



LOWER
ELEMENTARY
LESSON

Theme:

We can only come to God through Jesus.

Scripture:

John 14:1-14

Memory Verse:

“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life.’”
John 14:6

You’ll Need:

- Four signs with different directional arrows (one up arrow, one down arrow, one left arrow, one right arrow)

Jesus Is the Way

The Children’s Sermon:

Say: Today I brought with me four directional signs. Each has different arrows. (Show the signs.) Let’s see how good you are at following the arrows. As I hold up each arrow sign, look the way the arrow is pointing. (Go through each of the four signs slow, then fast to try to catch them not looking the right way.) You did pretty good. Now as I share about today’s Bible lesson, see if you can follow instructions and look the right way when you see a sign.

Stop and imagine how Jesus’ disciples felt in our Bible lesson today. Jesus knew that the day of his crucifixion was coming and that He would soon return to His Father in heaven. He was trying to prepare His disciples for the time when He would no longer be with them.

“Don’t worry,” Jesus said, “I am going to prepare a place for you. When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will be with me. You know the way to where I am going.”

(Show the up arrow sign and have children look up.)

“No, we don’t,” Thomas said. “We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

(Show the right arrow sign and have children look right.)

Jesus answered him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.”

(Show the up arrow sign and have children look up.)

Philip, another of the disciples, spoke up, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

(Show the right arrow sign and have children look right.)

Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don’t know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me.” Jesus wanted His disciples to know He and the Father were one, and that trusting and loving God and Him is the way to join Jesus one day in Heaven.

(Show the up arrow sign and have children look up.)

Sometimes we get confused by things we hear or see around us and we don't know what is the best choice. It can make us feel a little lost, or frustrated, or even upset.

(Quickly move through the signs so children are looking in all directions.)

When that happens, we can slow down—even close our eyes and take a few deep breaths. (Have children close their eyes so they are no longer looking at and trying to follow the signs and take some deep breaths.) **We can stop trying to follow or understand all the confusing things going on around us and remember what Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” That means if we will give Jesus all our attention and follow what He teaches, He will give us one direction to follow and that is much easier!**

(Show the up arrow sign and have children look up.)

Doing what Jesus says will lead us to the best thing ever—a forever life in Heaven with Jesus and God.

Pray: Dear God, help us give Jesus our attention so we can follow Him. We know that He is the way—the only way to have a forever life in Heaven with You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Bible Memory Verse

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life.”
John 14:6a (NIV)

Lead children in memorizing the Bible verse with these motions.

- **Jesus answered** (point up)
- **I am the way** (point forward)
- **The truth** (make a book with hands)
- **And the life** (put hands on heart)
- **John 14:6**

Lead the children several times through the motions. Encourage children to share their Bible memory verse with their families at home.