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# One Way!



**Bible Verses:** John 14:1-14

**This plan will unpack why Jesus is the only way.**

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## Opening Prayer

Dear God, thank you for the Bible. Please help us to know You better as we read it. Amen.

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## God's House - Warming Up

Ask the children to draw a picture of God's house. They may work alone or in groups of 2 or 3. You might like to get the children to show their drawings to the rest of the group and talk about them.

**The Point:** For fun and to open up the idea of relationship with God.

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## Journey To His House - Teaching Time (Bible Study)

Before the session, print out each verse of the following passage separately and stick on them on a route around your venue. Try to make the route as long as you can - like a journey.

**<sup>1</sup>Jesus said to his disciples, "Don't be worried! Have faith in God and have faith in me. <sup>2</sup>There are many rooms in my Father's house. I wouldn't tell you this, unless it was true. I am going there to prepare a place for each of you. <sup>3</sup>After I have done this, I will come back and take you with me. Then we will be together. <sup>4</sup>You know the way to where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said, "Lord, we don't even know where you are going! How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>"I am the way, the truth, and the life!" Jesus answered. "Without me, no one can go to the Father.**

Take the children on a journey, visiting each of the verses you've stuck up. At each verse, use the questions provided to help the children unpack what the passage is saying. It would be really good if you have done the maps activity in the warm up section.

Questions for discussion:

1. Say that Jesus had just been telling his disciples what was going to happen to him and they were scared and worried. What do we worry about? What does Jesus say to do when we are worried?
2. Who is Jesus' father? What sort of rooms do you think there are in God's house? What does the end of this verse say?  
There's a place for all of us in his house!
3. Can we get to God's house on our own? Who has to take us there?
4. Where do you know the way to? School, the shops? How do you feel when you know the way? Safe!
5. Say that Thomas didn't really get what Jesus was saying so Jesus makes it really obvious in the next verse.
6. When you go on long journeys, who knows the way? Usually the grown ups you're with - this means we don't have to worry because they will take us there. Where is Jesus going to take us? Do we have to worry about how to get there on our own?

**The Point:** To help the children to understand this key scripture.

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## In My Father's House - Take Away (craft)

### Equipment

Squares of paper – about 20cm along each side, landscape photo of each child (or digital camera/printer), felt tips/pencil crayons, glue sticks.

### In My Father's House

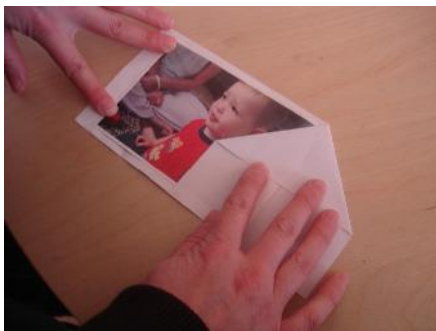
Give each child square of paper. Place it flat in front of you. Fold the top edge down to meet the bottom (make sure the open edges are towards you).

Fold one side edge across to meet the other – this makes a smaller square. Open that fold up again and then take the right hand edge in to meet the crease you just made. Fold and open out again.

Now for the tricky bit! Take the top right hand corner and, whilst holding the other side flat, pull the top fold down to meet the inside fold.



Stick your photo on the rectangle to the left – behind the entrance way you've just created.



Draw a door on the entrance way. You could write, 'I love to be in my Father's house' on it too if you like.

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### Way To Go - Response    Memory Verse

*"I am the way, the truth and the life!" Jesus answered. "Without me, no one can go to the Father."  
John 14:6*

Before the session, hide the verse somewhere in the room and make up a series of clues to find it - hide the clues in the appropriate places too. Have 4 or 5 clues before the verse. For younger children, simple clues like "Go to the radiator under the window" will be enough. Older children might enjoy more cryptic clues "Keeping you warm where the sun shines in". Have the next clue at each place they arrive at.

Learn the final verse together. Or you could have a part of the verse written on each new clue so that they build it up gradually.