

CHILDRENS PROGRAMME

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM? I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE JOHN 14 1-7

Opening Prayer

Dear God,
We are thankful you are the God we can know.
You are with us here and everywhere we go.
We pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.



Starter:

Instructions:

Play a game where you recognise road signs. You could have a go at this quiz on the internet: <http://theory.1driver.co.uk/traffic-sign-quiz/#.XP4keohKiUk>

- How did you do?
- Did you recognise many of the?
- Where have you seen them before?
- Why do we have road signs?
- What do they do?
- What happens if we do not follow road signs?

Our Bible story for this session shows us that Jesus doesn't just point out a good way to go: he said that he **WAS** the way.

Our Bible story for this session is in the Gospel of **John 14:1-7**

Bible Story

Jesus was talking to his disciples at the last supper. His disciples were really worried because Jesus was saying about going away which was confusing them. Jesus comforted them and said that was going to prepare a place for them in heaven. Thomas, one of the disciples, said that they did not know where he was going, so how would they know

where to go to follow him? Jesus replied that he was the way, the truth and the life, that he would guide them to heaven and that if they knew him then they would know his Father (God) too. The disciples still asked him lots of questions. Philip, another one of the disciples, asked Jesus to show them the Father; Jesus said he (Jesus) was the same as the Father.

In this bible reading Jesus is saying that he is a guide. When we go on a long journey, we take a map or a SATNAV these are our guides of how to get somewhere. Jesus is our guide to get closer to God and get to heaven. This is what he meant when he said that he was the way. Jesus shows us some of the dangers too and things that may harm us.

Response:

Make up some actions to the song 'You won't get to heaven on the back of a camel'.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BnePrv_fMa4

Craft:

1. On a piece of paper draw a road. It doesn't have to be straight – it can wind all over the paper if you want. At the end of the road, close to the edge of the paper, draw a cross and then something behind it to represent heaven.
2. Along the road write, 'You are the way, the truth and the life. Help me to follow you.'
3. You can colour in the rest of your page with people who are in your life or places which are special to you.

Extra Game: Treasure hunt

Can you find one of each of these items in your home?

Time how fast you can find each item – which was the quickest to find?

Something cold

Something yellow

Something bouncy

Something wooden

Something smooth

Something precious to you

Closing Prayer

Dear Jesus,

You tell us you are the way, the truth and the life,

Thank you for always being our guide even in difficult times.

Thank you for being patient when we do not understand,

And thank you for showing us how to be closer to God.

Amen