

Through The Maze Group

Group Activities

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Sermon Title: ["The Way Through the Maze"](#)

Scripture Reading: John 14:1-14

BIBLE VERSE PUZZLE: OPTION 1: Teacher can have children trace the Bible verse onto a piece of construction paper and cut the verse into several pieces and hand to the child next to him for that child to try and piece the puzzle back together. When each child has finished piecing the puzzle back together, he can say the Bible verse out loud to his classmates. Then have each child pass "that" puzzle to the "next" child and everyone can try to put the new puzzle together and repeat the Bible verse again.

OPTION 2: Teacher could also have the Bible verse in several different puzzle envelopes for children to take turns trying to put together. After all have completed those puzzles, children can give that puzzle to someone else, so that everyone has a different puzzle to try and piece together and then recite the verse out loud again!

WHERE ARE "YOU" GOING game: Tell children they are to run and find something but the teacher won't tell the children what they are looking for? The children will be told they'll know what they're looking for WHEN they find it!!! If children can't find the hidden object, they can return to the teacher and follow the teacher to find out what they're looking for! Tell children to say "WHERE ARE YOU GOING"... and when the teacher leads them to the object (ideas... Bible with a book marker in John 14:6, or a Bible verse written on a book marker, or a piece of candy with the Bible verse wrapped around it, etc), children and teacher can sit down and talk about the Bible story today!

MAZE BIBLE VERSE: Have children draw a squiggly line around a piece of paper and write their Bible verse on that squiggly line. Color in the little shapes where the lines come together for an "added effect" for their maze poster! For extra fun, have children hand someone else their verse maze and see if they can read it and follow the verse along the lines!

"WAY, TRUTH AND LIFE" POSTER - Give children a piece of construction paper and some very colorful neon markers (if available) to use their imaginations in drawing WAY, TRUTH, LIFE on their poster! Children can title their poster with JESUS IS....! Have children recite their Bible verse when their poster is completed!

PATH FUN: Teacher could prepare several different paths around the church or a designated area. These paths could be marked with different colored feet (one color for each path) and at the end of each path could be a DEAD END sign. Then the teacher can have the children follow the RED FEET down a path that will end in a big sign that will say HEAVEN! Let children write their name on that HEAVEN SIGN when they reach that destination! The "red feet" can stand for Jesus' blood that washed our sins away!

PLAY DOUGH ART: Have children work together to "roll" their various colors of play dough, to form the words, "**WAY, TRUTH, LIFE**". Ask children a question about the story and when they answer, let them add a letter to the above word list until all the words are in place.

MAZE TREATS HUNT: Give children a maze or an area they can walk through to get a little treat from the basket after trying to recite today's BIBLE verse or after answering a question about the Bible lesson today!! While sitting around in a circle together at the end of the TREAT MAZE, have children talk about our lesson today and say altogether JESUS IS THE WAY!!

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