

# *The Way, the Truth and the Life*

## TEACHING NOTES

### KEY VERSES

John 14:6

### KEY THEMES

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life

 **Jesus is the way**

 **Jesus is the truth**

 **Jesus is the life**

*Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life.  
No one can come to the Father except through me."  
– John 14:6*

### **Lesson Objective:**

*Seeing Jesus for who He is, that He can be believed, trusted, and followed.*

INTRODUCTION

INNOCENCE

CONSCIENCE

PROMISE

LAW

## PERSONAL STUDY

This session's personal study will seem a bit different than the previous sessions. Regardless, the goal of all the personal studies is to provide you an opportunity for ongoing study of the material from the recent session and interaction with God and His Word.

### Study 1

#### Prepare your heart and mind

Before you begin, take time to prepare by asking the Holy Spirit to give you insight and direction as you study God's Word.



#### Read John 3

While you read this chapter, look for and think about the following:

Jesus, the way

Jesus, the truth

Jesus, the life

It may be helpful to read this chapter multiple times this week. Each time you read, continue to meditate on Jesus being the way, the truth, and the life. Take some time to write down your reflections on John 3:

How is Jesus the way, truth, and life?

What is God revealing about Himself?

What are you going to do with what you've read and learned?

### **Prayer time**

Thank God for communicating to you through His Word. Ask Him to help you make it a key part of your daily life. Thank Him for being the way, the truth, and the life. Ask Him to continue to teach you what that means in your life. Tell Him what's been going on in your life and ask Him to let His Word provide you with the insight or help you need.

### **Key verse**

Put to memory John 14:6 using the scripture card we've provided. Put it up where you can see it throughout the day.

## **Study 2**

### **Prepare your heart and mind**

Before you start, quiet your heart and mind. Ask God to help you focus on what He wants to communicate to you.

### **Connect with an unbeliever**

We know that God has a plan to build His church – both in number and in maturity. As Christ followers, we are maturing in our faith as we study His Word, spend time in prayer, and meet with other believers. We also mature in our faith when we join God in His work of drawing people to Him. Our lives are filled with people who do not know Him yet: family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors. We get to play a part in their faith journey.

Take some time this week to connect with one of the unbelievers in your life. There are many ways to do this: write them, meet them for coffee, call them to chat, go to dinner with them. The method doesn't matter – it's the intent. Invest in the relationship you have with this person. Be purposeful in your conversation. Find out what's going on in their life and be a good friend.

As you prepare to talk with this person, keep the point of the week's teaching in mind: Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you meet this person where they currently are spiritually and ask for His discernment in helping you build a solid relationship that God can use down the road.

**Prayer time**

Spend some time thanking Jesus for being the way, the truth, and the life. Ask Him to continue to show you what that means in your life and the lives of unbelievers around you. Ask God to reveal to you where He is currently at work and may want you to respond. Ask Him to give you the courage to connect with those in your life that are far from Him. Pray specifically for the person that you are planning to connect with.

**Key verse**

Continue learning John 14:6. See if you can write it out from memory.

## PARENT GUIDE

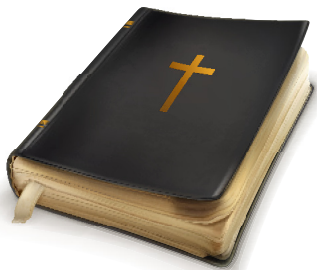
Word Pictures is another tool you will see provided in the Parent Guide. Using pictures to describe words or concepts will help children recall their meaning. This is a simple activity that can lead into a great family discussion about what you are learning in God's Word.

### Word Pictures



When you look at this picture what do you see?

This picture reminds us that Jesus is the only *way* to God. Our sin separates us from God, but when Jesus died on the cross He took the punishment for our sin providing the *way* to God.



What is this a picture of?

When you see the Bible remember these two things: the Bible is God's Word and everything you read in the Bible is *true*. This is why we need to read our Bibles, so that we know the *truth* about who God is. It also teaches us how to live for Him.



What do you think of when you see this picture?

The job of the heart is to pump the blood to different parts of our body. Without it we couldn't live. This is just like Jesus. When we choose to live for Him, He gives us new *life* - a *life* that lasts forever with Him.

## ADDITIONAL STUDY

“Who do you say I am?” This was the question Jesus asked Peter, to which he responded, “You are the Christ, the son of the living God.” This is still a valid question today, because who we believe Jesus to be determines our response to Him. If we believe Him to be just another good man then we will consider His teachings to be equal to the opinions of other great people in history. If we consider Jesus to be another religious zealot, then we admire His passion as misguided it may have been. However, if we believe He was the Son of the Living God, we are compelled to submit and follow because of the authority of the name of Jesus! Let’s take a look at the Gospels to see who Jesus claimed to be.



Read John 6:31-35: Jesus is the Bread of Life



Read John 8:10-12: Jesus is the Light of the World



Read John 10:7-18: Jesus is the Good Shepherd



Read John 10:31-38: Jesus is the Son of God



Read John 14:1-6: Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life



Read John 15:1-8: Jesus is the True Vine

Jesus made many claims as to His true identity, and for that the religious leaders of the day crucified Him because they did not believe. John 1:11-12 says, “He came to His own people, and even they rejected Him. But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God.” The claims of Jesus beg a response from us.