

## 5th Grade

### Unit 4: Jesus the Son

#### Truth 29: Jesus is the only way to the Father.

##### INTRODUCTIONS/ WEEKLY TRUTH:

- **Booklet:** Write today's truth: "Jesus is the only way to the Father."

**MEMORY WORK:** Lead the group in a discussion about why memorization is important when it comes to scripture and other important works of faith. See if they remember the following points:

- **Booklet:** Have kids write the unit Bible verse: John 3:16 ~ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
- **Game:** Reinforce the verse for today by using one of the activities in the Memory Verse Activity Box.

##### BIBLE TRIVIA

- **Booklet:** Have kids fill in the blanks for the following Bible trivia and then go over the answers as a class.
  - 27. God gave Joseph the gift of interpreting dreams. He helped Pharaoh save Egypt from a famine.
  - 28. The Pharaoh's daughter found Moses hidden in a basket in the river.
  - 29. God spoke to Moses in a burning bush and said to go tell Pharaoh to set God's people free.
  - 30. God parted the Red Sea allowing Moses to lead the Jews out of Egypt.
- **Game:** Reinforce today's trivia by doing an activity from the Trivia list. Add in any previously learned trivia from the list in your leader's guide.

**APOSTLE'S CREED:** Before reciting the Apostles' Creed together, have the kids find the parts that refer to Jesus specifically. Let them know that today they will be looking at why Jesus is so important to our faith as Christians.

##### DISCUSSION:

###### Read John 8:42.

Jesus claimed that those who love God also love whom? (Jesus)

Why does he claim this? (It was God who sent him to the world.)

Do you think it's possible to love God but ignore or dismiss the one he sent? (Encourage discussion.)

###### Read John 14:1-7.

Who does Jesus say we should believe in? (God and Jesus)

What does it mean when Jesus says that he will come and take us to himself? (It means that we will be where Jesus is, in heaven.)

Look carefully at verse 6. Are there many ways get to be with God? (No, only through Jesus because he is the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the father except through him.)

How does it feel to know that there is only one way to the Father? (Encourage discussion. You may want to ask questions that help them see that it might sound a little scary, but it is also encouraging and comforting to clearly know the way. We don't have to guess, we know.)

**Extended Discussion:** Talk about what it is like when you go on vacation or drive somewhere. Choose a specific place that the kids would like to go to. Could you get there by going in the opposite direction? Would you likely get there by just taking random roads without any plan or direction? Discuss how this is like what

Jesus has given us. We know the way precisely, so we won't get lost. Being without Jesus is like someone who just starts driving and hopes to get to a specific place by chance. Which way feels more secure?

Have kids illustrate this concept by drawing a map with many roads and then clearly showing which one is the only way to the Father. Have them each share their drawing with the group.

**Summary:** The Bible describes those who believe in Jesus as being "in Christ." It means everything that Jesus has is now ours! We are cherished sons and daughters of God. We are accepted by God. We will live forever with God. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, and he is the only path to God the Father.

**PRAYER:** Ask kids if they have any prayer requests. Lead the kids in reciting the **Lord's Prayer** together, then pray as you feel led.

**SNACK AND COMMUNITY TIME:** Pass out snacks and water if needed. Spend the rest of the time in fellowship or consider doing a communal game from the list if kids are getting antsy and need more structure.

- **Memory Challenges:** Allow any kids who want to attempt one of the memory challenges to do so.