

**13 – The Twelfth Day of Christmas**  
**I Peter 1:18, Revelation 21:9-12, [Revelation 21:21-27]**

Objective: The students will read about heaven and consider who will get in and how they will get in.

Materials: a financial ledger, housekeeping book, etc.

Step 1: Link: The Ledger

I brought this book in today. Do you have a book like it? ... What kind of book is it? (... a book that shows how you spend money.) This book helps me know how I spend money. I have written down some of the things I have bought, for example (show an example, if you can, esp. a 'large ticket' item like a refrig, etc.)

The Bible teaches that God bought the believers! God paid a very high price for the believers. What was that high price? Let's look at the Bible, I Peter 1: 18,19. (...find, read, answer – the believers were bought with the blood of Christ.)

Well, Jesus, the Lamb, has a book very like this one. He writes the name of each believer in His book. The Bible calls Jesus' book, 'the Lamb's book of life.' We'll see the Lamb's book of life in another place a little bit later.

Step 2: Introduction

Today we are on the last verse of our song! There are – how many? – (... 12) days of Christmas, and today we will sing the – (... 12<sup>th</sup>) day. Last week we learned that twelve is a common number in the Bible. Today is the last day of our song, and we are going to read from the very last book of the Bible. What is the name of the last book of the Bible? (... let them find it on their own and give you the name.) Revelation. The last book is a book of prophecy, telling about the future. Some of Revelation is still a mystery. But today we will read about heaven.

Step 3: Questions

What is the 'bride, the wife of the Lamb'? (the holy city, Jerusalem)

How many times do you see the number '12' ? (3 times – 12 gates, 12 angels and 12 tribes.)

Step 4: Read Revelation 21: 9-12.

Step 5: Answer the questions

Step 6: Introduction 2

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, 12 drummers drumming. (show picture or indicate by motions.) What do you think those 12 drummers mean? (... the 12 tribes of Israel .) The names of the 12 tribes of Israel were written on the 12 gates.

Step 7: Sing the song. (this may be all the further you get because of time.)

Step 8: (But if there's time....) About the gates: Questions 2

Let's read a little more about the gates. But before we do, here are two questions to answer.

Is there a temple in the city? (no, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are right there with all the believers. They are the temple.)

Who will go in the city? (only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.)

Step 8: Read Revelation 21: 21-27

Step 9: Answer the questions

Step 10: Tie it all together

The city is heaven, and the Bible teaches us here that only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life will enter the city. At the beginning of this Bible time we talked about the Lamb's book of life. His book is like this one. (show the financial ledger you brought.)

God bought the believers. Did He buy them with money? (no, with Christ's blood)

God paid a very high price for the believers. He writes every believers name down carefully in the book of life. How can a person get their name into the book of life? (by believing in Jesus)

I hope that all of you will believe in Jesus someday. I hope that your name will be in the Lamb's book of life, like my name is.