

### LESSON 2

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

### LESSON AT A GLANCE

**WONDER TRUTH:** Jesus Is the Way to God

**SCRIPTURE:** John 14

**GOD'S BIG STORY:** Shortly before His death on the cross, Jesus prepares His disciples for what lies ahead, comforting them and teaching them that He is the way to God.

**Activity: Where Are You Going?**

**Activity: Follow the Path**

**Worship**

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**Activity: Create a Trail**

**Wonder@Home™**

Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

## Activity: Where Are You Going?

**SUPPLIES:** toy cars (1 per kid)

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church. Give each kid a car and let her drive it on the floor. You can instruct kids to drive their cars to specific places in the room or allow them to race their cars.

**Welcome! When you came to church today, you probably rode in a car. A car takes us wherever we need to go. A car can take us to a friend's house. A car takes us to the store too. A car helps take us to where we are going.**

**In God's big story, we'll learn about when Jesus told His friends—the disciples—that He was going away. They were confused and asked where He was going. Jesus knew where He was going, and He knew the way. We'll learn more about it in our story today!**

## Activity: Follow the Path

**SUPPLIES:** painter's tape, cones (optional)

Before kids arrive, create a straight path on the floor using painter's tape or cones.

**In today's story, we'll learn about when Jesus told His friends that He was going to His Father's house to prepare a place for them. Jesus told the disciples to follow Him and trust Him because He is the way to God. Let's follow the path to remind us that we can trust Jesus to show us the way to God!**

Encourage kids to walk the path from beginning to end. When they get to the end, clap for them and say the Wonder Truth: Jesus is the way to God!

**Our Wonder Truth today is JESUS IS THE WAY TO GOD.**

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

**JESUS**—Arms out on both sides.

**IS THE WAY**—Point straight in front of you.

**TO GOD.**—Point up.

## Worship

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** songs from the [I AMs of Jesus Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

**Today, we're learning Jesus is the way to God. We'll learn in God's big story how God is getting a place ready for us and that we can follow Him.**

Play songs from the [I AMs of Jesus Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

## God's Big Story

**SUPPLIES:** Bible

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** [God's Big Story Video](#)

**Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about when Jesus was talking with His friends, the disciples.** Encourage the kids to say, "Jesus." **Let's find out from the Bible what Jesus said!**

Show the kids the God's Big Story Video or read the story from the Bible or use the Script provided.

As you go through God's big story, you can invite kids to mimic the actions you do.

**Jesus did amazing things on earth.** Applaud. Pause for kids to mimic action. **"Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world. It was time for him to go to the Father"** (John 13:1). Rub eyes as if crying. Pause for kids to mimic action.

**Jesus was going to make the way for people to come to God and live forever!** Applaud. **But the disciples were worried, and Jesus wanted to help them. He told them there was a place for them in God's family.** Cheer. Pause for kids to mimic action.

**"There are many rooms in my Father's house," He said** (John 14:2). **That's where Jesus was going—to His Father's house.** Point to the sky. Pause for kids to mimic action. **He told the disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life"** (John 14:6). **People who believe in Jesus will live forever because Jesus is the way to God.**

## Prayer and Blessing

**Let's talk to God. God, thank You for Jesus. Help me to follow You! In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

**Blessing:** May you believe in Jesus, follow His way, and know He loves you very much.

## Activity: Create a Trail

**SUPPLIES:** pom-poms (several handfuls)

Before kids arrive, set out pom-poms. Before the game, spread out pom-poms around the room.

**In today's story, Jesus tells His disciples that He is the way to God. Let's create a trail to remind us of our Wonder Truth: Jesus is the way to God!**

Have kids bring you the pom-poms from around the room. Line the pom-poms on the floor to make a winding trail.

**Leader Tip:** Consider saying the Wonder Truth each time a kid gives you a pom-pom.