

Christ Church Kid's Lesson



John 14

The “way” and the life...what does this mean? Jesus tells us that He points the way to life. There are other things that might “point” us in the right direction, too, and this lesson will explore some of those concepts. To get started let's watch this fun video that tells the story of John 14.

<https://youtu.be/wZPWf2jWTmw>

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going.” -John 14:1-4

Where do you think this “house” might be?

What is Jesus talking about?

Jesus is talking about preparing a place in Heaven. This wasn't just for those disciples, but for all of us!

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."
-John 14:5-7

Here comes Thomas with questions again. This thought might have been on the minds of the other listeners, too...he wants to know the way to this "house." How can we come into a relationship with God? What's the answer Jesus provides? HE is the answer! He is the way. Most houses have doors that must be passed through in order to enter. Jesus is saying He is the doorway. He is the map, the route, the way to get to eternal life.

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. -John 14:8-11

It's almost like Jesus is saying here, "haven't you been listening to what I'm trying to tell you?" He has established that He is one with God, and yet the disciples still don't quite understand. In fact, they still have trouble grasping this concept, even after the death and Resurrection! But this certainly should take care of any doubt we might have about the Trinity. Jesus is the Son of

God, but He declares here that He is one WITH God, also. He is God made man...anyone who knows Jesus knows God, and Christ is the way to God.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. 13 Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. -John 14:12-14

What does this mean? Jesus is giving us a great promise. If we believe in Him, and who He says He is, He will grant us great things. However, this does not mean we will suddenly work miracles or fly or be able to ignore other details in life...Jesus has already given us something amazing through His death and Resurrection. He has already given us life! These verses remind us that our own works do not save us. Jesus saves us. He is one with the Father and is preparing an eternal home for us. He wants us to pray and to stay close to Him.

We pray for things “In Jesus’ Name” because He told us to do so! He loves us and wants a relationship with us. And we know that He will listen when we call. We don’t need a map, a compass, or a key to get into Heaven. Jesus is the way, and He gives us life, now and forever!