

## Run the Race



Parents, below are a few activities you can try at home together to help reinforce and continue teaching on this week's Bible story.

Overview:

**Big Idea:** Jesus is the one true God and following Him is the only way to eternal life.

**Bible Basis:** John 14:5-14

**Key Verse:** John 14:6

Grade 1-2 Activity: **BIBLE BRIDGE**

**Today's Bible verse:**

*"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."* John 14:6

**Directions:** Practice saying the verse together several times. Next, choose two people to form a "bridge" by facing each other and holding hands in the air. Tell the other person/people to get into a line and walk in a circle under the "bridge." As the others march in a circle, sing the following words to the tune of "London Bridge Is Falling Down."

*Can you say our memory verse, memory verse, memory verse?*

*Can you say our memory verse?*

*It's your turn!*

At the end of the tune, have the two people forming the bridge lower their arms around the person who is under the bridge. Encourage the person who is trapped under the bridge to say the verse aloud. When finished, have the "trapped" person replace one of the people making up the bridge and repeat. Continue until everyone has had a turn saying the verse.

Grade 3-4 Activity: **The A-MAZE-ING RACE**

**Set Up:** Print a copy of the “Amazing Mazes” for each person. (**Note:** there are two different age-appropriate versions for younger and older kids.)

**Say:** Today we learned that Jesus is the way, truth, and life. In the Bible, Jesus said that, “*No one can come to the Father except through me.*” Let’s play a game that will help us understand what that means.

**Directions:** Give everyone in your group a copy of the “A-maze-ing Mazes” along with a pen or pencil. Each copy includes three mazes. When you say “go,” have everyone begin working on the first maze. After eight seconds, yell “switch” and quickly pass your maze to the person on your right (counterclockwise). Everyone will have to pick up where the previous person left off. Continue yelling “switch” every eight seconds until someone has completed the maze. Upon completion, the victor will have to jump up and do an “a-maze-ing” dance. Repeat this activity for the remaining two mazes.

When finished, ask the following questions:

1. How many ways were there to reach the end? (*Answer: Only one. Every other way led to a dead end.*)
2. Jesus said, “*No one can come to the Father except through me.*” How were these mazes kind of like that verse? (*Answer: There is only one way to reach heaven and that’s through Jesus.*)