

Scripture Passage: John 14:6-7

Memory Verse: John 14:6

Theme Song: The Way

Big Idea: Jesus is the only way to know God.

READ

Read John 14:6-7 aloud to your family. If your kids can read, consider having one of them read or letting them take turns reading.

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⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

SING

Play "The Way" from the *Doorpost Songs: This Is Love* album and sing together. If you have small children, find a toy instrument and let them bang away! If needed, print copies of the lyric sheet for your family.

MEMORIZE

Pick a section of the verses to memorize as a family. Use the suggestions below or choose your own. Use the long version for older children and the short version for preschoolers.

Long Version (John 14:6)

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Short Version (John 14:6)

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LEARN

Read the Big Idea and short devotional aloud to your family. If you have time, use the discussion questions at the end of the devotional.

What's the Big Idea?

Jesus is the only way to know God.

Family Devotional

Have you ever seen a child who looked just like one of his or her parents? Or maybe you've been told that *you* look just like one of your parents. Sometimes the resemblance is so strong, it's almost like seeing the parent in the face of the child.

Jesus bore a strong resemblance to his dad, too. No, I'm not talking about Joseph. I'm talking about his heavenly Father, God. Since Jesus was both man *and* God, you can imagine why he was a lot like his heavenly Father! That's why Jesus told his disciples that if they really knew *him*, they would also know his Father, God.

Just like the disciples, many people want to know God. They want to find the truth about him. Some even want to find the eternal life that he offers. But there are many different ideas about God and how to know him. How do we know which is right?

Jesus gives us the answer. *Do you want to know God?* he asks. *I'm the way. Do you want to know truth? I'm the truth. Do you want to find eternal life? I'm the life. The only way to God is through me.*

Jesus is the way to salvation. That means being saved from the punishment of our sins and being brought back into God's family as sons and daughters. The Bible tells us that salvation is only found in Jesus, "for there is no other name...by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

So what about you? Have you trusted in Jesus as your Savior? Have you asked him to forgive your sin? Have you committed your life to following him?

If you haven't made that decision, talk with a parent about what it means to become a Christ-follower. If you have, that's awesome! Remember that following Jesus is not just a one-time decision. It's a lifetime of choosing *his way, his truth, his life*. And as we start following Jesus, something pretty amazing happens. We start to look more and more like him!

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TALK

Talk about what you have learned as a family. Use the questions below or ask some of your own.

1. What does Jesus mean when he says, “I am the way, the truth and the life”?
2. What is “salvation”? What does the Bible tell us about the way to salvation?
3. If we began to look more and more like Jesus, what kinds of things would we do? How would we treat people?

PRAY

Pray together. Here are some ideas:

- Thank God that we can know him through Jesus.
- Thank God that we can receive salvation by trusting in Jesus.
- Ask God to help you and your family follow Jesus each and every day.
- Ask God to help you and your family look more and more like Jesus.