



Lesson
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1st-4th

JESUS IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH & THE LIFE

June 8 & 9

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LESSON GOAL:

Jesus and God are one. When we believe in Jesus, we get to be with God forever.

The goal of this lesson is to help the kids understand that the only way to God is Jesus. By following Jesus, we can have life with God.

John 14:1-14

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BOLT: Backyard Summer Camp



KEY VERSE

for the month of June:

Say with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord." Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. Then you will be saved.

Romans 10:9, NIRV

MISSION FOCUS:

Woodmen Students Guatemala Mission Trip

This month, we are praying for the high school students who are going on a mission trip to Guatemala from June 24-July 1. We are also raising money to purchase water filters and stoves that these students will install during their trip.

**Fundraising Goal: \$5,000
By: June 15**



For the month of June:

JESUS IS THE GOOD NEWS

25
min

CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.

SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, **(insert child/parent name)**! Do you have any offering to put in our offering bin? *(Direct child to offering station)*

When you're done, grab today's lesson card. Look up the Bible passage in your own Bible or a classroom Bible and leave your card there as a bookmark. Then, you can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

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min

EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



DISCUSS: Jesus is the Way, Truth & Life

Help kids connect relationally by asking them about their week, then discuss the lesson topic for the day and read the Bible passage together.

SAY:

Let's take turns sharing 3 words about our week. I'll go first!
Share your 3 words then invite the next child to share.

SAY:

Today, we are learning about how **Jesus is the Way, Truth and Life!** This story comes from the Bible in **John 14:1-14!** I'm going to open my Bible to the passage with me so we can read it together!

DO:

Read the Bible passage aloud or pick a child to read it aloud.



CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by thinking through the Big 3 questions and how the lesson relates to them, personally.

SAY:

Let's answer **THE BIG 3** questions for today's lesson!

1. Who is our story about today? **Jesus and His disciples**
2. What is the problem? **The disciples were upset about Jesus leaving.**
3. What will God do? **Jesus is the Way! He died and rose again so that we can be with God in Heaven one day.**

SAY:

Let's connect to the story! Think about these things during our lesson:

1. Why does this matter to me?
2. How can I apply this to my own life?



MAKE: Paper Plate Compass

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies:

Colorful paper plate - 1 per child; arrows of different colors - 2 per child; Jesus is the Way sticker - 1 per child

DO:

Pass out one paper plate per child. Have them overlap the two different arrow pieces in the center of the plate. Have them write "N, S, E, W" on the 4 parts of the plate. Then have them place a "Jesus is the Way" sticker in the center of their compass.

SAY:

Jesus is the Way! Today we get to learn about how Jesus is the only way to Heaven. He can guide us and lead us and wants us to follow Him too! Let's make a special craft to help us remember this great truth about Jesus.



CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.

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LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God by participating in Worship and hearing an engaging Bible story.



EXPECTATIONS

As kids transition to Large Group time, play the expectations video.



HOST MOMENT

After the Large Group expectations video is finished, the Host should welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.



SAY:

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Let's take a few minutes to look at our Missions project for the day and our Key Verse.

MISSION FOCUS

Introduce or share an update about the current mission focus.

KEY VERSE

Introduce the key verse then have the kids watch the Key Verse video.

PRAY FOR WORSHIP & BIBLE LESSON



WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

SONG 1: The Way

SONG 2: Tell the World



LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.



BENEDICTION

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

BLESSING FROM JUDE

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.



TRANSITION

After the benediction, the Host should dismiss the kids to return quietly to their classroom (if applicable) and transition to Respond.

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RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



REFLECT: Jesus is the Way, Truth & Life

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

Worship Response Station

Supplies: “Jesus is the Way, the Truth, & the Life cards (1 per child); markers or crayons

SAY:

God sent his son, Jesus, to live on earth as a person - just like us. But God’s plan wasn’t for Jesus to stay on earth forever. When Adam & Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, it caused sin to separate us from God.

So God’s plan was to send Jesus to die on the cross for our sin. But he didn’t stay dead - he rose again! Then, Jesus went up to Heaven to prepare a place for us. Because Jesus died for us, He made a way for us to get to heaven and live forever with God! All we have to do is admit that we’re sinners, believe that Jesus died for our sin and confess that he is our Lord! Jesus is the way and the truth that brings us eternal life with God forever!

DO:

- Ensure each child has a “Jesus is the Way, Truth and Life” card.
- Ask the kids to sit quietly in their own space to reflect on what the card says.
 - Prayer is how we talk to God. Spend a couple minutes praying. Thank God for sending Jesus as your savior. Praise God for the good things in your life. Ask Him for help with the things you need.
- Tell the kids when they are done, they should sit down quietly and listen to the music while they wait for everyone to finish.

SAY:

As you think about the things that God is trying to teach you today, I want to close our Worship Response time with a blessing.

BLESSING: *May you remember that Jesus is the Way and if you trust and follow Him, He will lead you to God.*



APPLY: Why Does it Matter?

Help kids process what they learned in the lesson by answering the Big 3 questions you asked at the beginning of class.



Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson!

1. Who was our story about today? **Jesus and His disciples**
2. What was the problem? **The disciples were upset about Jesus leaving.**
3. What did God do? **Jesus is the Way! He died and rose again so that we can be with God in heaven one day.**



Let's connect to the story!

1. Why does this matter to me? **When we follow Jesus, He is our way to God!**
2. How can I apply this to my own life? **Model an example and then ask kids to share.**



PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together. Use the Prayer Tags from Check-In to write down prayer requests to take home and pray for during the week.



Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also write it down, if you're not comfortable sharing aloud.



Invite kids to pray for each other, then the leader closes in prayer.

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CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



Encourage kids to finish their Explore craft, utilize the prayer station or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any upcoming events or announcements while handing their parent the announcement card or flyer.