

SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: Easter 5A (May 10)

MAIN POINT

Jesus is the way, the truth and the life

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

AIDS

Phone, computer/laptop (can use other props for orientation like a map, compass or GPS)

CHAT

I want to play a game today. We're going on a journey. Are you ready? Stand up. Ok, I want us all to go to my favourite place. On your marks, get set, GO!

Pause while confusion reigns.

What? Why are you all still standing there? Are you lost?

Hopefully statements will arise 'but we don't know where to go', 'you didn't show us', 'where is it?'

Was it confusing that I didn't tell you more? What would've helped?

e.g. more instructions, tell us your favourite place

Should I have *shown* you the way? Or maybe asked Siri to show you?

You may even want to use your phone 'Hey Google, show me the way to my favourite place' and see what it comes up with!

In today's reading, Jesus says, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Here, Jesus is telling us of a wonderful life he is offering. A 'special place' for us. And a place where we can be close to God. But he is also saying that he is the one who can get us there. He is 'the way', 'the truth' and 'the life'. So you don't have to be confused about which direction to turn, what path to go down in order to get to God. All the instructions he gives are to follow him.

We can use some things to help us, like the Bible, which gives us some great help in understanding Jesus better. Parents or other adults in our church community might be good to help us with the tricky questions, but they might not have all the answers you're looking for. The simple truth is, if we trust in Jesus to look after us, and spend some time to learn more about him, we will find God in amazing ways!

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for being the way, the truth and the life. Please help us to trust in you more and learn more about God through you. In your name we pray, Amen.

