

The Way

For younger learners

Items needed: 1 sheet of blank paper per person, pens or pencils, a map app like Google Maps or Waze.

Bible truth: Jesus is the way.

Bible verses: John 14:6- *Jesus answered, “**I am the way** and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

1. Do: Ask your learners to draw a map of their bedroom, their home, their street, or an area that they are familiar with. Ask them to be sure and label important items like their bed and dresser, the kitchen and bathrooms, which house on the street is theirs, etc. Ask your learners to present their maps to the family and explain them.

2. Teach: In Acts 22:4 Paul says, “I persecuted the followers of this **Way** to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison.” What **Way** is Paul talking about here? He’s talking about people who followed the teaching of Jesus. Jesus called himself the *Way* in John 14:6. (Read this passage together.) The only way to get to Heaven is to go through Jesus. Jesus is the roadmap to God. No one can find their way to Heaven, to God’s presence, without following Jesus, because Jesus is the only road, or *Way*, that will lead us to God.

3. Discuss: Open your map app. Ask your learners to give you the name of a place they would like to go right now. Pull up the directions and look at them together. What happens if you miss an exit? Does the map adjust to let you fix your mistake? (Yes.) If a road is blocked can you go another way? (Yes.) But the only road to Heaven is through whom? (Jesus.)

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For older learners

Items needed: A previous knowledge of the TV show *The Mandalorian*.

Bible truth: Jesus is the way.

Bible verses: John 14:6- *Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

1. Do: The Mandalorians are fond of saying, “This is the way.” What are the rules that the Mandalorians live by?
2. Teach: In Acts 22:4 Paul says, “I persecuted the followers of this **Way** to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison.” What **Way** is Paul talking about here? He’s talking about people who followed the teaching of Jesus. Jesus called himself the *Way* in John 14:6. (Read this passage together.) The only way to get to Heaven is to go through Jesus. Jesus laid out for us a way of living that is like the Mandalorian code. Love God and keep him first. Love others as you love yourself. Tell others about Jesus. That is Jesus’ *Way*.
3. Discuss: Did you know that before Jesus’ followers were called Christians they were called followers of the *Way*? It’s true. The name “Christian” came later. What are some other things that Jesus taught that could be added to the list above that are part of Jesus’ *Way*? (Keep peace as much as it depends on you. Do good to everyone, but especially those of the house of faith.) What is something that we say or do, as a symbol that we share with other followers of Jesus’ *Way* to remind each other to follow the way our Savior laid out? (Cross, Bible, Fish symbol)

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