludes dance. However, the Bible records that one of the greatest worshippers of all time, King David, did break out in dance while worshipping the Lord (see 2 Samuel 6). The worship in heaven certainly is not going to be monotonous! But of course, it is all for the pleasure of our Lord alone.

Terrified of Angels

Fear is not an emotion we (or at least I) automatically associate with angels. In fact, I’ve heard several people wish they could see an angel in their lifetime. Curiously, every angelic encounter recorded in the Bible has resulted in fear and dread filling the person’s heart. Makes sense then that little Deepika would have been crying when an angel scooped her out of her crib.

Robed in White

Priyanka mentioned that the angels' white dresses sparkled. The Bible does say that angels are dressed in white and shining linen.

John 20:12 says, "Mary saw two angels in white." Revelation 15:6 says, "Angels were dressed in clean, shining linen."

What's interesting is that one time, she also mentioned seeing angels dressed in red and green (Christmas colors). This continued to follow a pattern where she was original in some of her descriptions of heaven; that even seemed contrary to common stereotypes. While there is nothing in the Bible to support certain angels wearing robes of different colors, there is no specific verse to contradict this notion either.

Beyond Color and Creed

The world we live in has stereotyped what it means to be perfect and beautiful, particularly to little children. A majority of princesses in fairy tales and movies all appear to be from a similar race and appearance and only in recent days have we seen some diversity. So it was amazing that Priyanka emphasized seeing beautiful people of every color in heaven—a truth that while not always embraced by humanity, has been clearly spelled out in the Bible over two thousand years back. The apostle John, while talking about the revelations he was given about heaven, mentioned the exact same fact—that there was a great multitude that no one could

count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before God's throne purchased for God.

Revelation 7:9 says, "After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb."

A Great Cloud of Witnesses

During their visit to heaven, God allowed Priyanka and Deepika to meet some of the characters from Bible stories they had learnt at Sunday school. Who would have thought that my kids would actually see them this side of eternity? This gives us even more reason to anticipate heaven—far from being one long and monotonous journey; think of all the fascinating characters we will get to meet and the unbelievable life stories we will get to hear when we are there!

Love Made Perfect

Love will be made perfect in heaven. We will love God and love one another—the two greatest commandments given by Jesus on earth (see Matthew 22:37–39). In heaven, we will love others the way Jesus loves us, like the kids shared. As John 15:12 says, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."

Deepika said she missed Arvind and me while they were in heaven, but Jesus told her she would be with us soon.

6. No Sorrow in Heaven

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” Revelation 21:4

“He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth.” Isaiah 25:8

Kids’ Visions

Priyanka had stomach pain on earth, but in heaven, it wasn’t hurting anymore. Her knee was bleeding on earth, but in heaven, it wasn’t hurting her anymore.

She saw a little boy who had just come to heaven. He was badly wounded on his head, probably in an accident but was fully healed in heaven.

She told me that when I go to heaven, I would no longer have pimples or dark spots on my face, and I will look very beautiful.

My Interpretation

No More Pain

I was amazed when Priyanka said that when she got to heaven, she found that her pain was gone, and she was healed. It was another one of those moments when I thought, “She had to have experienced this.”

Perfect Bodies

How thrilling to hear that in heaven, we will not have dark spots or pimples on our faces, and that we will look very beautiful! As 1 Corinthians 15 describes, we will inherit an imperishable, glorious, powerful, and spiritual body. Our glorified bodies will be perfect and flawless in every way.

Redeemed Memories

I was intrigued when Deepika said she missed us when she was with Jesus in heaven. While it is true that there is no pain or sadness in heaven, the people in heaven will still be longing to meet their loved ones living in earth. They can’t wait for their family to get there.

SNATCHED UP TO HEAVEN!

Isaiah 65:16–17 state, “For the past troubles will be forgotten and hidden from my eyes. See I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.”

While the kids were in heaven, they did possess fond memories from their earthly lives. If we have memories in heaven, they will only be of things that will bring us joy. Only our past troubles will be forgotten—not all of our memories. Our memories in heaven will be cleansed, redeemed, healed, and restored—not erased.

7. *The Bible in Heaven (Heaven’s Rules)*

*“Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.”
Psalm 119:89*

*“The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our
God endures forever.” Isaiah 40:8*

Kids’ Visions

Priyanka saw a huge golden Bible in heaven with a small cross on it. It was 100 percent true. It said that God loves us. The rules of the Bible were that the people in heaven must:

- worship Jesus only
- read the Bible every day
- love God
- love people
- be kind and gentle to everyone
- not be terrified

- pray to God
- obey your parents
- celebrate Christmas

My Interpretation

His Word Is Unchanging

The Bible and Jesus both clearly teach that God’s Word is the only thing this side of eternity that will transcend earth’s and even heaven’s existence. So I had goose bumps when Priyanka spoke about the Bible she saw in heaven and realized the close agreement between what she saw there and what is contained in our Bible here on earth. The following verses show how the Bible in heaven agrees with our Bible:

God loves us.	“The Lord your God loves you” (Deuteronomy 23:5).
Worship Jesus only.	“Then those who were in the boat worshiped Jesus, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God’” (Matthew 14:33).
Read the Bible every day.	“Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful” (Joshua 1:8).

Love God.	“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind’” (Matthew 22:37).
Love people.	“And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:39).
Be kind and gentle to everyone.	“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you” (Ephesians 4:32).
Don’t be terrified.	“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you” (Isaiah 43:1).
Pray to God.	“Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you” (Jeremiah 29:12).
Obey your parents.	“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right” (Ephesians 6:1).

While the above list might look different from the Ten Commandments, it certainly encompasses them because it includes the two most important commandments that summarize the ten. After describing “Love God” and “Love people” as the two greatest commandments, Jesus said the

following in Matthew 22:40, “All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Words That Never Pass Away

The word of God is eternal. It remains forever. The commands that God gives us will also have to be followed in heaven.

Matthew 24:35 states, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”

The fulfillment of the promises in His word will also take place in heaven. The only difference between the Bible in earth and the Bible in heaven could be that the rules (laws) are completely followed in heaven, whereas they are only partially followed on earth. On earth, there is a tint of sin in everything and so even a Christian does not completely obey the commands of the Bible. But in heaven, everything will be perfect, including how we follow rules.

It is assuring for me to know that we don't have to be terrified. The Bible records “Fear not” 365 times, one promise for each day in the year. Many situations around us cause us to fear. But God who knows what is going to happen in the future commands us not to fear. With God on the throne, why should we be terrified?

Christmas in Heaven

One of the rules that were in the heavenly Bible was to celebrate Christmas. Priyanka shared that during Christmas time, heaven got even more beautiful. So Christmas is celebrated even in heaven! Of course, this is the day that deserves maximum celebration since our Savior was born into this world. Imagine what could have happened if a Redeemer didn't come to save us from our sins!

8. What We Will Do in Heaven

“They will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.” Revelation 14:13

“The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.” Revelation 22:3

“On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples.” Isaiah 25:6

Kids' Visions

In heaven, Jesus let them do anything they wanted. They were spending time with Jesus! There were toys in heaven, and Deepika was playing with a teddy bear. God and Jesus were playing games with them! Priyanka and Deepika were dancing in heaven. There was a water fountain, and Priyanka saw Deepika swimming in the pool of water circle around it. They made cards for all the people in heaven and the people said, “Thank you!” They sowed seeds and planted flower plants.

After that, they went to eat, and the food was tastier than anything they had eaten on earth. There were lots of tables with food. The chairs were silver and the tables were golden. There were small golden and silver tables with silver tea cups and silver tea plates. There were silver and golden plates, cups, and bowls. There were blue vases with silver sparkles on each table. Jesus gave Priyanka a pink bowl and a green spoon, and to Deepika, He gave a purple bowl and a red spoon. The glass cups were high up, and Jesus took it for them since they were little and couldn't reach the cups. There was tasty food in heaven like biryani, white rice, soup, and chicken. They ate white rice, yogurt, and biryani. Jesus put lots and lots of chairs when the people did not have place so that they could all sit down and eat. When the people were eating, they got so thirsty, and Jesus gave them some juice and water. Jesus was neither hungry nor thirsty.

Jesus made beds for all the people because they were all tired. Priyanka's bed was golden, while Deepika's was silver. Jesus made golden blankets for them. He was just lying down, opening His eyes and watching over all the people. In another vision, Deepika had a purple bed with a golden pillow, and her sister had pink bed with a silver pillow. Their blankets and bed sheets had red and green dots.

Jesus put music in the room. He pressed a red button, and it made music for all the people. The people were praying to Jesus, worshipping Jesus, lifting their hands, praising God, and clapping and singing. The music was pleasant, and the songs made it nice. When the ghost heard the music, he closed his eyes and ears because he did not like music. He opened his eyes and ears after he ran back to his home.

Priyanka shared that Jesus was looking for people from earth who would work in heaven, and then He found Priyanka and Deepika. That's why He took them to heaven. Jesus asked them to do some homework—giving the fishes some food, taking them in a mug and putting them in. They wanted to take care of all the animals. They were taking care of the frogs, giraffes, zebras, rabbits, and other animals. The animals loved to be taken good care of. They even fed the ducks.

The plants were very thirsty and hungry. They helped Jesus give food and water to the plants. They were feeding animals and birds in heaven. They were washing the dishes and cooking yummy food. The girls were helping Jesus cook food for all the people. They were helping Him cook biryani and onions. There were mint leaves in the garden. They cut them using scissors, but the scissors wouldn't cut their hands! They helped with the table decorations by putting flowers in the vases. They were cleaning up His bedroom. When they were tired, Jesus helped them. Jesus was very happy with all the work they did and gave them candy!

Jesus had a red heart that took care of people. His heart reached out to the earth to give good things to people. Priyanka said that Jesus needs help on earth to do His work since He is busy taking care of people in heaven.

My Interpretation

Spending Time with Jesus

I was awestruck when Priyanka mentioned that she was spending time with Jesus. How amazing it is to know that we would be spending time with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords! We would be face to face with our Savior, talking to Him like a friend.

Good Fun... and Great Food

Food is a gift here on earth. Not only does it nourish and strengthen our bodies physically, it also is a source of pleasure and builds social relationships. On earth, this gift has been somewhat corrupted by a lack of balance—both scarcity and excess have turned this blessing into a curse. So it is encouraging to hear the girls talk about food being another aspect that is redeemed to be enjoyable in heaven.

And not just any food! Our family originally hails from Southern India. During weddings and similar social gatherings, a staple entree is a dish called biryani. Often cooked outdoors in cauldrons for large gatherings, biryani is a very rich, aromatic, and rice-based dish flavored with mint leaves. The picture is similar to a large extended family gathering around a table bearing turkey with all the trimmings at Thanksgiving. The girls repeatedly mentioned biryani being cooked and served in heaven—meaning that the best of

what we enjoy around the dinner table here on earth will be redeemed and will continue in Heaven.

The kids shared that God and Jesus were playing games with them. How fun is that! Heaven will be a place of fun and games. Out of curiosity, I asked Deepika, “What was the color of the teddy bear you were playing with?” She replied, “Golden!”

Fountain of Living Water

I was stunned that Priyanka actually saw Deepika swimming in the fountain of water of life. The fountain of living water refers to God (See Jeremiah 2:13, Jeremiah 17:13). The water of life is a symbol of eternal life. The Holy Spirit is referred to by Jesus as a “fountain of water springing up to eternal life” (John 4:14).

Revelation 21:6 says, “I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.”

Rest in Heaven

Heaven will be a place of rest. Priyanka and Deepika mentioned that they were sleeping on golden and silver beds in heaven. Priyanka said that Jesus was awake with His eyes open and watching over His people. The Bible says that God who watches us does not sleep.

Psalm 121:4 says, “He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.”

Worship in Heaven

Priyanka said that the ghost didn’t like the music that was played in heaven. The devil hates it when he sees people worshipping the one true living God. There is power in music to drive out demons. When David played the harp for King Saul, the evil spirit fled. All demons flee when we lift our hands in worshipping, clapping, singing, and praising God.

Psalm 134:2 states, “Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.”

Psalm 47:1 states, “Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.”

Work in Heaven

We will do work in heaven. Work right now is hard. However, in eternity work will be enjoyable and rewarding.

Isaiah 65:22 says, “My chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands.”

When they were sharing about their visions, I was worried about how they could do so much work in heaven. “Would Jesus overload them? Only bad people would burden other people with tons of work,” I mused. But the girls said that Jesus helped them when they were tired to do work. Priyanka said that bad people made other people do all the work while they were sleeping. What she said was a reflection of my thoughts just that day about people who exploited others for their own benefit. We should not take advantage of

people but instead help them when they feel overburdened or tired, like Jesus did.

Isaiah 41:6 says, “Each one helps his neighbor, and says to his brother, ‘Be strong!’”

Caring For the Animals

Priyanka said that both of them were taking care of animals in heaven. Many animals are neglected by their caretakers in earth. But in heaven, everyone will be perfect including how we treat animals.

Proverbs 12:10 says, “The righteous care for the needs of their animals.”

No Harm Will Ever Befall Us

Priyanka said that the scissors in heaven didn’t cut her hands although she didn’t know how to use it at her age. In heaven nothing will ever hurt or harm us.

Revelation 21:4 says, “There will be no more... pain.”

A God Who Cares

Jesus had a good heart that took good care of people. He loved the people in heaven—feeding them, clothing them, and caring for their needs. We need to have a heart like Jesus—and it begins right here on earth. “I sought for a man,”

the Lord said in Ezekiel 22:30. Even as the girls shared, God is still seeking for men and women who believe that He can and will use even them, doing miracles through their lives.

We need to rise up in faith, trusting God for the resources, abilities, and opportunities to accomplish all He has called us to do. We should care for the weak and weary. We should feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give to the poor, and show compassion toward the needs of others.

Matthew 25:34–36 state, “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you visited me.’”

On Earth as It Is in Heaven

I noticed that they said they were doing things in heaven that they would later enjoy doing on earth. They would give food and water to the plants at home. The cards they made were always a blessing to people. They would do household chores like cleaning our house, arranging our bedroom, setting up the table, and washing the dishes. I wondered how they knew to feed animals and birds on earth even though no one has ever taught them that. They had learnt it through their experiences in heaven. They have their quiet time with the Lord, reading the Bible, and praying every day.

Our earthly life prepares and trains us for our eternity with God. In heaven, we will be doing what we enjoyed doing on earth. The biggest ones are worshipping God and serving God. Other activities are similar to what we do on earth like cooking, eating, resting, playing, swimming, dancing, gardening, and exploring the new universe. We will be allowed to do whatever we want—and of course, our desires would have been redeemed, so we would want the right things. There is absolutely no sin and so no one will ever do anything wrong.

9. Rewards in Heaven

“For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.” Matthew 16:27

“The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your people who revere your name, both great and small.” Revelation 11:18

Kids’ Visions

Jesus showed Priyanka a cupboard with *tiaras* for our family. My tiara had three red stones. Arvind had a tiara with three blue stones with lots of sparkles also on the tiara—the sparkles being rewards for little things he had done, which only God could see. Deepika’s tiara had three purple stones, and Priyanka’s had three pink stones. She told me that I would get gold and silver jewelry as a reward.

Jesus gave Priyanka a pink dress, a wand and a tiara. The tiara was dark pink with a pink heart which was a jewel sticking on the tiara. Deepika got a purple dress and a white dress.

Priyanka got a pink necklace with a gold cross, and Deepika got a purple necklace with a gold cross.

Priyanka saw golden and silver cars on the road. Deepika saw lots and lots of crowns and trophies.

Priyanka saw the words, “I am God’s princess” inscribed on her clothes, her sister’s clothes, and her mom’s clothes. Her dad’s shirt bore the words, “Jesus loves me very much.”

My Interpretation

Divine Coincidence

Priyanka told me that we would get rewards in heaven at the exact time when I was reading the following passage about rewards in the Bible in 1 Corinthians 3:11–15:

“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person’s work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.”

My head spun—was this a coincidence or God-ordained? Besides, which four-year old kid would know about rewards in heaven?

Our Heavenly Crowns

Priyanka used the term tiaras instead of crowns. She saw tiaras of our family with precious stones in our favorite colors. She said that my tiara in heaven was golden with red stones. I usually like to buy clothes, jewelry, home decor, gifts, etc., in red. I had not mentioned the fact that my favorite color is red to anyone, not even to Arvind! How did she know that I loved red? I could not hold back my tears. I knew that I would get a beautiful crown in heaven!

In 2 Timothy 4:8, the Bible says, “Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day.”

Even a Cup of Water

Priyanka said that Arvind was given rewards for the little things he did that only God could see. Arvind always does things sacrificially for others. By divine revelation, she understood that God sees and rewards even the littlest act one of His children does. Even seemingly small acts of service do not go unnoticed by God.

Revelation 22:12 states, “Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.”

Matthew 10:42 states, “And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

Our Heavenly Clothing

Priyanka said she got a pink dress, and Deepika got a purple dress and a white dress. These were their favorite colors. How did she know that we would all be given heavenly clothing?

Revelation 19:8 states, “Fine linen, bright and clean was given her to wear.”

Revelation 3:4-5 say, “They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy... The one who is victorious will be dressed in white.”

Our New Names

The Bible teaches that in heaven, we will receive a new name that will only be known to (or possibly understood by) the one who receives it in Revelation 2:17, “To the one who is victorious, I will give... a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.”

Interestingly, Priyanka and Deepika mentioned that our clothes in heaven had words that uniquely described each of us. The girls and I always called ourselves princesses—daughters of the King! Arvind always believed that God loved him very much according to the promise he received, “I have loved you with an everlasting love” (Jeremiah 31:3). Seemingly, the labels God gives us through His promises here on earth continue to define us in eternity.

Authority over the Nations

The wand that Jesus gave her could possibly represent an emblem of authority. The Bible says that believers will be kings and priests in the coming kingdom. Those who do most for the glory of God on earth will receive greater positions of rule and power in heaven.

Revelation 2:26–27 state, “To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations—that one ‘will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery’—just as I have received authority from my Father.”

Revelation 22:5 says, “They will reign for ever and ever.”

Where Moth and Rust Do Not Destroy

I like jewelry, and Priyanka prophesied that I would get gold and silver jewelry as reward in heaven. The golden and silver cars she saw in heaven were also possibly rewards for people who worked as unto the Lord. Those who sacrifice their time, talent, and treasure for God’s kingdom will be repaid in heaven.

Matthew 6:19–20 say, “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.”

We can serve the Lord wholeheartedly, knowing that He is the one noticing our deeds, and His reward will be

abundantly gracious. God, who knows our deepest desires, will reward us in eternity with gifts we enjoy, gifts that will far outweigh any persecution we might face for following Him here on earth. Maybe those gifts will be unique for each of us, who knows? Regardless, God has a particular way of rewarding his beloved.

10. *Wedding in Heaven*

“At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven.” Matthew 22:30

“Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” Revelation 19:9

Kids’ Visions

Priyanka told me that I would have to throw away the ring Arvind gave me because Jesus would give me a new ring in heaven!

My Interpretation

Match Made in Heaven

Priyanka had just introduced a whole new topic: getting married to our bridegroom in heaven. How could a four-year-old know that married couples in earth are no longer

husband and wife in heaven? Also, she told that to me at the exact time I was reading in the Bible about God betrothing His bride in Hosea 2:19, “I will betroth you forever.”

My Earthly Husband

Before marriage, I had prayed so much for my future husband. Early one morning in June 2004, as I lay half-awake in bed, my spirit was interceding, asking God to reveal to me the person He had chosen for me as my husband. Immediately there appeared before me vision of a man I had never seen before! It came like a flash and disappeared after some seconds. I felt the Holy Spirit sweeping over me like a breeze. I knew that the Lord had visited me in answer to my prayer and shown me who it was. A year later, my parents told me about a young man living in California who was seeking a godly Christian wife. When they showed me a photograph, I knew instantly that I had seen that face before in my vision. Two weeks later, we were on the phone for the first time and were married within a few months.

Marriage still plays a significant role in my life. I knew this relationship would be the longest compared to every other relationship in my life—parents, children, siblings, etc. But the Bible says that even this relationship is only temporary since we are His bride.

When God established marriage in earth, He did so to fill certain needs. First, He desired to solve the problem of Adam’s loneliness and provide him a helper. Second, He created marriage as a means of procreation. In heaven, however,

there will be no loneliness; neither will there be any need for helpers. We will be surrounded by multitudes of believers and angels, and all our needs will be met, including the need for love and companionship. People there are not created by means of reproduction. Therefore, there is no purpose for staying married to our spouses in heaven.

My Heavenly Husband

Marriage is the most intimate of all human relationships. Jesus wants His bride, the church to have a close relationship with Him. The kids’ visions confirm that Jesus will be our only bridegroom in heaven forever.

Revelation 22:17 says, “The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ And let the one who hears say, ‘Come!’ Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.”

Jesus as the bridegroom and His bride, the church are making an urgent appeal, inviting people everywhere to repent and put their faith in Him as their Savior. The free gift of salvation is available to anyone who comes. Put your trust in Him! And soon you will get to partake in the wedding feast with your one true love forever and ever!

1. Getting to Hell

“And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades.” Luke 10:15

Kids’ Visions

After showing them visions of heaven, Jesus showed them hell. There was an arrow sign that pointed downward to hell. Jesus was strong enough to dig the ground with His hand so they could see hell. He did not need shovel or water. The girls could hear Jesus speaking to them even when they couldn’t see Him. Jesus then led them to see hell.

Walking through the dark hell sent chills down their spines. They did not want to go inside. As they walked along, the devils did not see the girls since they were behind Jesus. Jesus was standing in front, Priyanka and Deepika behind Him. All that the devils could see of the girls was their hands, so it looked as though Jesus had 3 pairs of hands.

From hell they could see heaven at a distance and vice versa. One side was hell and the other side was heaven. Priyanka said she was lucky to see heaven but not hell because

it was terrible to see it. According to Priyanka, “Right now there are bad people in hell.”

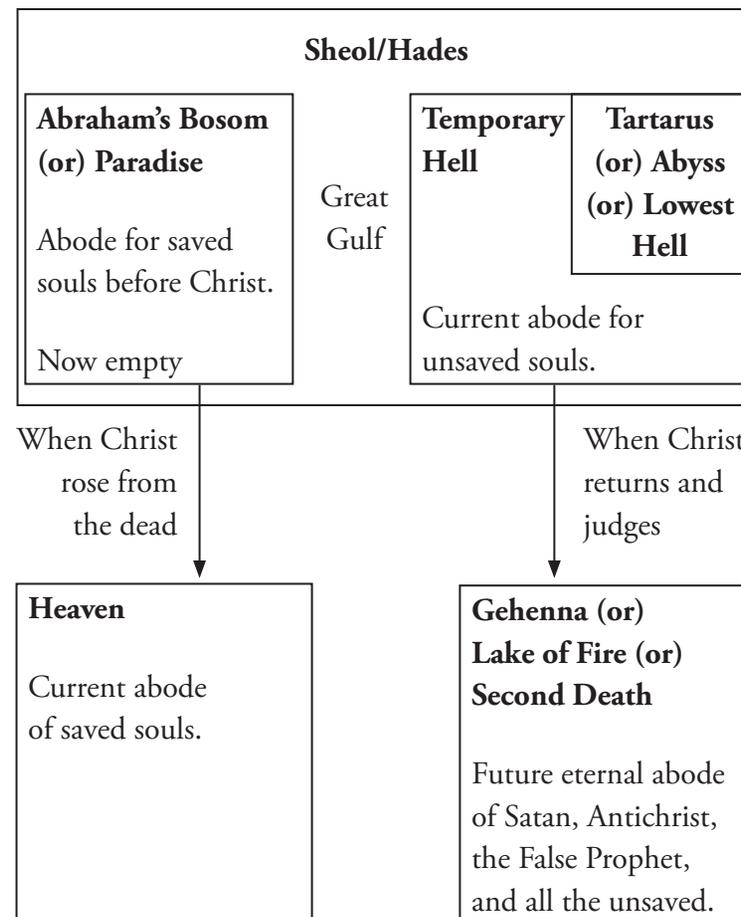
My Interpretation

Which Hell Are You Talking About?

When the English Bible references hell, it is a translation of one of the following words: Sheol (Hebrew), Hades (Greek), Tartarus (Greek), and Gehenna (Hebrew/Greek).

Sheol and Hades seem to reference the same place—an abode in the “heart of the earth” (see Matthew 12:40) housing the spirits of the dead. There were two main divisions—the one being paradise (see Luke 23:43) or Abraham’s bosom (see Luke 16:22) and the other being a place of torture (see Luke 16:23), the two being separated by a wide gulf (see Luke 16:26). Tartarus or the abyss appears to be a special compartment in Hades for demons (see Luke 8:31; 2 Peter 2:4; and perhaps Revelation 9:1–11).

When Jesus rose from the dead and ascended, the souls in paradise were transferred into God’s presence in heaven. There’s also a future judgment (see Revelation 20:15, 21:8) after which the unsaved souls currently in Hades will be transferred to the Lake of Fire (Gehenna). Given that the latter has not occurred yet, my assumption is that when the girls were talking about hell, they were referencing the souls in torture right now in Sheol/Hades.



Location of Hell

Several Biblical passages seem to infer that departed spirits descend to the “lower parts of the earth” (for example, see Ezekiel 31 and 32). One of the most striking references is with Jesus Himself—the passage in Matthew 12:40 talks of

Him being in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights (remember again that this was at a time when both the righteous and the unrighteous souls were housed in Sheol/Hades).

Now, there is some debate as to the interpretation of these passages. But Priyanka and Deepika, at their tender ages, had no notion of all these theological debates! So it is very interesting that they innocently mention that hell was “downward,” and Jesus was “digging through the ground” to get there.

There is actually a verse in the Bible that talks about digging toward hell. Amos 9:2 says, “Though they dig into Sheol, From there will My hand take them.” We had no idea that such a verse even existed; it is amazing that the girls used such obscure, yet accurate language to describe their experience.

Jesus Must Increase

Priyanka and Deepika said that only their hands were seen when they were behind Jesus. This could mean that their only their works could be seen while they were hidden behind Jesus. When we work for Jesus, people should see only Jesus, and we should hide ourselves behind Him. We should not take credit for the work that God does through us. Can we give up our name and take His? We should say as John the Baptist said in John 3:30, “He must increase, but I must decrease.”

Seeing Heaven from Hell

Through divine revelations, the kids could see heaven from hell and vice versa. The Bible mentions in the story of Lazarus that the rich man from hell could see Abraham and Lazarus in heaven.

Luke 16:23 states, “In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.”

Here are a couple of interesting parallels between this story and the kid’s accounts: (1) The distance between heaven and hell being great, (2) The fact that in both cases, it was the person in hell who sees the other side first. I would imagine that there wouldn’t be too pressing a desire to look down into hell while in heaven whilst the opposite might be true while in hell looking up to heaven.

Apart from the physical distance, hell seems to be just as far removed from heaven metaphorically speaking as well, as the following chapters will reveal. It was incredible to hear the girls clearly articulate that while they had been fortunate to have been shown heaven, they were not as lucky to have seen hell.

In Torment Right Now

Jesus Himself, more than any other, warned about hell and eternal punishment. Priyanka and her sister said that **RIGHT NOW** the people are burning in the fire of hell. Isn’t that scary?

In hell, there was 100 percent sin, on earth there was plenty of sin, but in heaven, there was 0 percent sin.

2. What Hell Was Like

“And they will go out and look on the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; the worms that eat them will not die, the fire that burns them will not be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind.” Isaiah 66:24

Kids' Visions

Hell was hot and uncomfortable. They saw fire everywhere, big and orange in color. There was a strong smell of urine and stools; there was also a burning smell. Hell was very dark, but Jesus's light helped them to clearly see what was inside since He is the light.

There was a cave leading to a sign that read, *Lost Hell*—there was not as much fire there, but people were bored and lonely. Priyanka even demonstrated how the bored people were sitting, with their heads bowed down.

Hell got *badder* as they went deeper inside another cave, where everything was much worse. There was a lot more fire there. Creatures that were like worms in other parts of hell grew to be like huge snakes in the badder hell.

My Interpretation

Mirroring the Word of God

Just as it did when they were talking about heaven, there were several phrases the girls used to describe Hell that reminded me of specific verses in the Bible. I've again listed some of the Bible verses that relate to the terms they used:

1. Hell was hot: The rich man in Hades begged for a drop of water to cool his tongue, inferring unbearable heat in Luke 16:24, “And he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue.’”
2. Fire everywhere, which was big and orange in color: There are a couple of references to fire in Sheol/Hades in Deuteronomy 32:22, “For a fire is kindled in My anger, And burns to the lowest part of Sheol” and in Luke 16:24, “I am in agony in this fire.”
3. Strong smell of urine, stools, and other burning smell: In Sheol/Hades, it is largely congruent that

there will be a burning smell associated with the flames there.

There are no other references to smells—however there is the possibility that the smell of urine might actually have been sulfur. God rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:24). The following verse in Revelation talks also about “burning sulfur” in the “future Hell” (Gehenna).

Revelation 21:8 states, “They will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur.”

4. People were screaming and crying: The following verse speaks of Gehenna, stating that there will be intense weeping there.

Matthew 13:42 says, “There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

It is possible, yes, probable, that the same is currently true in Sheol/Hades as well, given that people are in torment there.

5. Very dark: Job talks about Sheol being dark in Job 17:13, “If I look for Sheol as my home, I make my bed in the darkness.”
6. Hell got badder (meaning worse): There are many verses that talk about degrees of punishment in Hell. For example, consider the following verses:

“Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town” (Matthew 10:15).

“Who devour widows’ houses, and for appearance’s sake offer long prayers; these will receive greater condemnation.” (Mark 12:40)

7. Worms that grew into snakes: Isaiah says the following while describing the king of Babylon’s or Lucifer’s entrance into Sheol in Isaiah 14:11, “Your pomp and the music of your harps have been brought down to Sheol; Maggots are spread out as your bed beneath you and worms are your covering.”

Mark 9:48 states, “Where the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.”

8. Lost hell: I was astonished by the term Priyanka used, lost hell. How on earth did she know that there are lost people in hell? Jesus uses three parables (sheep, coins, and son) in Luke 15 to teach about God’s concern for the lost and His joy when the lost are found.

Luke 19:10 states, “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Reader, you do not have to go to hell. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.

3. *Bad People in Hell*

“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.” 1 Corinthians 6:9–10

“And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.” Revelation 20:15

Kids’ Visions

When the girls were flying with the angels, Priyanka saw people being carried to hell. The people thought that the angels were carrying them to heaven. Instead, they were thrown into hell through “a circle of the door of hell.” The devil found a perfect place for all the bad people to go. The people had to stay in hell forever.

The people went to hell because they were mean to their brother, sister, and friends. They were feeling bad that in earth they did not say “sorry” to them and Jesus. The peo-

ple in hell were screaming and crying. They were hurt and sad. They said “sorry” in hell, but then it was too late. Jesus could not rescue the bad people from hell. Only on earth Jesus could save people and take them to heaven.

The good people forgot to tell the bad people about Jesus because they were tired, hungry, or had to work. That was why the bad people were in hell.

My Interpretation

Wrong Beliefs about Heaven and Hell

No hell: Some believe that there is no heaven or hell—people cease to exist when they die. But the Bible says that people either go to heaven or hell after death as witnessed by the kids.

A finite hell: Some others believe that those in hell will suffer for a while and then eventually cease to exist, but the Lord Himself confirms that it will last forever. Even the kids shared that the people had to be there forever. The punishment of the unsaved is just as eternal as the life of the righteous.

An all-inclusive heaven: Most people believe that everyone goes to heaven after they die. But again, the Bible is clear that the Lord’s angels will throw all the evildoers into hell. Priyanka shared that the people thought that they were being carried to heaven but instead were thrown into hell. Hell is the default location, not heaven.

Matthew 13:41–42 state, “The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw

them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Eternal second chances: Many people believe in a second chance after death—that there will still be a way to escape hell. But only on earth do they have a chance to repent as the kids witnessed. Hell is depicted as a very nasty place from which there is no escape.

Why People Are in Hell

All of us are guilty of sin. We all do things that hurt others and God. The natural consequence of sin is judgment and condemnation.

Matthew 5:22 states, “Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.”

Revelation 21:8 says, “But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

Jesus will forgive us if we truly repent and turn from our evil ways. Repent means “to change” or “to turn.” God’s kingdom will consist of a community of repentant sinners. The inhabitants of hell are those sinners who, while they might have even expressed remorse, were never truly repentant.

1 John 1:9 states, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

More than Remorse

What is the difference between mere remorse and true repentance? While repentance stems from deep-seated conviction, remorse is a consequence of getting caught. The fruit of repentance is a changed life, whereas the remorseful merely live in the fear of punishment.

Repentance is not just feeling sorry or remorseful but being so convicted in our heart that we begin to live according to God’s standards, which is God’s law. Once a person hears the gospel and is convicted that his way of life is wrong, he must change his present behavior.

Matthew 3:8 states, “Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.”

Remorse without a change in conduct is not repentance. The people that the girls saw in hell were screaming, crying, and feeling sorry, not so much over what they had done but more so over it being too late to change. The sad thing is that they would make the exact same choices were their life replayed over since there was no true seed of repentance.

Sharing Christ

At her young age, Priyanka used phrases within her limited vocabulary to describe two groups of people. “Good people” are the believers in the Lord. “Bad people” are the unbelievers who refused to repent on earth. What she said about sharing the gospel truly convicted me, “The good peo-

ple forgot to tell the bad people about Jesus because they were tired, hungry, or had to work.”

Sharing Jesus with others who don't know Him is one of the most important things we can do as Christians. The answer to the world's needs is Jesus Christ, and God has chosen us to reach the lost. Every one of us is to be a witness to the lost. We are His hands and feet. We are the human instruments through which Christ reaches them. Jesus can save and heal, but He needs our voices and our lives to spread the Good News.

Daniel 12:3 says, “Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.”

Proverbs 11:30 says, “He that winneth souls is wise.” But sadly, we are so busy providing for ourselves and our own families that we ignore the core spiritual need of others, salvation. We are too tired to share about Jesus with anyone or to do God's work.

Today Is the Day

The Bible says that today is the day of salvation (see 2 Corinthians 6:2). The Bible pleads with us not to harden our hearts if we hear God's voice today (see Hebrews 3:7,15). My friend, if you have not yet received the Lord's forgiveness and salvation, let your remorse lead to true repentance today – while there is yet time!

4. *Slaves in Hell*

“Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?” Romans 6:16

Kids' Visions

Deepika saw slaves in hell. The people had to worship, obey, and respect the devil. They were made to sing, “Heaven is an awful place.” They were really scared of the ghosts and monsters. There were no crowns for people in hell.

The people in hell did not have any water when they were thirsty, they did not have any beds when they were tired, and they did not have any food when they were hungry. A witch forced the people to drink lemonade made of dead worms and spider juice made of dead spiders. People got black bananas and black oranges to eat which they refused. There was also worm cake, slimy frog juice, and dead-ants cake.

There were no chairs, no beds, and nothing in hell. There were no medicines to heal the people's wounds. They looked ugly and old. They did not wear clothes and most of them did not have hair.

The people in hell were scared when they saw Jesus. The devils, ghosts, and monsters were also scared of Jesus. He gave them a stern look.

My Interpretation

Eternal Slaves to Sin

I was horrified to know that the people are slaves to the devil in hell. Deepika asked me what a slave meant. *Webster's Dictionary* defines a slave as "someone who is legally owned by another person and is forced to work for that person without pay." Collins English Dictionary defines slave as "a person legally owned by another and having no freedom of action or right to property." There will be no rewards or crowns for people in hell unlike heaven.

Whatever sin people commit on earth will be repeated infinite times in hell. They become slaves to their sin. They offered themselves to the devil on earth. Now they are held captive and become his slaves forever in hell. They are helpless about their sin and have to keep doing what is sinful. They are bonded prisoners in chains through all eternity and under Satan's direct dominating influence.

By the Measure You Use

Priyanka and Deepika saw that the people were hungry and thirsty in hell. There were no medicines in hell to make the people feel better. While the people lived on earth, they did not feed the hungry, clothe the naked, or care for the sick. Now they will have to bear the consequences for their sins in hell. Not caring for others is a scenario that takes place in hell.

Matthew 25:41–43 state, "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink. I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'"

Fear of the Lord

The girls had earlier shared that they were not afraid of Jesus. However, in hell, the people were terrified when they beheld Him. Makes me think of our two year old – even before she learned to talk, she learned to read our eyes. While she would ordinarily love attention from us, she will avoid eye contact at all costs when she knows she's done something wrong! That would explain why grown men in hell cower at the sight of Jesus, while innocent children run to Him in heaven.

Maybe the people in hell were provoked to fear at the realization that Jesus is victorious and has all power and authority. Maybe it was at the remembrance of all the times they had spurned, and perhaps even mocked or denied Jesus. Regardless, it was the wrong type of fear. The Bible encourages a positive fear, a fear of the Lord while we are still on this side of eternity.

Luke 12:5 says, “Fear Him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear Him.”

We all have that choice—live today in the fear of the Lord, allowing Him to transform us so we will have no fear of Him when we stand face to face with Him one day or spend eternity fearing the wrath of the Lord.

5. *Torment in Hell*

“He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.” 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

*“And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name.”
Revelation 14:11*

Kids' Visions

There were a lot of ghosts, monsters, wild animals, ants, insects, and worms in hell. There were wild animals such as lions, tigers, and foxes. There were crocodiles in a hot lake. The people were covered with blood spots because the wild animals bit them.

People's eyes were closed, and Priyanka saw a witch pushing them into boiling water. It was a potion where all the people were drowning and they were in pain. There were lob-

sters and crabs inside the boiling water. There were trees with thorns. There was a witch throwing thorns on the people.

Deepika saw people crying and screaming in the hell fire. Priyanka said that the devils put the fire where the people were standing. The people were black because the fire had burned them.

Priyanka said that the people were trying to escape from hell, but they were slipping and falling into the fire. They did not have ladder to climb out. They were trying to climb out of a tall wall made out of dirt. They were hitting their head on rocks. When they were slipping and falling, many worms started biting them. Deepika said that the people were running out of the fire, but the devil put them back into the fire.

Priyanka saw people's eyes being pierced. There were spiders in the cobwebs, biting mice and biting flies. They saw worms in grey color crawling on the floor. The people screamed in pain when the worms and snakes bit them.

Satan had demons just like how God had angels. The demons that tormented the people looked ugly and angry. The fire did not burn the demons.

My Interpretation

He Wore Our Crown of Thorns

The kids shared that the people in hell were covered with thorns and blood spots. We deserve thorns and should have been cursed for eternity but instead Jesus became a curse for us and wore a crown of thorns when He died on the

cross. We should have been covered with blood in hell, but instead Jesus took the punishment upon Himself and shed his blood for our sins.

John 19:2 says, "The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head."

Hebrews 9:22 says, "Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins."

When Adam and Eve sinned, bringing evil and a curse upon the world, part of the curse upon humanity was "thorns and thistles" (see Genesis 3:18). Christ, in His perfect atoning sacrifice, has delivered us from the curse of sin, of which a thorn is a symbol.

Galatians 3:13 states, "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.'"

When Jesus shed His blood on the cross, He put an end to the Old Covenant requirement for the continual sacrifices of animals. The blood of bulls and goats were not sufficient to cover the sins of the people, except on a temporary basis because sin against a holy and infinite God requires a holy and infinite sacrifice. Either we pay for our sin infinitely or the infinite God pays the penalty. The blood of Christ paid in full the debt of sin we owe to God, and we need no further sacrifices for sin.

Sunday School Tales?

I wondered whether the kids could have learnt in Sunday school about fire and worms in hell. But then they

were descriptive about the fire being big and orange and the people being black because they were burned. They also talked about the grey worms that grew bigger into huge snakes. There was no way they learned all these things in Sunday school and at the level of detail.

Degrees of Punishment

I was taken aback when Priyanka spoke about the levels of punishment in hell. The Bible does indicate that there are different levels of punishment in hell.

Revelation 20:12 says, “The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.”

Being thrown into a less hot portion of hell is no consolation to lost souls. As has been said, the best of hell is infinitely worse than the least of what heaven has to offer. Another indication of the levels of punishment is based on Jesus’s words in Luke 12:47–48, “And that servant who knew his master’s will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few.”

Angry Demons

The kids shared that the demons looked ugly and angry. The Bible does say that the devil is filled with fury (see Revelation 12:12) His time has not yet come to burn

in hell. We are living in the last days, and he knows his time is short. He wants to take as many people as possible to hell with him and gather them for the final battle on the great day of God Almighty. But who can stand against the Lord?

6. Halloween in Hell

“Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness.”
Ephesians 5:11

“Come out from them and be separate,’ says the Lord,
‘Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.’” 2 Corinthians
6:17

Kids’ Visions

Priyanka saw that in hell, *Halloween* never stopped! The monsters there were real and even scarier than the pretend ones on earth. They were purple in color, and they were flying with their wings. They did bad things and made scary sounds. They played horrible games, which caused great pain to the people. People were made to look more ugly through burns and tortures.

Priyanka saw real ghosts in hell. They were white or black. There were real witches that tormented the people.

My Interpretation

This Is Real

I was shocked when Priyanka actually used the term Halloween and said that it goes on nonstop in hell. In childish language, she was probably referring to real demons when she spoke of ghosts and monsters. When she described the torture that the ghosts, monsters, and witches inflicted on people in hell, it brought deep conviction. We had been desensitizing our innocent children to demons and witches through our passive participation in Halloween.

To Redeem or to Reject?

We live amongst a generation that wants nothing to do with holy celebrations like Christmas and Easter. Why? It’s because the devil knows that if a nonbeliever accepts a gift or a greeting at Christmas, there is a very real risk that person will discover the true meaning behind the gift and accept Christ. Believers too intentionally invite their friends to celebrate with them with this same hope.

The same is conversely true of Halloween! Walking through a popular department store, we came across a kids game that included tarot cards and an Ouija board. The packaging made it look like a magic set! How is it that culture has swung from a (wicked) extreme where they frequently accused and burned people at the stake as witches to an (also wicked) extreme where we market such stuff to our

kids? There is a very fine, dangerous line between redeeming Halloween and tolerating Halloween—we as a culture are paying the price for treading that dangerous line a little too frequently.

Hell Rejoices as We Partake

Anton LaVey, who founded the Church of Satan, is attributed with the following quote: “I’m glad that Christian parents let their children worship the devil at least one night of the year.”

Isn’t the whole theme one of darkness, death, fear, threats, witchcraft, destruction, and evil? Setting aside a day to celebrate the demonic world brings shame to God and glory to the devil. Many say, “Well, we don’t take it seriously.” But the devil does and so does God. This is especially true when the church that He purchased with His own precious blood builds houses of horror and celebrates Halloween in the name of “fun in a safe place.” The little lambs who have been entrusted to its care can be terrified and opened up to invading spirits of fear, torment, and confusion.

Isaiah 5:20 states, “Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness.”

Little Foxes Ruining the Vineyard

Halloween is not a harmless day. It is a celebration of evil and demonic forces in this world. All the devil wants is an

opening. Being a liar and a deceiver, he will make Halloween look like a harmless fun of dress up. He will use our kids to get into our house. Satan lies to us that if Halloween is not bad, he is really not so bad. Once the devil has a foothold into our life, he will come in like a flood! He wants souls by any means necessary.

The Bible is clear about the evils of witchcraft, sorcery, and divination. How these must grieve the Lord! Why should we magnify death and darkness when we can magnify the One who is light and life? Why should we dress up on that particular day when there are 364 other days for us to have fun with full freedom? Have nothing to do with Halloween!

- be frightened
- don't read the true Bible
- don't pray to Jesus
- celebrate Halloween

7. The Bible in Hell (Hell's Rules)

"All this I will give you," the devil said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Matthew 4:9

Kids' Visions

Priyanka saw a black bible in hell. It was 100 percent false. It said that God does not love us. The rules of the bible were that the people in hell must:

- listen to the devil
- don't love God
- don't worship God
- be mean to people
- never be nice, kind, and gentle
- don't be friends with anyone
- do sins everyday (beat, kill, etc.)
- worship the devil
- obey the devil

My Interpretation

On Earth as It Is in Hell

Even the people on earth follow the rules from hell. Many people worship idols and other gods. The devil makes the wrong things seem attractive and tempts us to sin. He makes us believe that God does not love us. He wants us to be frightened when things happen beyond our control. The devil wants us to be mean to people and not live at peace with anyone. He never wants us to be nice, kind, and gentle. He doesn't want us to be friendly with people but live in isolation. He puts enmity between people. Here are some verses from our Bible, which are contrary to the Bible in hell:

Listen to the devil.	"Resist the devil and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).
Don't love God.	"Be very careful to love the Lord your God" (Joshua 23:11).

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Don't worship God. Worship the devil. Obey the devil.	"Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only"' (Matthew 4:10).
Be mean to people. Never be nice, kind, and gentle. Don't be friends with anyone.	"Love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back" (Luke 6:35).
Do sins everyday (beat, kill, etc.).	"Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48).
Be frightened.	"Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).
Don't read the true Bible.	"Whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night" (Psalm 1:2).
Don't pray to Jesus.	"Pray continually" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).
Celebrate Halloween.	"Do not give the devil a foothold" (Ephesians 4:27).

8. Satan the Accuser

"For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony." Revelation 12:10

"Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." Ephesians 6:11

Kids' Visions

Priyanka saw Satan accusing people on earth of not performing well even when they did a good job. Satan had two horns and had a black heart, which gave pain to all of Jesus's children on earth.

Priyanka said that the devils were trying to make her and Deepika bad children.

My Interpretation

Our Real Enemy

Satan is referred to as “the accuser of our brothers.” Job was a good man. God Himself testified to this fact. But it did not matter to Satan. He accused Job anyway.

Satan feels threatened when he sees God’s children. That’s why he brings pain, oppression, and torment to believers. He is not worried when he sees people who are lukewarm in their faith but he actively seeks to destroy lives of people who are all sold out for Jesus. He constantly tries to hinder God’s work, but he is limited by God’s power and can do only what he is permitted to do. Jesus defeated Satan at the cross, but the devil continues to oppose God and tries to discredit His people.

Whenever we do something for the glory of God, Satan accuses us with lies. He uses people to tear us down and puts condemning thoughts in our minds to make us feel worthless or useless. My kids are under spiritual attack as I am writing this book. Priyanka had terrible stomach ache whenever she shared about her visions about hell. Satan has used people to deliver his accusations and lies against her. Our family is under constant attack whenever we work for His kingdom.

One of the most common tricks Satan uses is to turn us against each other, assuming that our enemy is our neighbor, coworker, someone of a different race, religion, or a different political affiliation. There is a popular saying that “an enemy’s enemy is your friend.” But in this case, we should remember that we share a formidable foe (Satan) with any person we

might perceive to be our enemy on earth. That foe wants the destruction of the person opposing us, but he is also seeking our destruction! He is out to divide and conquer. We should resist him while staying united at the foot of the cross.

I fervently pray for God’s protection and blood covering over my children after Priyanka shared that Satan was trying to make them bad kids. The Bible says that “Satan leads the whole world astray” (Revelation 12:9). He tries to make all of us stray away from God’s path so he can drag us to hell. But greater is He that is in us (Jesus) than he that is in the world (Satan). Hallelujah!

We should not get discouraged when the enemy tries to attack because it means that God is at work! We can overcome the devil by covering ourselves with the blood of Jesus and continue to be shining witnesses for our Lord.

9. Age of Accountability

“Your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.” Matthew 18:14

Kids’ Visions

Priyanka said that she saw eight-year-olds, nine-year-olds, ten-year-olds, eleven-year-olds, and twelve-year-olds in hell.

My Interpretation

Innocent Babes

Some people believe that an unsaved child goes to hell. But according to the revelations given to the girls, only when a child attains a certain maturity level is he or she accountable before God.

Does the scripture teach this idea? Jesus pointed to little children as examples of those who will inherit the kingdom of heaven in Matthew 19:14, “Jesus said, ‘Let the little chil-

dren come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’”

Even King David expressed the belief that one day he would be with his child who had died.

In 2 Samuel 12:23, the Bible states, “But now that he is dead, why should I go on fasting? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me.”

The above verses confirm that God deems little children innocent and will welcome them into heaven. Now, it is important that children accept Christ as early as possible. God will certainly judge even a child who is mature enough to understand and respond to the convicting work of the Spirit. However, God will never hold accountable a child who is not capable of understanding or a mentally handicapped person.

Let the Little Children Come

Jesus said that children should not be hindered from coming to Him. He became indignant at the way His disciples treated children.

Mark 10:13–14 state, “People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.’”

Ironically, one of the ways we can hinder little children in coming to faith in Jesus Christ is for us to become salesman-like in our zeal to win them. Ultimately, there must be conviction, not convincing—if we are trying to convince a child to be

saved, we are actually hindering the Spirit from working. We cannot drag them to Christ. We must let them come.

Each child expresses interest in God at different ages and stages of development. It is important not to rush them—we must depend upon the Holy Spirit to do the work. If it is His conviction, the decision is lasting. If it is our convincing, a child may remain confused and actually live in turmoil.

Jesus loves children far more than we do, and it is His desire that no child would be separated from God but that all would be saved. He will work in His perfect time. We must pray that their understanding of God will grow so that when it comes time to make the choice, they will willingly receive the most wonderful gift of eternal life with the Lord.

Jude 1:23 says, “Save others by snatching them from the fire.”

A Day We Will Never Forget

One of the most memorable days for Arvind and I as parents was to watch Priyanka publicly declare her faith through baptism when she was eight years old. It was not an easy journey to get there—as her parents, we had to balance encouraging her to make the right decision at right time with allowing her space to process this important step of faith on her own. Ultimately, she was able to make her own decision with assurances that we as her parents loved her regardless and that she was free to choose. As a result, she cherishes the memory of that day and decision as something very precious and real. Praise be to the Lord!

10. Jesus's Attitude toward Those in Hell

“As surely as I live,’ declares the Sovereign Lord, ‘I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live.’” Ezekiel 33:11

Kids' Visions

They could see Jesus's face, very sad and tears were streaming down His face, and they asked Him, “Lord, what's wrong?” He replied, “People are not believing Me.”

Jesus did not love the people in hell, but He cared for them.

My Interpretation

Two Contrary Reactions

I was initially puzzled when Priyanka said that Jesus did not love the people in hell, but He cared for them. How could it be that someone care for a person without loving them?

Then it dawned on me that there was possibly another way to interpret what she said. Four-year-old Priyanka used words she knew to describe two contrary reactions Jesus expressed toward those in hell—a positive one (that He cared for those in hell) and a negative one (that He did not love them). This is in line with the Bible—here's how.

First, we see from verses like John 3:16 that God loves the whole world, not just those who believe in His Son, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Ezekiel 33:11, quoted earlier in the chapter, also describes a God who “takes no pleasure” when the wicked perish. Now contrast that with verses such as the following:

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels’... Then they will go away to eternal punishment” (Matthew 25:41,46).

“Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming” (Colossians 3:5–6).

A Just, Loving Savior

God is just—which means He cannot play favorites. It has to be one rule for all. He has decreed that only the perfect will inherit heaven and see God. If He lowered that bar, He would need to allow the Hitlers of the world along with Satan and his demonic horde access to heaven in order to accommodate other sinful humans. Heaven wouldn't really be heaven after that. So the bar stands—only the perfect can inherit the kingdom of heaven—which automatically excludes all of sinful humanity.

Along with being a just God though, God is also a God of love. So the question gets asked—if God really cared and He really was God, why doesn't He do something? He did—His answer was to send Jesus in our stead, to take our punishment. All of a sudden, the loving God could justify taking us to heaven, knowing that the price had been paid in full by Jesus. Throughout the Bible, God's judgment and mercy are fully portrayed. God never ceases to be merciful, yet he cannot be apathetic toward sin. These seemingly contradictory attributes are in perfect harmony as the omniscient God is able to balance His justice against sin and His mercy through faith in Jesus.

A God Who Weeps over Us

One of the most incredible passages in the Bible is one that talks about heaven rejoicing when one sinner repents.

Luke 15:7 says, “I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents.”

What is even more amazing though is that Jesus laments over the lost. The following verses talk about Jesus lamenting over Jerusalem:

“As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, Jesus wept over it and said, ‘If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.’” (Luke 19:41-44)

Matthew 23:37 says, “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.”

We know that Jesus takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked. So is it a stretch to believe that the one who wept over Jerusalem weeps over those who don’t believe in Him today?

Will You Make Heaven Rejoice?

If you don’t yet believe in Jesus as your Lord and Savior, know that there is one—the same Jesus—who weeps over you. Today you can change your destiny and cause a great

party to be thrown in your honor in heaven—all by one simple yet crucial choice.

Say this prayer with me, “Lord, I acknowledge to You that I’m a sinner. Please forgive me for my wrongdoings. I believe that Jesus died on the cross for my sins and that God raised Him from the dead. I accept Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior. Thank you for making me Your child and giving me eternal life. Please transform my life so I can live for Your glory. In Jesus’s name I pray. Amen.”

Comparison of Heaven and Hell by the Kids

One of the striking things about the girls' testimonies were the direct contrasts several of their statements brought out between heaven and hell. I have summarized most of these below:

Heaven	Hell
Perfect temperature—not too cold or hot	Very hot
Comfortable with beds, tables, chairs, etc.	Uncomfortable with no beds, ladder, or chairs
Tasty food	Yucky food such as dead-ants cake, dead spider juice, dead worms lemonade, worm cake, slimy frog juice
Smell of flowers and perfume	Smell of urine, stools, and burning smell
Sound of music	Sounds of scary monsters and people screaming

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Heaven	Hell
People were allowed to do anything they wanted.	People were slaves to the devil.
Healing and rest	Severe pain and suffering
People were happy.	People were hurt, sad, and they were crying.
People looked young and beautiful.	People looked ugly without hair.
People were dressed like princes and princesses.	People wore no clothes.
People were worshipping God.	People had to worship Satan.
Jesus had a red heart that took care of all the people.	Satan had a black heart that gave pain to all the people.
Loved and taken care by Jesus and others	No love or care
Gentle, harmless animals	Harmful wild animals
Graceful angels	Angry demons
Bright with colors	Dark
Work that people enjoyed doing	People were bored with nothing to do
Rewards	No rewards
No fear	Fearful
0 percent sin	100 percent sin
Bible—100 percent true	Bible—100 percent false
Jesus is pleased and is smiling.	Jesus is angry, yet cried for the lost people.

Epilogue *How the Kids' Visions* *Impacted Us*

Pastor Rick Warren says that the most dangerous prayer we can pray is “Lord, use me.” We don’t quite know what will happen after we say those words, but we’d better be strapped and ready! I had always prayed that Jesus would use my children for His kingdom. Each night as he prayed with the children, Arvind would ask that the girls would have dreams that were of the Lord. Who would have thought that God would answer those sincere prayers by giving wonderful revelations and astounding visions to my children about eternity?

I am profoundly blessed and humbled that God chose to reveal unfathomable mysteries through my children. Along with that, the kids’ testimonies have significantly changed the way we live. Arvind and I realize more than ever that we need to spend the rest of our lives in the light of eternity. We need to be willing to give up everything in order to follow Christ. It is pointless to invest our time and money in things

that really don't matter in eternity. We are now more focused on loving people and winning them for Christ.

Motivated by Real Rewards

Through the visions, we learnt to be more like Jesus—helping and caring for others' needs, the way He does. And knowing that there are tiaras and other rewards waiting for us in heaven motivates us even more. For instance, I have felt led to write this book without profiting financially from it and am making arrangements accordingly. But I believe that I will be rewarded in eternity for whatever I do as unto the Lord and in obedience to Him. What a glorious hope!

In 1 Corinthians 9:25, the Bible says, “We do it to get a crown that will last forever.”

True Worship

After hearing about the visions, my attitude toward praise and worship changed. Earlier I used to just stand and watch others leading in worship. Now, I understand the importance of corporate worship, and I've decided to raise my hands and my voice to worship the one living God, who is worthy of all my adoration, honor and praise. I began to worship Him as it is done in heaven—worshipping Him in spirit and in truth.

“God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth” (John 4:24).

Earthly Festivals Matter!

Up until when the kids shared their visions with us, our family was more or less apathetic to Halloween. While we didn't send our kids trick or treating, we were comfortable with them dressing up in a positive costume on that day and sending them to events held at churches. We didn't really pause to reflect on the fact that several times, the event organizers at the churches would themselves be costumed as witches, ghosts, and monsters. But after hearing what the kids shared about Halloween in hell, we decided to do other fun things with our kids calling it “Family Day.” We feel that it is okay to be different and not go along with the crowd.

On the positive side, we've put in a lot more effort to decorate and celebrate around Christmas since that day is celebrated even in heaven. While Arvind, in particular, used to view extravagant decorations as a waste of money, he's now come around to the view that our God and the salvation He gives is worthy of extravagant celebration.

Feeding the Little Fishes

Arvind and I, along with another family, started a ministry in our home to mentor and disciple preteen kids in the Lord. Since God has given both of us the gift of music, we use that to connect with the kids by having them form a music band that then meets twice a month in our garage. Our primary motivation is the fact that a significant majority of lifelong disciples of Jesus make a commitment to follow

Him at a very young age. We want to be available to any kids who need encouragement, counsel and peer/older role models in following Christ.

It's All about Him

I had several misgivings about getting this book out in print. Arvind and I have never authored or published anything so far, leave alone a book! Besides, I've worried about the attention this will potentially attract around our family—both from earthly and satanic audiences. As I was writing, even Priyanka kept telling me, “Amma (mom), please don't write this book about me. I don't want to become famous.”

But after much prayers, I knew that God wanted me to do this—not for any earthly fame or profit for our family. It is all about Jesus. This book is intended to make God famous and to prepare people for their eternal destiny. After all, the most important words in this book are not the words from the children's lips. They are the scriptures I've quoted through and through. The only point where the children's testimonies have any significance is when they align with and are validated by those scriptures.

Now, the children seem to have forgotten about the supernatural experiences they had when they were four and two. But they still have occasional dreams about heaven and hell. Recently, Priyanka at eight, dreamt about our family—just the five of us in heaven, sitting around a table, eating food, and watching a music show. All glory belongs to God

for showing His kingdom to even these innocent babes who cannot lie.

“Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger” (Psalm 8:2).

Appendix A: Video Recordings

I recorded videos of approximately 50 percent of the visions they shared when they were four and two. There is only so much that we can capture of what little kids say. Young moms know what I'm talking about. You can check them out in the following links:

Priyanka's testimonies about heaven and hell:

Heaven

Part 1: <https://youtu.be/7MvYbCdd6wE>

Part 2: <https://youtu.be/NAoPplF0UpI>

Part 3: https://youtu.be/AI_54PLIP2s

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Hell

Part 1: https://youtu.be/_MD4VGgmpxA

Part 2: <https://youtu.be/NgHqgOZX9u0>

Part 3: <https://youtu.be/9YRFxwzLAVA>

Deepika's testimonies about heaven:

https://youtu.be/buF_HEydFEw

Appendix B: Pictures



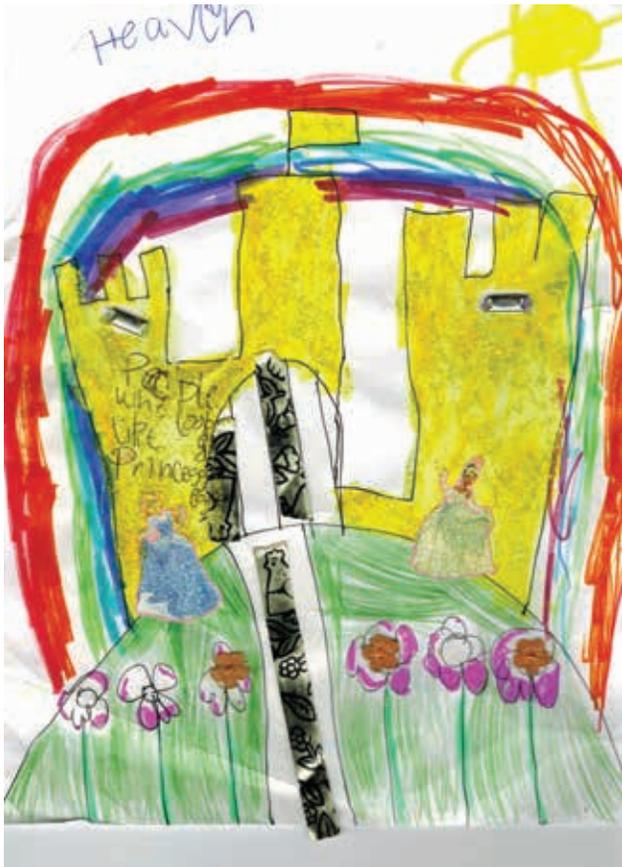
Priyanka's 4th birthday, posing with sister Deepika,
March 1, 2011



Priyanka's baptism at 8,
August 9, 2015



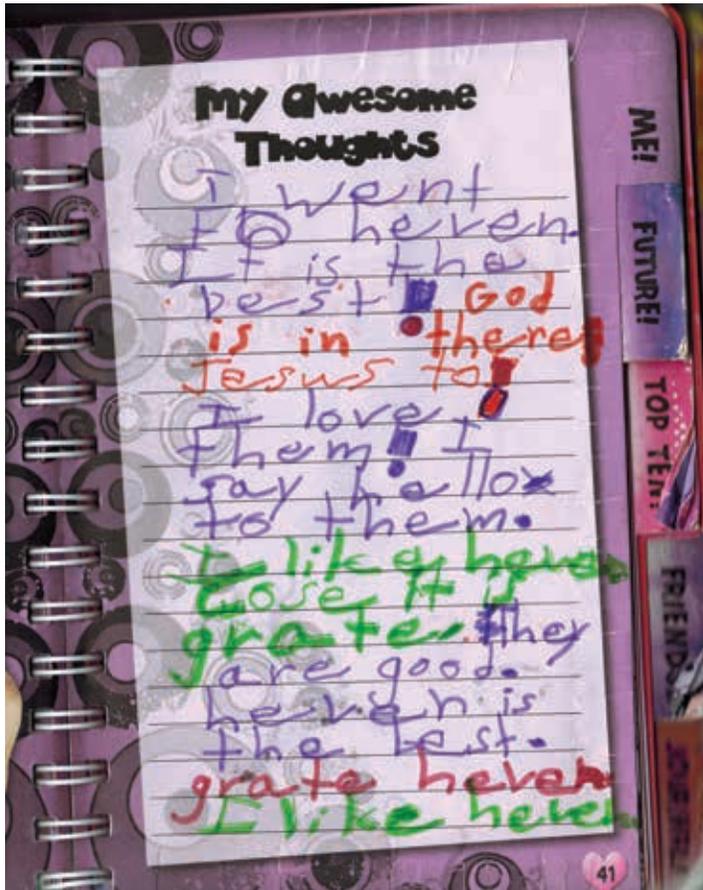
Recent family photo — Deepika, Jemima,
Arvind, Keerthana and Priyanka,
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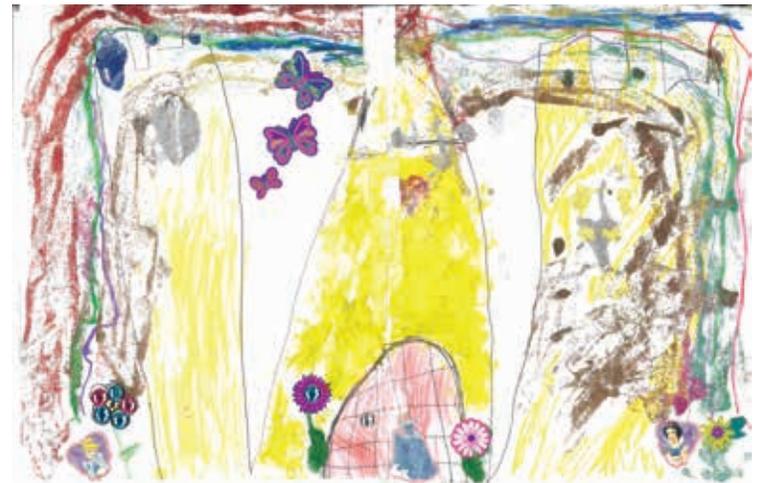
"Heaven" by Priyanka
(Rainbow, golden house and streets of gold)



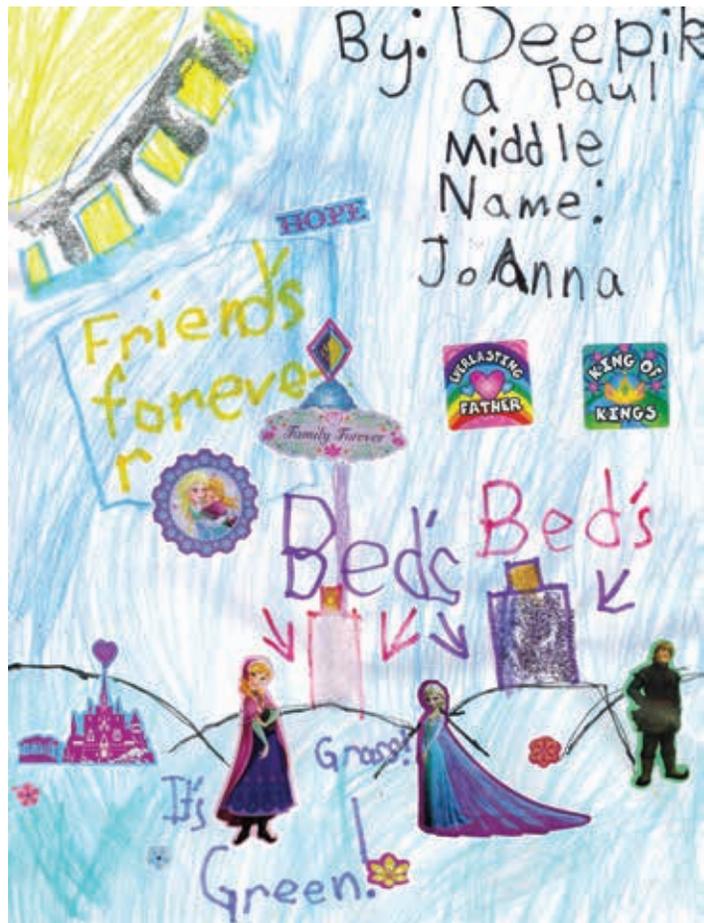
"Jesus" by Priyanka



Notes from Priyanka's journal



“Heaven” by Deepika
(People looked like princes and princesses)

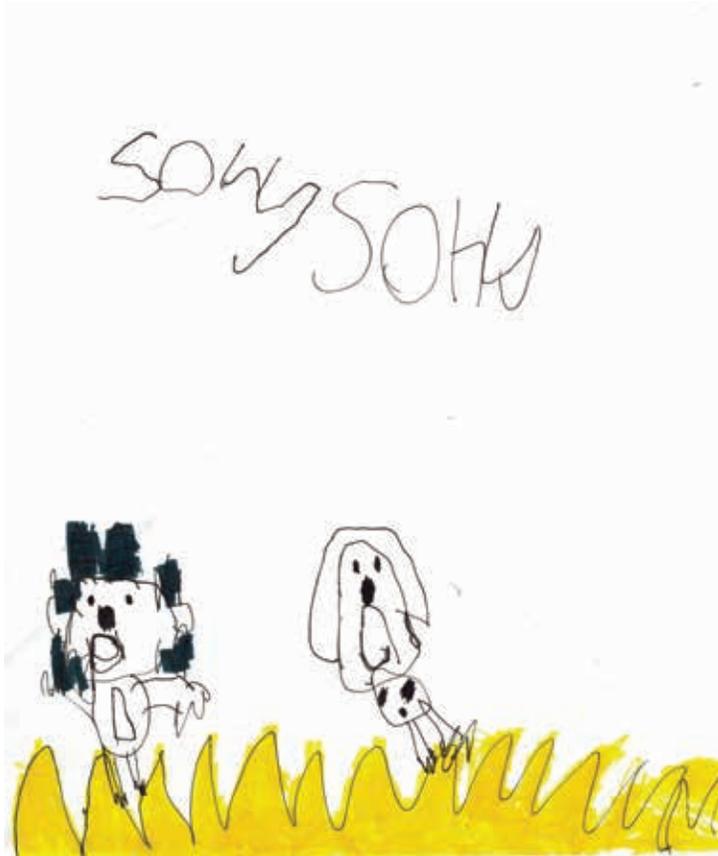


“Beds in heaven” by Deepika
(Priyanka’s pink bed and Deepika’s purple bed)



“Hell” by Priyanka
(Seeing heaven at a distance from hell)

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“Hell” by Deepika
(People saying ‘sorry’ from the fire of hell)

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Jemima and Arvind Paul are part of the blood-bought remnant redeemed by and for Jesus Christ in these last days. Originally from the coastal town of Chennai in South India, they now reside in the United States with their three beautiful daughters – Priyanka (meaning “beautiful and lovable”), Deepika (meaning “light”) and Keerthana (meaning “hymn of praise to God”). They yearn to serve the Lord as a family in whatever He gives them to do. Apart from their shared desire to follow Jesus, they also share a passion in music. While both initially launched into careers in Information Technology, Jemima has since pursued theological education and holds a doctorate in Christian Education.