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I am Here to Share Jesus Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Jesus is the way, the truth and the life - John 14:1-14

Bottom Line: Jesus is the Only Way

Leader Context: Kids will learn this week that Jesus is the only way to have a relationship with God forever. In John 14:1-14, Jesus taught that He is the way, the truth, and the life. Brokenness in our lives and our world can lead to confusion about what is true and how we can have a relationship with God. Jesus made it clear that the only way to have a relationship with God is through Him. This is good news kids can share with others so they will also know the way to have a relationship with God.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

Social

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, Small objects (several), Dice (2 per group) Jump, Clap, Say Whoop Poster (printed on 11x17 paper- 1 per group) Large Piece of Paper, marker, painter's tape

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

Videos

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

Do you think Jesus' disciples were confused when He told them that they knew the way to where He was going? (*Allow response.*) It sounds like they were! Then Jesus told them that He is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the only way to God. They knew the way because they knew Jesus! Everyone, say, "Jesus is the only way!" (*Jesus is the only way!*)

Jesus is the only way to have a relationship with God, and God offers this to everyone! God offers this to who? (*Everyone!*) This is an important truth to share so others can know how to respond and follow Jesus too!

Gospel Connection: (refer to the 4 Circles poster in your small group spaces)

(Circle three) Jesus came to earth, lived a perfect life, died on a cross, and rose from the dead to be our way—the *only* way—to God! The what way? (*Only!*)

(Circle one) When we have a relationship with God, He gives us a relationship with Him—one where we love and follow Him the way He created us to live. It's the way God designed from the beginning God created the world perfectly. Everything in the world was perfect when He created it. There were no problems, no sadness, and no sickness. The people on earth had a relationship with God and spent time with Him.

(Circle two) But those first people made wrong choices and changed their relationship with God and each other. The perfect creation God designed was ruined by sin. *Sin* is when we choose to do what we think is best rather than follow what God says is best. Sin leads to problems and brokenness. We *all* sin. The brokenness from sin breaks our relationship with God. Even when we try hard to be good and do what's right, we still sin and need to be rescued from sin. We need a way to fix our relationship with God. Let me hear you say, "We need a way!" (*We need a way!*)

(Circle three) **Jesus is the only way** because He is the only One who can rescue us! Jesus took the punishment we deserved for our sin by dying on a cross. On the third day after Jesus died, He came back to life and showed that He's the King of everything—more powerful than both sin and death! Jesus gives us life now and forever with God.

(Circle four) Jesus said He was going to prepare a place with many rooms for His disciples, and they will be with Him in that place someday. This place that Jesus prepared is for everyone who follows Him. We can respond to Jesus when we confess our sin, ask Jesus for forgiveness, turn away from our sin, and believe that **Jesus is the only way** to find forgiveness and true life. When we trust and follow Jesus, He prepares a place for us with God the Father. It will be much greater than any of us can imagine, like things were before sin came into the world. **Jesus is the only way** to be rescued from sin, to have a relationship with God, and to live with Him forever. Say, "**Jesus is the only way!**" (**Jesus is the only way!**) When we know this truth, we can pass this on and share the truth about Jesus with people like our friends and family so they can also know and believe that **Jesus is the only way!** Say, "I am here to share Jesus!" (*I am here to share Jesus!*) If you have questions or want to know more about trusting and following Jesus, talk with me or your Campus Leader. We would love to pass on the truth about Jesus!

We had a great time learning the truth that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the *only* way to God and a forever relationship with God. We can always trust Him and follow Him because He is the One who gives us life forever. **Jesus is the only way** to God! Who is the only way to God? (*Jesus!*) Everyone, say, "**Jesus is the only way!**" (**Jesus is the only way!**) **Jesus is the only way** to find forgiveness and a forever relationship with God, so we can share this truth about Jesus with others. We want everyone to know that **Jesus is the only way**, so they can believe and trust in Him and have a relationship with God! Remember, we are here to share Jesus! Let's pray and talk to God, thanking Him for providing a way to spend life forever with Him! Pray with me in 3-2-1.

Jesus, thank You for providing the only way to have a relationship with God the Father! Thank You for taking the punishment for our sin and giving life forever to everyone who trusts in You. Help us share this amazing truth with others. Amen.

Arrow Letters Craft

Kids write **Jesus is the only way** while using arrows to make some of the letters.

Big Goal: Remember that **Jesus is the only way** to God.

Leader Prep: Set out supplies.

1. Write **Jesus Is The Only Way** in big letters on your piece of paper (in all uppercase letters or capitalizing the first letter in each word).
2. Draw black arrows that point up to make the first letter in each word. Either draw one big arrow to make each letter, or you can draw lots of little arrows to form each letter.
3. Decorate the rest of the paper with arrows in other colors pointing in different directions, except up.

Supplies: Construction paper (1 per child), Markers (several), Pencil (1 per child), Child-safe scissors (1 per child; optional), Glue sticks (1 per child; optional), "Arrow Letters Example" printable (1 per group), (*Younger Kid Adaptation- Jesus is Only Way printable (1 per kid), arrow stickers (15 per kid), markers*), Sample crafts for each group

What To Do: Today we are going to use arrows to write **Jesus is the only way**. Trusting in **Jesus is the only way** to have life with Him forever and the only way to know God. We are going to write **Jesus is the only way** on our papers, but there is a catch. Say, "Ooo, a catch!" (*Ooo, a catch!*) Draw arrows that point up to make the first letter of each word, then trace them with a black marker. Once you've written **Jesus is the only way** on your paper with black, you can decorate the rest of your paper with others arrows that point in different directions (other than up) in different colors. This will help you remember that **Jesus is the only way**. Other people may say that are different ways to have a relationship with God, like the other arrows on your picture, but the truth is that **Jesus is the only way** to have a relationship with God.

Younger Kid Adaptation: Pass out the Printable to each kid with 15 arrow stickers. Encourage them to place arrows on each of the letters that have straight sides. If there are left over arrows, they can place them on their picture.

Loud And Clear: **Jesus is the only way** to God. When we trust in Jesus, we know God. (*Consider reading John 14:6-7.*) This is the best news ever! We are always pointing people in the right direction when we are pointing them to Jesus. Since **Jesus is the only way** to have a relationship with God, we can share and pass on this truth to others. Everyone, say, "I am here to share Jesus!" (*I am here to share Jesus!*) (*While kids are completing this activity it would be a good time to talk through the discussion questions so they know why remembering Jesus is the only way is important.*)

Let's chat about this more by looking at some questions that make us think deeper.

Discussion Questions:

- What is something you know how to do so well that you could give instructions and tell the rest of our team how to do it? *(Allow kids to answer. Suggest things like making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, making a bed, doing the dishes, and so forth. Share that, when it comes to having a relationship with God, Jesus gives us the instructions because He is the only way to have a relationship with God.)*
- How many different ways can you complete a crossword puzzle correctly? *(One.)* We can only complete a crossword puzzle one way because that's how it was designed. The Bible tells us there is only one way to have a relationship with God, and that way is through believing in Jesus. How can this help when we might wonder if there are different ways to have a relationship with God? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)*
- The Bible tells us we are here to share Jesus because He is the only way to God! Let's open our Bibles to **John 14:6** and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud, or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* How does Jesus say that we can know God, His Father? *(by knowing Jesus)* Jesus tells us that anyone who knows Jesus also knows God! How is it encouraging and helpful that Jesus said He is the only way? *(Allow kids to answer. Remind kids that we don't have to guess or wonder what's right or wrong. We can trust Him and follow Him.)*
- We can all know God by believing and trusting in Jesus. Who can know God by trusting in Jesus? *(All of us!)* We can believe and trust that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life—meaning He is the way to have a life and relationship with God for everyone who turns away from sin and trusts in Him. How can you pass on the truth about Jesus being the only way this week? *(Allow kids to answer.)*
- The Bible tells us we are here to share Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life. We can pass on the truth about Jesus being the way to God because we want everyone to know the way to have a relationship with God! Everyone, say, "Pass it on!" *(Pass it on!)* What is something you learned today?

Is there anything you have questions about? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)* Let's pray and talk to God. *(Lead the group in prayer. Consider using the following prayer prompt.)*

Jesus, You are the way, the truth, and the life. Thank You that we can always trust You and that You are the only way to have a relationship with God. You invite everyone to from sin and find forgiveness and life in You. Help us remember to follow You every day and pass on to others the truth of the life You give. Amen.

We are here to share Jesus because He is the only way to have a relationship with God. Jesus gives life forever to anyone who turns from sin and trusts in Him! Let's remember to share Jesus with others by telling them all about the life Jesus gives to anyone who comes to Him.

Going Home

Pass out the coloring pages for kids to take home. Greet families as they arrive and tell them something about their child you saw today. Say goodbye and call everyone by name.