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Claims Jesus Made "I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life!" by Connie Trautman

Bible Passage: Read John 14:1-14 (CEV).

**Verse 6 Jesus said, "I am the _____ the _____ and the _____.
Without me, no one can go to the Father."**

1. Jesus said to his disciples, "Don't be _____! Have faith in God and have _____ in me." (Verse 1)
2. Jesus said there are many _____ in my father's house. (Verse 2)
3. I am going there to _____ a place for you. (Verse 2)
4. After I have done this, I will _____ back and _____ you with me. Then we will be together. (Verse 3)
5. Thomas said, "Lord, we don't even know _____ you are going! How can we _____ the way?" (Verse 5)
6. "I am the _____ the _____ and the _____!" Jesus answered. (Verse 6)
7. "Without me, no one can go to the _____. (Verse 6)
8. "From now on, you do _____ him, and you have _____ him." (Verse 7)
9. "If you have seen _____, you have seen the _____." (Verse 9)
10. "Have faith in me _____ simply because of the things I do." (Verse 11)
11. "I tell you for certain that if you have faith in me, you will do the _____ things that I am doing." (Verse 12)

Understanding the Bible Passage: John 14:1-14 (CEV)

1. How do you handle worries that trouble you? _____
2. What is Jesus doing in His Father's house now? (Verse 2) _____
3. What does Jesus promise to do after he has prepared the house? (Verse 3)

4. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus is preparing a place for you in heaven?
5. What can you do to prepare to meet Jesus when you die? _____
6. What did Jesus mean when He said He was the Way? _____
7. What did Jesus mean when He said He was the Truth? _____
8. What did Jesus mean when He said He was the Life? _____
9. Who did Jesus say was the only way to God the Father? (Verse 6) _____

Claims Jesus Made

“I Am the Resurrection & the Life”

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Bible Passage: Read John 11:17-45 (CEV)

Verse 25: Jesus said, “I AM the one who _____ the _____ to _____. Everyone who has _____ in _____ will live, even if they die.”



John 11:25

Vocabulary:

1. resurrection
2. tomb
3. mourn
4. funeral
5. wailing

Discussion:

1. Where do you bury the dead in your country?
2. Do you have any special activities that the family participates in during the time of a family death?
3. Do you have a special day set aside during the year to remember the dead?

Bible Passage: John 11:17-45 (CEV)

1. How long had Lazarus been dead? (vs. 17) _____
2. Is it possible that he only fainted? Why or why not? _____
3. Many people had come from the city to _____ Martha and Mary because their _____ had _____. (vs.19)
4. What did Martha do when she heard Jesus had arrived? (vs. 20) _____
5. How did Jesus respond to Martha's faith in God's power? Jesus said, "Your brother _____ again!" (vs. 23)
6. What claim did Jesus make about himself? Jesus said, "I am the one who _____ the dead to ____! Everyone who has _____ in me will _____, even though they _____." (vs. 25)
7. What did Mary say to Jesus? (vs. 32)

8. How did Jesus respond to the suffering He saw in Mary and the other mourners? (vs. 33-35) _____
9. Why do you think Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead? (vs. 42) _____

Claims Jesus Made “I Am the Good Shepherd”

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Discussion:

1. Was there a favorite person or a group that you and your friends tried to be like when you were a teenager?
 2. What character qualities does your best friend have?
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Bible Passage: Read John 10:14-15 (CEV)

Jesus said, “I AM the _____. I _____ my sheep, and they _____ me. Just as the Father knows me, I know the Father, and I give up my _____ for my _____”

1. ***What is a shepherd?***
2. ***Do you have shepherds in your country? What you they shepherd?***
3. ***What is the shepherd’s job?***
4. ***Who did Jesus say He was? (verse 14)***
5. ***What type of relationship did Jesus say He had with His sheep? (verse 14)***
6. ***What did Jesus say He did for His sheep? (vs 15)***

*He tends his flock like a shepherd:
He gathers the lambs in his arms and
carries them close to
his heart.
Isaiah 40:11*



Understanding the Bible Passage: John 10:14-15

1. How do we get to **know** someone?

2. How do we as sheep get to **know** Jesus, the Good Shepherd? How can we hear Jesus speak to us?

3. How would you describe your relationship with the Good Shepherd?

4. How well do you think Jesus **knows** His sheep?

5. Verse 15 says Jesus _____ up His _____ for the sheep.
6. How did Jesus give up His life for us? _____



"My sheep hear my voice.
I know them, and
they follow me."

- John 10:27

Bible Passage: Read Luke 15:3-6

(Many times when Jesus taught large groups of people, he told them *parables*. A *parable* is a story that teaches a lesson.)

1. How did the shepherd show that he cared for the one sheep that had strayed away?
2. How did the shepherd bring the lost sheep home?(Vs 5)
3. What happened when the shepherd returned to his home after finding the lost sheep? (Vs 6)
4. What causes God to be happy? (Vs 7)

Application Questions

♥ Do you think Jesus was a good shepherd? Why or why not.

♥ How did Jesus show that He loves us?

♥ Why can I trust Jesus?

♥How can I show Jesus that I trust Him?



Claims Jesus Made

“I Am Preparing a Place for You & I Am Coming Again!”

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John 20 and 21 tell us the rest of the story. Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead. That was just the beginning! Today we will hear about Jesus’ desire for us to be with Him and how He has gone ahead to prepare a place for us. No more good-byes!

Read Acts 1:3-11 (CEV)

12. For _____ days after Jesus had suffered and died, he proved in many ways that he had been raised from death. (verse 3)
13. What did Jesus do after he was raised from the dead? (verse 3)

14. What specific commands did Jesus give the apostles? (verse 4)

15. What did Jesus promise to give the apostles? (verse 4) _____
16. What job did Jesus assign the apostles? (verse 8) _____
17. How would the apostles be able to carry out the task Jesus gave them? (verse 8)

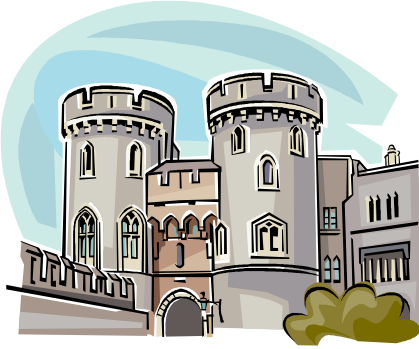
18. After speaking to the apostles, what did Jesus do? (verses 9-11) _____
8. How did the apostles react to Jesus’ departure? (verse 10) _____
9. What did the two men dressed in white clothes say? (verse 11) _____
10. How will Jesus return? (verse 11) _____

Understanding the Bible Passage

1. How do you think the apostles felt after Jesus died?
2. How do you think they felt when they heard the tomb was empty?
3. How do you think they felt when they saw Jesus again?
4. How do you feel when someone you love says good-bye?
5. How do you feel when they promise they will come again to visit you and be with you forever?

Soon, we will have to say good-bye. I wonder if we will ever see each other again. And, one day we will each have to say good-bye to this world, to our family and friends. Where do you think you will go after you say good-bye to this world? The Bible teaches that if we trust in Jesus, He will welcome us into heaven. There will be a royal welcome. The best part is that for those who go to heaven there will never be any more good-byes. The Bible says there will be a great feast in heaven and singing and it will be the best welcome one could ever desire. And, finally we will be able to see God, whom we have just heard about here on earth. What do you think about that?

Welcome Home



Read John 14:1-3 (CEV)

Jesus said, “Don’t be worried! Have faith in _____ and have faith in _____. There are many rooms in my Father’s house. I wouldn’t tell you this, unless it was true. I am going there _____. After this I will come back and _____. Then we will be together.”

Understanding the Bible Passage: John 14:1-3

1. How did Jesus want his disciples to respond to his departure? _____
2. In what did Jesus want his disciples to trust? _____
3. Where did Jesus say He was going? _____
4. Why is Jesus preparing a place for us in His Father’s house?

5. What did Jesus say He would do for His disciples? _____
6. What do you worry about? _____
7. What gives you comfort when you are afraid? _____
8. Why do you think it is difficult to trust God with our fears? _____
9. Jesus said He would come back for us and take us to His Father’s house. What do we need to do to get ready for His return? Jesus said in John 14:1 “Have faith in God and have faith in Me.” See Hebrews 11:6 for a definition of **faith**.

What does it mean to have faith in God?

Claims Jesus Made - "I Am the Bread of Life"

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Discussion:

1. Why do we eat food?
2. What food do you like to eat every day?

Feeding Five Thousand: Read John 6:1- 14.

1. Why did the people follow Jesus? _____
2. What question did Jesus ask Philip? _____
3. Why do you think Jesus asked Philip this question?

4. How do you think Philip should have answered Jesus' question, especially since he had seen Jesus do many miracles? _____
5. How many loaves and how many fish did Jesus have when He started to feed the five thousand people? _____
6. Why was Jesus able to do such great miracles? _____
7. Did the people get enough to eat? _____
8. What do you learn about Jesus from this miracle? _____
9. Can you trust God to provide for your "daily bread"? ____ Why? _____

The Bread that Gives Life: Read John 6:25-37.

10. Why did the people follow Jesus? _____
(Again, we see that people keep looking for miracles from God.)
11. Jesus said, "Don't work for _____ that spoils. Work for food that gives _____."
_____.
12. Who provides our food? (vs. 27) _____
13. The people asked the question "What exactly does God want us to do?" Jesus answered:

14. What did the people want Jesus to do? (vs. 30) _____
15. What miracle had God performed for their ancestors in the desert? Read Exodus 16:4.
Read the entire story when you get home today.

16. Who did Jesus say was responsible for miracles? vs. 32 _____
17. Jesus then claimed to be the Bread of Heaven that gives life. He said: "No one who comes to me will be _____. No one who has _____ in me will ever be _____."
 - God gave the Israelites manna from Heaven and water from the rock to save them from physical death in the desert.
 - God sent Jesus from Heaven into the world to save sinners from eternal death.
 - If a person refuses to eat food, he will die physically.

- If we refuse to trust in Jesus as Savior, we will die spiritually and be separated from Him forever.

Matthew 6:11, reminds us to pray for our daily needs.
This is a prayer many families pray before eating.

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest.

Let these gifts to us be blessed.

Blessed be God, who is our bread,

may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen

BIBLE STUDY: Build Your House on the Rock

by Connie Trautman

Jesus often taught using parables. Do you know what a parable is?

A parable is a story that teaches a lesson. In the parables, Jesus was able to share secrets about God and His kingdom. These secrets show us God's wisdom and lead us to a better life!

Matthew 7:24-27 (CEV) Anyone who hears and obeys these teachings of mine is like a wise person who built a house on solid rock. Rain poured down, rivers flooded, and winds beat against that house. But it did not fall, because it was built on solid rock. Anyone who hears my teachings and doesn't obey them is like a foolish person who built a house on sand. The rain poured down, the rivers flooded, and the winds blew and beat against that house. Finally, it fell with a crash.

Luke 6:4-49 (CEV) Why do you keep on saying that I am your Lord, when you refuse to do what I say? Anyone who comes and listens to me and obeys me is like someone who dug down deep and built a house on solid rock. When the flood came and the river rushed against the house, it was built so well that it didn't even shake. But anyone who hears what I say and doesn't obey me is like someone whose house wasn't built on solid rock. As soon as the river rushed against that house, it was smashed to *pieces*.

VOCABULARY

1. Flooded "rivers flooded"
2. Foolish "foolish person"
3. Authority "someone with authority"
4. Immovable
5. Beat "winds beat against the house"
6. Crash "fell with a crash"
7. Collapse

UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WORD

1. What happened to the house that was built on the rock?
2. Why did the house not collapse?
3. What happened to the second house?
4. Why did the house built on sand collapse?

APPLYING GOD'S WORD TO OUR LIVES

THE STORMS OF LIFE

1. Have you ever been in a bad storm?
2. Does your country or hometown have many bad storms?
3. Describe the worst storm you have been in. How did you feel? What did you do?
4. How is the man who built his house on the rock described?
5. How is the man who built his house on the sand described?
6. Which man are we like if we hear God's Word and choose to ignore what it says?
7. What other kinds of "storms" are there in life? Are you living through a storm right now?
8. How can we prepare for the storms of life?

As a child, we sang this song. It is a song based on the Bible story we read today.
Let's sing the song together.

The wise man built his house upon the rock,
The wise man built his house upon the rock,
The wise man built his house upon the rock,
And the rains came tumbling down!

The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
And the house on the rock stood firm.

The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
And the rains came tumbling down!

The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
And the house on the sand went SPLAT!

So build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ,
So build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ,
Build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ
and the Blessings will come down.

The parable that we studied shows us what life will be like if we hear God's Word and choose to do whatever we want. Jesus warned that if you do not listen to his advice, given enough time and a big storm, your life will crash. Jesus taught that there was another way to live, a better way. He wants us to build our lives on a rock-hard foundation, on Jesus Christ. Solid lives are lives built by people who not only hear His Word but also obey and put them into practice.

What kind of house are you building? What are you counting on for security and stability in your life? No storm that comes will threaten your life if you build on the Rock.