

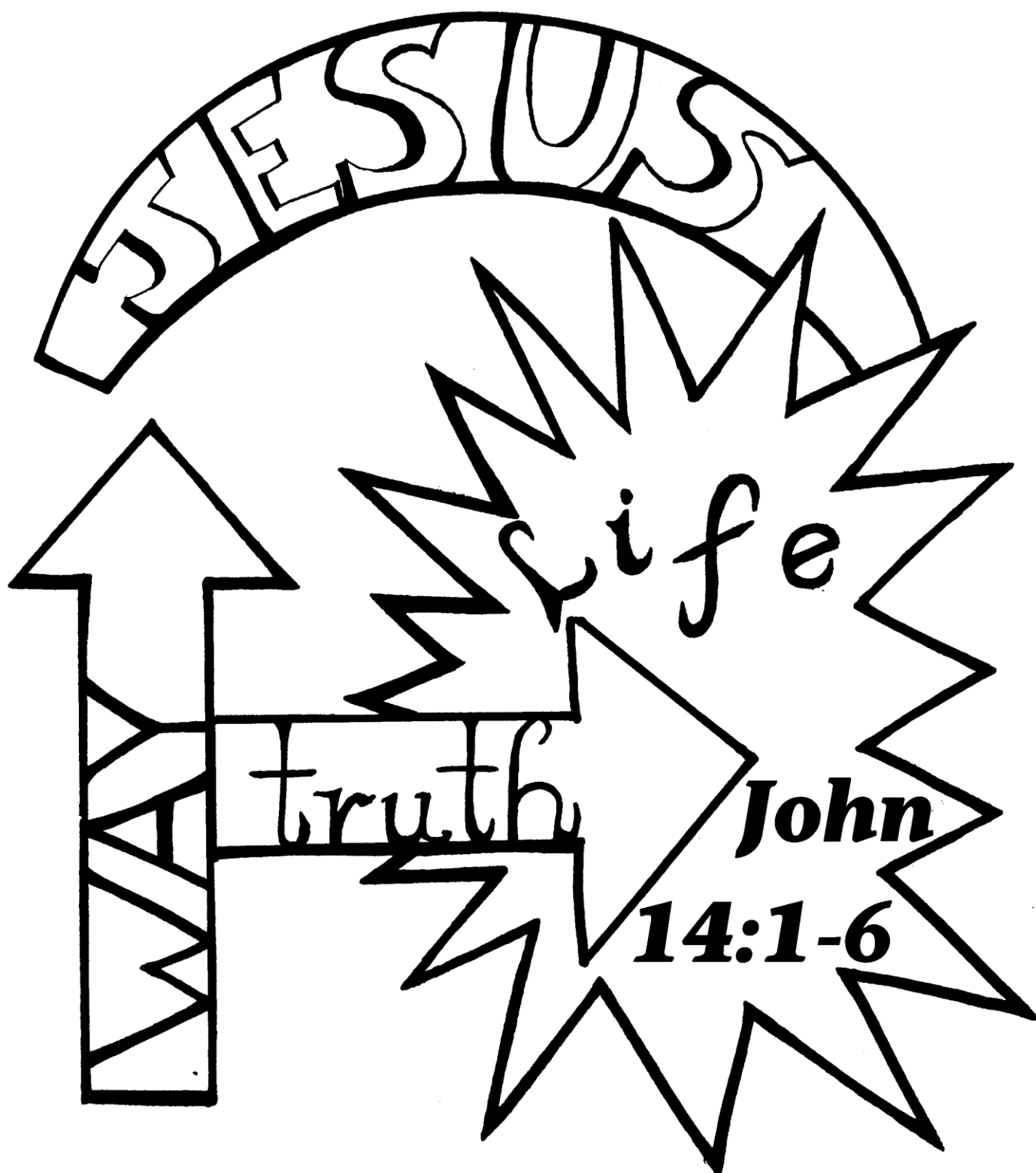
Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 231: THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE
JOHN 14:1-6

Jesus said, "Don't let your heart be troubled, you believe in God, believe in me too. There are many rooms in my Father's house. I would not tell you this if it were not true. I am going there to prepare a place for you. After I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back. Then I will take you with me, so that you can be where I am. You know where I'm going, and you know the way."

Thomas said, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to the Father is through me."

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MEMORY VERSE:

"Don't let your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe in me also." **JOHN 14:1**

Review Questions

True or False

1. Jesus said, 'Don't let your head be troubled; you believe in God, believe in me too.'
2. In my Father's house there are many mountains, if it wasn't true, I would have told you.
3. Jesus said, 'I go to prepare a place for you.'
4. He said, 'If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back. Then I will take you with me, so that you can be where I am.'
5. Jesus told them, 'You don't know where I go, and you don't know the way.'

Questions

1. Jesus told the disciples "You believe in God." – Who else did He tell them to believe in?
2. In Jesus' Father's house (God's house) – what is there?
3. Jesus told them He was going to prepare what?
4. Did Jesus tell the disciples that they knew where He was going? Did He tell them they knew the way there?
5. So where was it that He was going? (to His Father's house in heaven) – And what is the way there? (Accept Jesus into your heart & be saved!)
6. When Jesus told them they knew where He was going, and the way there, what did Thomas say?
7. Jesus said to Thomas, "I am the _____, the _____ and the _____." (fill in the blanks).

Lesson 231 Activity

The Trust Game

Ask for some volunteers from your class to play a game. Explain that you want to blindfold them and one by one, when you say, “go” they will fall backwards into your waiting arms. They must keep their bodies and legs straight and fall straight back. You can vary the distance of their falls by catching them at different heights. Just make sure to catch them every time!

Some students will have no problem trusting if the distance of their falls is close. Some that you catch at a greater “fall-distance” will bend their legs and bodies to catch their own fall. Explain to your class that real “trust” is completely trusting, no matter what is going on, or what it feels like – even if it seems like we are going to fall and get hurt. When we trust Jesus, we know that He’ll catch us no matter how close we come to the ground. **We can always trust Jesus.**

Faith Walk

Using chairs and tables and other objects, set up an obstacle course for one of your student volunteers. Take your volunteer outside of the class and tell them to wait there for just a minute. Then go into the classroom and tell the other children (quietly!) that you want them to shout the wrong way for the child to get through the obstacle course – and that you will be doing it twice, but they should say the wrong directions). Now, bring the child back into the classroom and tell them that the class will shout directions to them to help them get through the course.

Put your volunteer at the entrance to the maze and blindfold them. When your volunteer begins to make their way through the maze, he or she will undoubtedly get off course or bump into chairs, etc. When it is obvious that they will not be successful stop the class and ask your volunteer what the problem is. They will say that they can’t understand the directions to get through, or that the others were telling them the wrong way.

Now, start over again, but this time you take the hands of your student and walk them through the course. They will still be blindfolded and the class will still be shouting out the wrong directions, but this time they will be successful because of your guidance.

Explain to your class that this is EXACTLY what Jesus does for us. The world shouts out the wrong directions to us in our life, and when we follow them, we get tripped up and off course. When we follow Jesus by doing what the Bible says, and by listening to the Holy Spirit, we get through our situation just fine, because He can see what we can’t, and He wants us to make it through any situation without getting hurt.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to trust Jesus with our lives. If any children have not yet responded to the gospel, give them an opportunity to do so.