"24" - LESSON 2 "How To Get To Heaven"

Main Focus:

Accepting Jesus is the only way to Heaven



Power Verse:

"...'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." - John 14:6



Watt's Up:

"Jesus Is The Only Way
To Heaven!"

LEADER'S INFO

There are many religions that teach that there are many ways to get to Heaven. If you will give to the poor, make a pilgrimage to a holy city, or simply die trying to bring harm to those who don't believe in your god—your chances for access into Heaven get more and more likely.

Even in the Christian church world, there are many children who are confused as to exactly what is THE WAY to get into Heaven. Is it through going to church every time the doors are open? Giving in the offering? Memorizing scripture?

In this lesson, the children will learn that Jesus is THE way, THE truth, and THE life. The only way to assure your place in Heaven is by putting your trust in Him—PERIOD!



"The Spark" Intro Video

Special Agent Jack Bowow



"Watt's Up?" Teaching Video

Skittles teaches "Watt's Up?"



Character Skit

"Tic Toc"



Offering Time



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Call To Action

"How To Get To Heaven"



Brain Drain

PowerPoint Review Game



Small Group Experience

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CHARACTER SKIT

Character: "Tic Toc" (or Theadora Tocopolous, is obsessed with time. She knows the precise amount of time it takes to do anything, as well as many important events and people throughout history. She claims to be a time traveler & adventurer, but most people thinks she's a little crazy.)

TIC TOC: (wanders out onstage excitedly. She has a stopwatch in her hand and walks right up to the leader) Hello! Are you ready?

Leader: Ready for what?

TIC TOC: Good enough! Aaaaaaand GO! (starts the stopwatch, becomes wild and animated) Okay, okay off to a good start! Keep it going keep it going – yes yes yes – NO!! NO!! STOP IT! STOP IT RIGHT NOW!

Leader: What's going on? What are you timing?

TIC TOC: (ignoring the leader) Okay, good, better, better – OH MY GOODNESS ALMOST THERE! YES! YES! (stops the stopwatch, cries out in frustration) Oh MAN, you were almost THERE! We could've had the record! Oh well. Second place will do! (pulls out a medal and puts it around the leader's neck, throws up a handful of confetti from her pocket, then wraps her arm around the leader) SELFIE! (grins and mimes taking a picture of the two of them)

Leader: Tic Toc, what in the WORLD was that? What were you timing? What did I get second place in?

TIC TOC: (laughs, letting go) I have no idea. But wasn't that FUN? Time is so WONDERFUL!

Leader: (confused) Sure it is. (to the kids) Boys and girls, you remember Tic Toc, right? She loves time and is here because we are studying TIME - the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. She CLAIMS to be a Time Traveler.

TIC TOC: (sighs happily) I remember when Ben Franklin spoke to me with that tone. He was then amazed when he discovered I knew his favorite food – corn dogs.

Leader: (laughs) Corn dogs weren't AROUND when Ben Franklin was alive!

TIC TOC: The man was truly ahead of his time.

Leader: (slaps their own forehead) Tic-Toc, as much as we would all love to hear about Ben Franklin inventing corndogs (to the kids) which did NOT happen (back to Tic-Toc) we actually have to get to today's lesson.

TIC TOC: I already know ALL about it! I'm a Time Traveler! Been there – done that! That's what I said to Beethoven, anyway. The only thing he could say was (holds up her hand to her ear) WHAT?!

Leader: Okay, "Time-Traveler." If you know so much about today's lesson why don't you tell us all about it? (CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)



CHARACTER SKIT

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TIC TOC: Easy! You're telling the kids about how to get to HEAVEN!

Leader: No, we're telling the kids how to get - (pauses, surprised) Okay, you easily could've just heard us say that from backstage.

TIC TOC: Nope. I was busy thumb wrestling Neil Armstrong. But that's not important. What's important is that the kids know that JESUS is the only way to get into heaven!

Leader: That's true! Nowadays there are all sorts of ways people SAY will get you into heaven.

TIC TOC: Right, like being a good person or praying to God a certain way – or you don't even have to pray to God! You could pray to ANY sort of thing and still get into Heaven! But there aren't tons of ways to get into heaven! There's only ONE!

Leader: Yeah, and that's JESUS! Jesus is THE way! The one and only!

TIC TOC: And not just that, He's the TRUTH too! He never lies, EVER! When He said He was the only way to get into Heaven, He was telling the truth!

Leader: And Jesus is also the LIFE! All of those other ways don't lead to Heaven. They lead to death and destruction – but with Jesus we will have eternity! Everlasting LIFE!

TIC TOC: I guess that's why Jesus called himself the Way, the Truth, and the Life! Glad I was here to clear all of that up for you. It's a tough job, but a Time Traveler has to do what a Time Traveler has to do.

Leader: Tic-Toc, you're not really a time traveler.

TIC TOC: That's just what Julius Caesar said before I helped him make his first salad.

Leader: Caesar salad has literally NOTHING to do with Julius Caesar!! And besides, if you really were a Time Traveler – where's your time machine?

TIC TOC: I couldn't POSSIBLY tell you that! But...I'll give you a clue. It involves 17 puppies...and a bowl of mayonnaise.

Leader: That doesn't make ANY sense!

TIC TOC: Who says it has to? I'll see you later boys and girls! I'm Tic Toc, and I'm OUTTA TIME! SEE YA! (bear hugs the leader and skips away as her theme music plays)



Items Needed For Game:

"Lesson 2 Game Intro" Video; a prize of some sort

Preparation:

Play Agent Bowow's "Lesson 2 Game Intro" video. Choose one child to help you with this "training exercise."

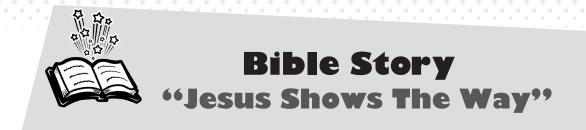
How To Play:

Explain to the crowd that you have a set of instructions. These instructions reveal the steps necessary to get a very nice prize (don't reveal what it is). Have the child follow the steps PRECISELY. If they waver from the directions you give them, they will be disqualified. Here are the directions:

Take 2 giant steps to the left
Do 10 jumping jacks
Say today's "Watt's Up?"
Take 10 tip toe steps forward
Turn around in a circle
Scream, "I love monkeys!"
Clap your hands five times
Make a crazy face
Walk 3 normal steps backward

Come give the leader (you or whoever is leading the game) a "High 5"

Once they complete the steps, give them the prize. Then say, "Well, that was a little complicated, I made it kind of hard for you to get the prize. You had to follow a lot of directions. But, God has not made it hard for us to get to heaven. There is only ONE direction and that is: accept Jesus as your Savior. He is the only way to Heaven!"



Materials Needed:

The Data Disc; the PowerPoint presentation for Lesson 2; begin with the slide that says "Bible Story"; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (as shown)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story in John 14:1-7; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

In this series, we are learning from the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. Remember where we left off? Jesus had gathered all of the twelve disciples to this room in order to have a meal with them. (show pic) This meal was part of The Feast Of The Passover. It is often called "The Last Supper" because it was the last time Jesus had a meal with His disciples.



lesus had just washed the disciples' feet and showed them that a true leader is willing to serve others. After this, lesus began to talk to the disciples about what God was calling him to do. He explained to them that He was not going to be with them much longer. (show pic) Jesus told them, "I am going to prepare a place for you. And you know the way to where I am going."



The disciples looked around at each other. They had no idea what Jesus was talking about. This is the first they had heard of Jesus' plans to leave. They had followed Him for the last three years of their lives. They believed He was the Messiah - the Savior. One of the disciples, Thomas, said to lesus, (show pic) Lord, we have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?"



The disciples were confused. Thomas and the others assumed lesus was talking about another city that He was going to travel to, but Jesus was talking about Heaven. Jesus was about to give His life to pay for the sins of the world. He would then have to go to Heaven to prepare a place for all of His followers to come and be with Him forever.



Not understanding that Jesus was talking about Heaven, Thomas had said, "We don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered with one of the most powerful statements He had ever made. (show pic) He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. None can come to the Father except through me."

That's exactly what you are going to learn about in your lesson today. You are going to learn exactly what that statement Jesus made really means. You are going to learn how Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.



Materials Needed:

The Data CD; The DVD; a pen and piece of paper; a sticker

Preparation:

Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data Disc titled "Lesson Two," begin with the slide titled "How To Get To Heaven"; play the "Lesson 2 Call To Action Intro" Video before you begin

The Message: (title slide)



Today's lesson is called, "How To Get To Heaven." The world says that there are many ways to get to Heaven. They say, "Trust in Mohammad! Pray to Buddha! Do good deeds! Be a nice person! Go to church!" Those are all things that people say will get you to Heaven. The world doesn't believe that there is only ONE WAY to Heaven. But, Jesus said something very important in our Bible Story today...

Jesus Is The Way (slide)



"I am THE WAY..." Jesus said this after He shared with the disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them. What place was Jesus going to prepare? (allow response) That's right! Heaven is Jesus' home, so He certainly knew how to tell us how to get there, right?

(choose a volunteer from the audience) Boys and girls, I am excited because I have invited _____ (name of volunteer) to my house for dinner. There's only one problem. They do not know how to get to my house. Now, what if they come to me and say (have your volunteer repeat after you), "How do I get to your house?" I say, "I would love to tell you how to get to my house. Do you have a pen and paper to write down the directions?" (pull out the pen and paper and hand it to them) "Of course you do. OK, write this down as I tell you the directions. Go straight down Main St., turn left on 3rd street, and then go 6 blocks." (once your volunteer has written down the directions, show them to the audience) Now, kids, I have given my friend the directions to my house. This is THE way to get to my house. What happens if my friend decides there are many ways to get to my house and they choose one of those ways? What if along the way to my house some people on the side of the road say they have a better way to get to my house? What if my friend here chooses to follow their way instead of the way I gave? (allow response) That's right, my friend will probably get lost and never make it it to my house. It's MY house, and I know how to get there. The way to get there is to follow the instructions I gave, right? (allow your volunteer to sit down)

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Just like my friend, ______, should listen to the directions I was giving to MY home, we should pay close attention to the directions that Jesus is giving to His home, Heaven. The world tries to say there are many ways to get to Heaven, but the world is not who we should listen to. Jesus knows the way to Heaven. We should listen to what He says is THE WAY to get there. He said, "I am THE WAY." That's one of the things that is so amazing about Jesus. He is THE WAY! But, also...

Jesus Is The Truth (slide)

When something is the TRUTH, you can't argue with it. It doesn't matter if you BELIEVE it's true. If it's true—then it's true, right? (place the sticker in the middle of your forehead) I have a sticker in the middle of my forehead. But, you know what? I don't want to BELIEVE that there's a sticker on my forehead. I choose to believe that there is NOT a sticker on my forehead. But, guess what? There's a sticker on my forehead, isn't there? Even though I don't believe it—it's still the TRUTH.

But, you don't get it. What if I go to my friend's house and she tells me that there is NOT a sticker on my forehead. So, I begin to doubt whether or not there is a sticker on my forehead. Does that change the fact that there is a sticker on my forehead? (allow response) Nope! Because the TRUTH is—there's a sticker on my forehead.

Boys and girls, the TRUTH is the TRUTH. Jesus said, "I am the way, and the TRUTH..." There are many people in the world who believe that Jesus is not the way and the truth. But, just because they don't believe it—it doesn't change the TRUTH! No matter who believes it, no matter who doubts it—the TRUTH is the TRUTH. Jesus is THE TRUTH! That's another thing that is amazing about Jesus! But also...

Jesus Is The Life (slide)



Jesus is THE LIFE—eternal life! He is the only way to find true life—in Heaven! God's plan all along was for us to accept Jesus as our Savior, be forgiven of our sins, and spend eternity in Heaven with Him. That's THE LIFE that God has to offer through Jesus.

Jesus is THE WAY, THE TRUTH, and THE LIFE. No one comes to the Father in Heaven except through accepting Him. He is ready and willing to forgive each and every one of our sins and give us THE LIFE God has promised for us in Heaven. That's amazing! Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Him.

ALTAR RESPONSE: (play soft music)

Pray with those children who have not received Christ as their Savior. Pray that God will help them always believe in Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life.



BRAIN DRAIN

Materials Needed:

The Data Disc; The DVD

Preparation:

Play the "Brain Drain" Video Intro off the DVD; Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data Disc titled "Lesson Two," begin with the slide titled "Brain Drain"; there is a slide for each question

- I. Watt's Up today?
 - **Answer:** "Jesus Is The Only Way To Heaven!"
- 2. What did Jesus say he was going to go away to do?

Answer: prepare a place

3. Which disciple said he didn't know where Jesus was going?

Answer: Thomas

4. Where was Jesus referring to when He said, "You know the way to where I am going"?

Answer: Heaven

5. Is there more than one way to get to Heaven?

Answer: No

6. If something is true, does choosing not to believe it make it false?

Answer: No

7. According to our lesson today, "Jesus Is The _____."

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- 8. According to our lesson today, "Jesus Is The _____."

 Answer: Truth
- 9. According to our lesson today, "Jesus Is The _____."

 Answer: Life
- 10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: John 14:6