

Is Jesus Really the Only Way?

Almost half of American adults believe that you can work your way to heaven. Most people, even when we know Jesus, default to a works-based approach to our faith. Some may believe that being a good person is enough, that everyone goes to heaven, or that all religions are the same. Remind your child that salvation is not something we earn, but a gift God gives through His Son, Jesus.



Read Genesis 11:1-9

God instructed people to fill the Earth. Instead, they chose to gather in one spot and build a city, including a great tower so that they could make a name for themselves. God protected them from their wrong desires by confusing their language and scattering them.



Read John 14:6

God wants a relationship with His people, and it has to be on His terms, not ours. We can never work hard enough, or build a tower high enough to reach heaven. Because He is great and holy, our sin separates us from Him. Jesus is the only way to life eternal.

BY GOD'S GRACE WE ARE SAVED

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

DISCUSS: Have you ever heard someone say something like “all paths lead to God”? What would that mean?

DISCUSS: Have you ever heard kids talk about other ways that people can go to heaven?

DISCUSS: What does God have to say about that?

SAY: Some people say that if God loves everyone, He will make many paths to get to Him. Some people think all gods and all religions are ultimately the same and if you just believe in anything, you will go to heaven. The truth is, we can only go to heaven when our sin is removed, and there are no other paths that remove our sin. Being good doesn't remove our sin, because we will always sin more. We need grace and forgiveness. That only comes through Jesus. John 3:16 says, *For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*



PRAY

God, no one is greater than You! Through Jesus, You made a way for us to know You. Help us live with thankful hearts for all You have done. Amen.