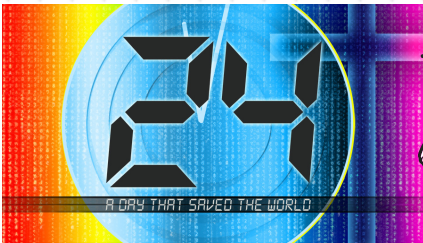


# Small Group Experience

## LESSON 2 - “How To Get To Heaven”



### Watt's Up:

“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

## Retelling The Bible Story

### SUPPLY LIST:

\* No additional supplies needed

### TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

To review the Bible Story, read the provided lesson excerpt aloud. Pause every time you say the name Jesus. Tell the kids to listen for you to say “Jesus.” When they hear you say that name, they should point to the sky and say “Is the way!” Continue on this way through the entire story.

**Say** - “Wow, you all found you’re WAY to small group and I am so thankful. Our time together today is going to be WAY fun! I am going to read the story aloud and I want you all to listen for a name. The name I want you to listen for is Jesus. When you hear me say “Jesus” I want you to point to the sky and say, “Is the WAY!” Let’s begin.”

### -Read the provided lesson excerpt aloud-

**Say** - “**Jesus** (pause) had gathered all of the twelve disciples to this room in order to have a meal with them. This meal was part of The Feast Of The Passover. It is often called “The Last Supper” because it was the last time **Jesus** (pause) had a meal with His disciples. He had just washed the disciples’ feet and showed them that a true leader is willing to serve others.

After this, **Jesus** (pause) 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. He 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** (pause) was talking about. This is the first they had heard of his 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 **Jesus**, (pause)” 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 **Jesus** (pause) was talking about another city that He was going to travel to, but he was talking about Heaven. He 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 (pause) was talking about Heaven, Thomas had said, “We don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus (pause) answered with one of the most powerful statements He had ever made. He said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. None can come to the Father except through me.”

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**Say** - “Thank you for helping me during the story. You really reminded me who is the WAY!”

**Ask** - What do you think Jesus meant when he said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life?”

**Ask** - Is Jesus still the way, the truth, and the life for us today?

## **Game/Activity**

### **SUPPLY LIST:**

- \* “Get There Gertrude” Print Piece (*provided; print one per kid*)
- \* Construction paper
- \* Scissors (*several pair for the kids to share*)
- \* Glue sticks
- \* Tape
- \* Various craft and office supplies like paper clips, straws, pipe cleaners, etc.

### **TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:**

*Before small group begins, print the “Get There Gertrude” Print Pieces. Once activity time begins, pass out the supplies and print pieces. Allow each kid to cut out one Gertrude to use in their project. They must use the provided supplies to make a way for Gertrude to get to heaven. This could be anything they can imagine. This will be a fun concept reinforcing activity to remind the kids that in the end, there really is only one way to heaven, and that is through Jesus!*

**Say** - “As you can see, I have collected quite a random assortment of supplies. They will come in handy for our next activity. This is Get there Gertrude. Gertrude wants to get to heaven, but she needs a WAY there. That is where you come in! Each of you will use the provided supplies to make a WAY for Gertrude to get to heaven. I will give you several minutes to complete the assignment.”

**-Allow time to complete this task-**

**Say** - “I am very impressed with your creations! You guys did a great job. Gertrude wants to get to heaven and she will, if she follows Jesus!”

## **Group Sharing**

### **SUPPLY LIST:**

- \* “The WAY” Print Piece (*provided; print one per kid*)
- \* Pencils, crayons, or markers

### **TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:**

*Before small group, print and cut “The WAY” Print Pieces. Once group sharing begins, give each kid a print piece and something to write with. Divide the kids into smaller groups and begin.*

**Say** - “I am dividing you all into groups and giving each person a paper. You’ll notice that there are two kids on the page.

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**Ask** - How does the kid at the top left look?

**-Allow kids to respond-**

**Say** - “You are correct! That kid looks sort of confused. They are holding a map, but it’s not a helpful map. The world wants us to believe that there are lots of different ways to get to heaven. There are lots of people who will tell you that there is more than one god and more than one way to believe.”

**Ask** - What is wrong with the world’s way of thinking about different ways to get to heaven?

**-Allow kids to respond, discuss their answers with the group-**

**Say** - “There is another kid on your page, the one on the bottom left hand side. How do they look?”

**-Allow kids time to respond-**

**Say** - “This kid seems to have found the true WAY to heaven. Our power verse speaks to that WAY. The words of the verse are printed on your page. Take a few minutes and read them with your group. Discuss what it means to you and write your answers in the blanks.”

**Ask** - Would anyone like to share what they wrote?

**-Allow kids time to respond, discuss their answers with the group-**

## **Prayer Time**

**Say** - “I am so thankful that God made it simple for us. There is one way to heaven and that is through his son Jesus Christ! Let’s take a minute and thank God for his son Jesus, the WAY!” (PRAY)

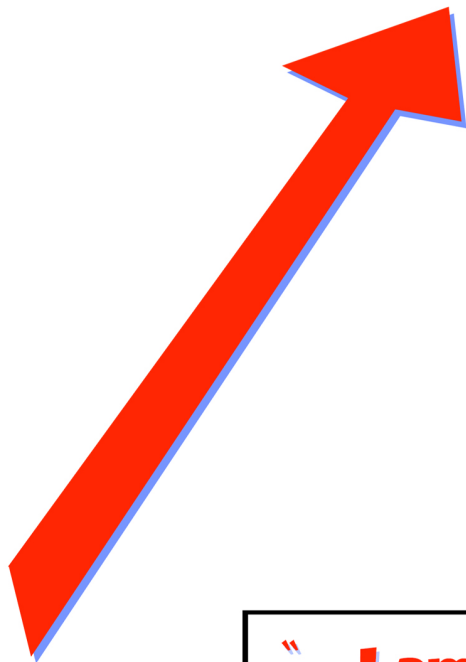
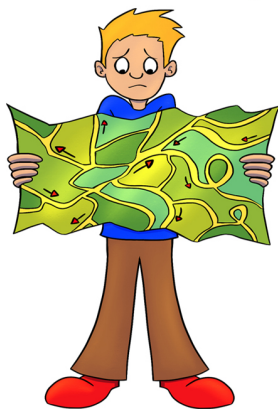
## **Closing**

**Say** - “The disciples were upset when Jesus told them he was leaving. They loved Jesus and wanted to know the way to follow him. They wanted to know the way to be with Jesus again one day. Jesus helped them understand that they already knew the way. In fact, he was standing right there in front of them! Jesus is the way! The plan that Jesus gave the disciples is the same plan for you and me. If we love Jesus and want to be with him again one day then we must make Him the Lord of our life. He is the WAY to heaven. Jesus is the one and only WAY! If we follow him we will be with him again one day. WOW! How awesome is that? I am so glad that you all were here today. What a great lesson! I will see you all next week.”





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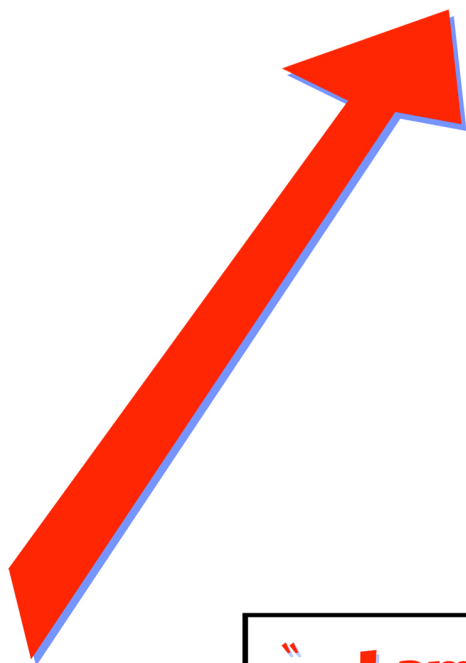
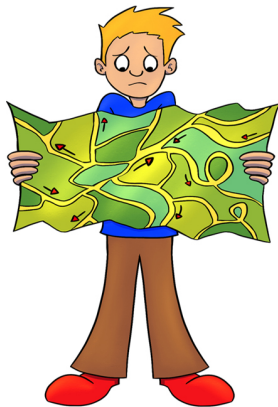
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