

# HOME connection

ST Unit: Life's Big Questions, Lesson 4

## D6 Family Theme:

WHY IS JESUS THE ONLY WAY?

### Objectives:

**Know:** All of humanity is in need of a Savior and Jesus is the only One capable of saving us.

**Think:** Keep in mind that Christianity is an inclusive religion because the offer of salvation is available to everyone.

**Do:** Look for opportunities to share how Jesus is the way to salvation.



## READ: LISTEN TO GOD

**Read John 14:6; John 8:24; Romans 3:10-26; Galatians 2:16.** Many people reject the exclusive claims of Christ. For some, the idea that there is only one way to God seems closed-minded and hurtful. In fact, some Christians question whether Jesus even claimed to be the only way to God. The Bible says Jesus is the only way to God.



## PRAY: TALK TO GOD

The Bible teaches that humanity is in desperate need of salvation. Pray with your family and thank Jesus for dying on the cross for you, even in your sin. Pray that you and your family will recognize that the rest of humanity deserves salvation too.



## DO: WALK WITH GOD

**OPTION 1:** Everywhere you look there will be someone doing things differently than you. They will tell you that their way is the right way and your way is the right way. Everyone can have his or her own truth. Read a book to your child or have your child read a book, but start from the end of the book. Tell your child that there is only one way to read a book in English: from left to right and from beginning to end. In the same way, there is only one way to get into Heaven: through Jesus. Jesus' salvation is available to anyone who is willing to accept Jesus' way.

**OPTION 2:** Take your family to Starbucks to talk about choices. Howard Schultz (former CEO of Starbucks) mentioned that there were over 70,000 options for how to order coffee at his stores (some estimates are even higher). Or go to Baskin Robbins and look at the ice cream choices. Go to your grocery store and check on the breakfast cereal choices. We all love having choices! When it comes to religions you can choose Christianity, while others pick from Islam, Hinduism, Scientology, Jehovah's Witness, Mormonism, Buddhism, Sikhism, and the list keeps going. With coffee, ice cream, or cereal, our choices don't matter all that much. But choosing Jesus makes a difference for eternity!



PRE-  
SCHOOL

Today your child learned God created each person with special differences in skin, hair, and eye color. God loves each person because He created each person to be different and special. We are all God's masterpieces. **God Made Me Special** and I am God's masterpiece.



K & 1  
GRADE



2 & 3  
GRADE



4 & 5  
GRADE

Today your student learned Jesus is the only way to have eternal life in Heaven. He or she learned Jesus was God's plan for forgiveness of every person's sin. We are to look for opportunities to tell others about Jesus and that He is the only way to Heaven.



YOUNG  
TEEN



HIGH  
SCHOOL

Talk with your teenagers about whether or not the gospel is exclusive. Is it exclusive to say that Jesus is the only way to salvation? Yes, it excludes earning our salvation by our own merit. It excludes any route to eternal life other than accepting Jesus' death on our behalf. But the good news of salvation is that it is inclusive—everyone is included in God's offer of salvation! Talk to your teen about what would happen if you put diesel fuel in your gas tank or gas in your diesel tank (<https://blog.allstate.com/fuel-functionality/>). Would you call this warning exclusive?



YOUNG  
ADULT

Group members examined the question, "Why is Jesus the only way?" They were challenged to look for opportunities to share how Jesus is the way to salvation.



ADULT

*FUSION* group members discussed how all of humanity is in need of a Savior and Jesus is the only One capable of saving us. Members were encouraged to look for ways to tell others about the truth of the gospel.