

# Lesson 46



7-18-2021  
LEADER GUIDE

## I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, & THE LIFE

JOHN 14:1-11

### GOAL

▶ **To reveal Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life!** Jesus is the way because He is the gate, the path, and the final destination to eternity in heaven with God. He is the truth about everything and the fulfillment of all prophecy concerning the promised Messiah. He is the life because He is the Creator of all life, and He sustains every living creature. Teach children to choose the way of Jesus because His way is right; teach them to filter everything through God's Word, so that they are able to discern truth from lies; and teach them to understand that their very next breath comes from God, and that it is Christ, alone, who gives eternal life.

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### WORDS TO KNOW

▶ **Way:** Instruction on how to do something, how to think, and how to arrive at a destination. In the context of this story, Jesus claims that His instruction is perfect and life-giving, and that He is the only path to Heaven.

**Truth:** What is true about everything. The actual reality of what is both seen and unseen. In the context of this story, Jesus claims that everything He says is certain. His doctrine is always right, and His commands and rules are righteous.

**Life:** The force that gives and sustains life. In the context of this story, Jesus claims to be the source of life behind every living thing and the only means to sustain or restore it—physically and spiritually.

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### MEMORY VERSES

▶ **John 14:6:** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

**John 8:32:** You will know the truth and the truth will set you free.



## OVERVIEW

**Read John 14:1-11:** This story presents the vision of Jacob's Ladder—the great ladder to heaven—and the revelation concerning its mystery. Jesus says, "I am the way the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus is the answer to the promise of a Savior—the promise that God would make a way for mankind to confidently approach Him in order to find mercy and grace and the promise to make the Kingdom of God accessible to all who believe on His name. In this story, we can find comfort in the promise of Heaven and the ever-nearing promised return of Christ.

## SUGGESTIONS

**Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Without Jesus, we are unable to find the path that leads to life, our understanding is limited, and we have no hope for an eternal existence. Discuss each item:**

- 1. Way:** Jesus is the way, without whom we would be lost and heading toward destruction; we would be unable to find the gate and keep to the path that leads to eternal life in Heaven.
- 2. Truth:** Jesus is the very definition of truth, and without His truth, we would be unable to discern right from wrong or truth from lies. We would be forced to rely on our own inadequate understanding or on the limited understanding of others. Without the light of God's truth, we would stumble in darkness.
- 3. Life:** Jesus is the giver and sustainer of all life. Whether we acknowledge Him or not, He is the one who gives us our next breath; without Him, we would physically die. The same is true spiritually: Apart from faith in Jesus, we would remain dead in our sins, and we would have no hope for eternal life.



## QUESTION & ANSWER

### SLIDE 1



**Q1a:** Who did God speak to in a dream?

**A1:** God spoke to Jacob in a dream

**Q1b:** Have you ever dreamed you could fly?

**TN:** In our dreams, we often find ourselves in strange situations with incredible abilities. If we dream we can fly, that doesn't mean we can once we wake up. Not all dreams, however, are nonsense; sometimes, God uses our dreams to communicate with us. There are several instances documented in the Bible in which God spoke to people through dreams. All we need to do when we're not sure whether God has communicated to us through a dream is to compare it to Scripture. If the message or action suggested in the dream doesn't match up with Scripture and Jesus' goals for our lives, then it was just a dream.

### SLIDE 2



**Q2a:** What did Jacob see in his dream?

**A2:** Jacob saw a ladder that stretched all the way to Heaven.

**Q2b:** Is it possible to build a ladder that reaches all the way up to Heaven?

**TN:** No. Heaven isn't really a place that exists in the sky, so no matter how high up a ladder reaches, it would never reach all the way up to Heaven. In this story, Jesus teaches us the only way to reach Heaven is through our faith in Him.



## QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 3



**Q3a:** Why did Jesus come to live among mankind?

**A3:** Jesus came to serve and to give up His life as payment for our sins.

**Q3b:** Jesus said He was preparing a place for us in Heaven. What do you think that place will be like?

**TN:** Let students answer and get creative. Before moving to the next question, remind students that in Heaven, we will be in the presence of God and that there will be no pain or sadness.

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SLIDE 4



**Q4a:** When did Jesus say He would come back?

**A4:** Jesus said He would come back when His perfect paradise is complete, and when the time is right.

**Q4b:** Does anyone know the exact time when Jesus will return?

**TN:** No, but that doesn't stop people from trying to predict it. Jesus said no one knows when He will return, and if He said it, then no one knows.



## QUESTION & ANSWER



**Q5a:** Who asked Jesus how they would know the way to find where He had gone?

**A5:** Thomas asked how the disciples would know where Jesus had gone.



**Q6a:** Who asked Jesus to show the disciples the Father?

**A6:** Phillip asked Jesus to show the disciples the Father.

**Q6b:** Can you just walk into the White House and talk to the president?

**TN:** No way! There is a lot of security at the White House to keep the president safe, which means that walking in without an appointment isn't going to happen. Even more impossible than that is knowing God and getting to Heaven without first knowing Jesus. Belief in Jesus is the only way to know God and to receive eternal life in Heaven.

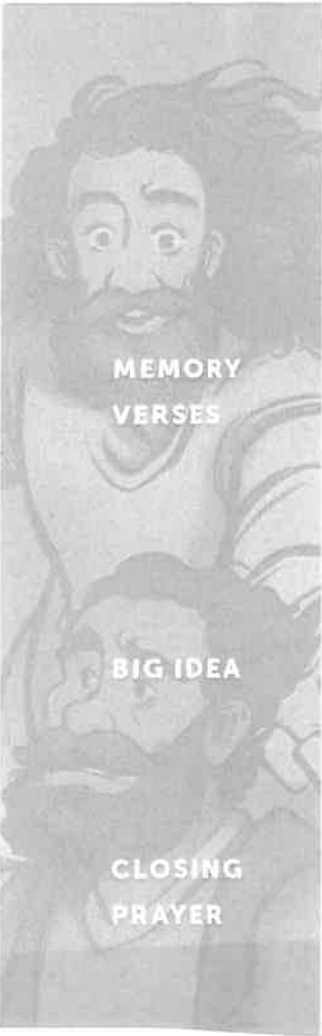


**Q7a:** What did Jesus' death build?

**A7:** Jesus' death built a bridge between earth and paradise.

**Q7b:** Where can we find this bridge that Jesus built between earth and paradise?

**TN:** There is no literal bridge between earth and Heaven. Bridges help us to cross over rivers, canyons, and other obstacles. Before Jesus, there was no way for humans to enter the Kingdom of Heaven: sin had separated us from God. When Jesus died for our sins, He reconnected us to God and made it so we could enter Heaven. Our faith in Jesus allows us to cross into Heaven and live for eternity in the presence of God.



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Jesus' death on the cross has created a path for us to follow on our journey to eternal life in Heaven.

Dear Lord, help us to follow Your ways and walk in them with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Jesus, You said You came to give us life and help us to live our lives in a way that honors You. May we always speak the truth in love and live in the good of Your truth. We ask these things in Jesus' name, amen.

# "I AM" THE WAY, TRUTH, & THE LIFE CROSSWORD ANSWER KEY

### **Across**

4. "You will know the truth and the truth will set you **(Free)**."
5. Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled ... I go to **(Prepare)** a place for you."
7. What Bible character had the most amazing dream about a ladder that reached down from Heaven? **(Jacob)**
8. In the dream about the ladder to Heaven, **(Angels)** were freely moving between Heaven and earth.
9. Thomas was confused about Jesus' statement that he was soon to depart. He said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the **(Way)**?"

### **Down**

1. Jesus declared, "I am the way, the truth, and the **(Life)**! No one comes to the Father except through me."
2. Without the truth, we would be unable to discern right from **(Wrong)**.
3. Jesus is the only means to create, sustain, and restore life both physically and **(Spiritually)**.
6. Truth is the actual reality of what is seen and what is **(Unseen)**.
7. **(Jesus)** is the promised Messiah who came to bring salvation to the whole world!

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**Family Devotional**



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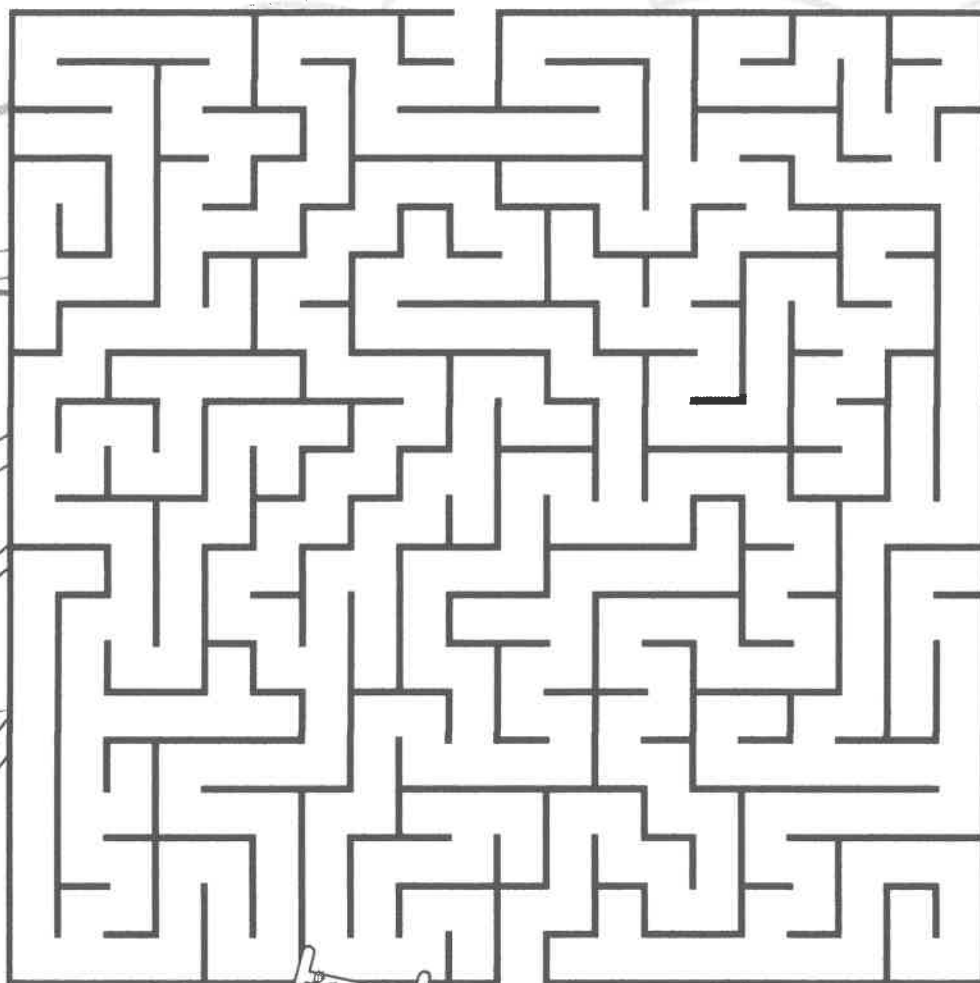
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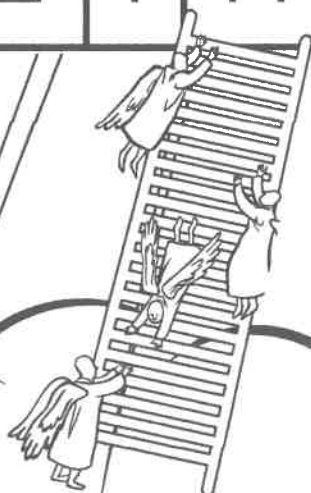
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Guide the angels to heaven.

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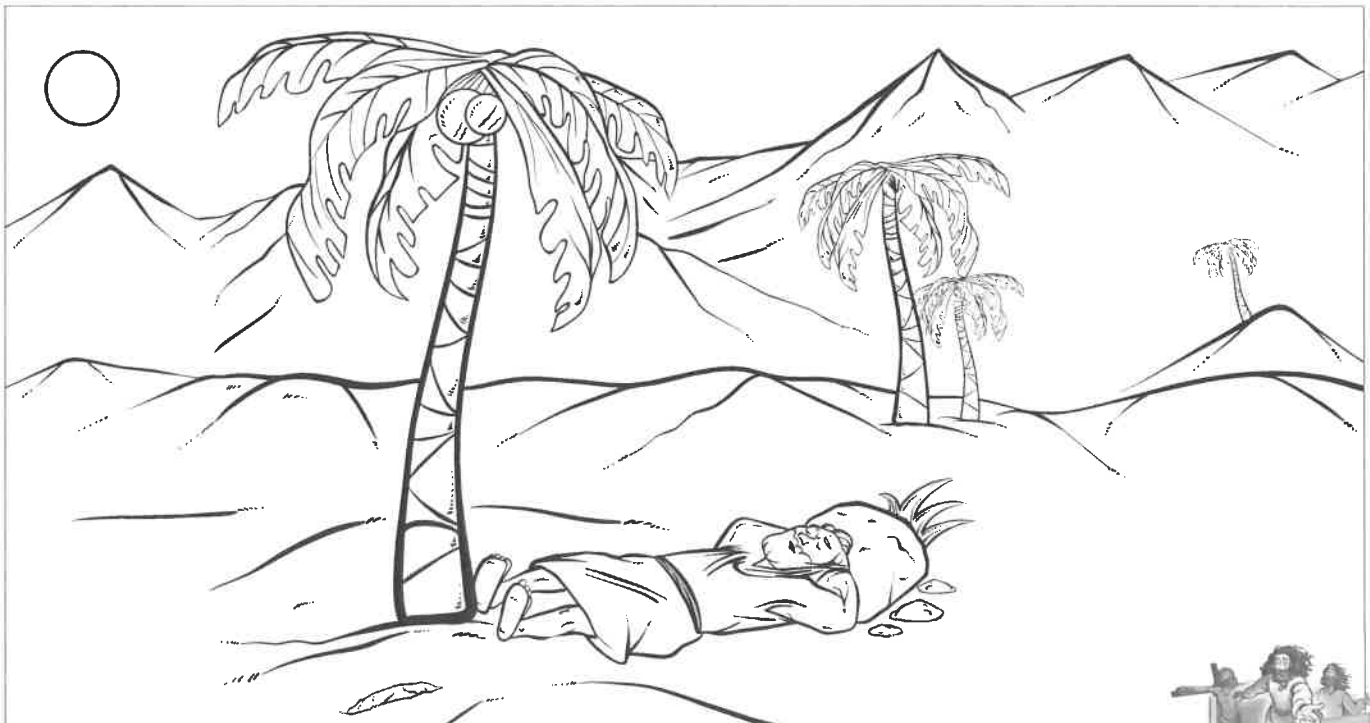
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# "I AM" THE WAY, TRUTH, & THE LIFE

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



# "I AM" THE WAY, TRUTH, & THE LIFE



Discover the hidden words.



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## Word Bank

SALVATION

PREPARE

JACOB

ANGELS

HEAVEN

LORD

LIFE

FATHER

WRONG

SPIRITUALLY

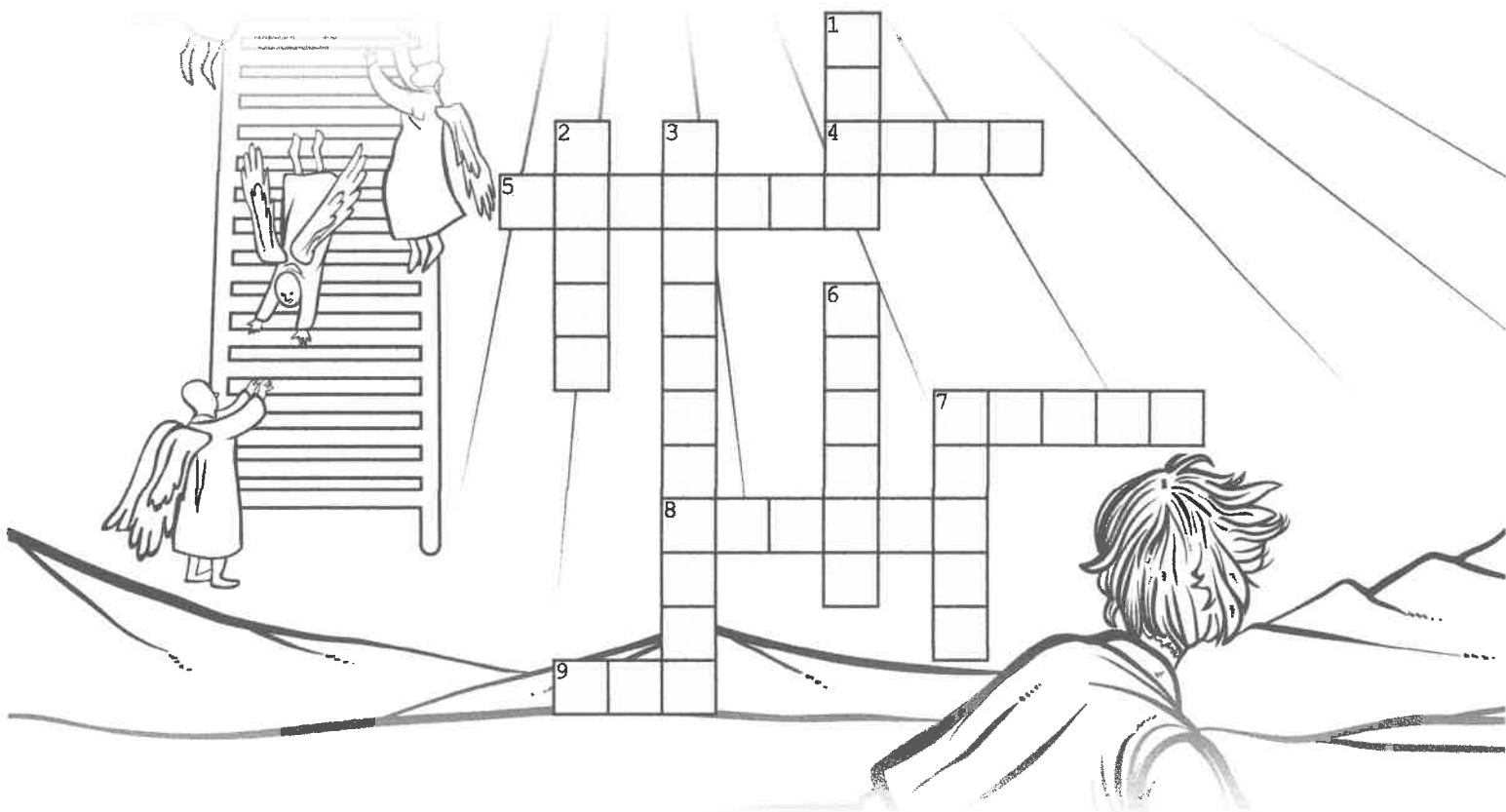
JESUS

MESSIAH



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