

“Life Is A Highway” - LESSON 1

“One Way”

Main Focus:

Jesus Christ is the one and only way to get to Heaven!



Power Verse:

“I am THE WAY, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.”

– John 14:6



Watt’s Up:

“God’s Son Is The Only ONE WAY To Heaven!”

LEADER’S INFO

Children receive conflicting messages throughout their life when it comes to how to get to Heaven. They are told that there are a variety of ways to get to Heaven. But, which one is THE way?

Do you focus on doing good deeds? Do you go to church and memorize Bible verses? Do you give lots of money to charity or in the offering at church? The “options” can seem to be endless.

In this lesson, the children will learn that Jesus is the ONE WAY to get to Heaven. The only way to assure your place in Heaven is by putting your trust in Him.



“The Spark” Intro Video

“One Way To Heaven”



“Watt’s Up?” Teaching

Teach The “Watt’s Up?” Statement



Character Skit

“Dangerous Dan”



Offering Time



Game On!

“Go Where?”



Bible Story

“Nicodemus Meets Jesus”



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Call To Action

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Brain Drain

Review Game



Small Group Experience

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Lesson 1 Materials Needed:

“The Spark” Intro Video

- “The Spark” Intro Video
- Picture of a One Way Sign

“Watt’s Up?” Teaching

- “Watt’s Up?” Graphic

Character Skit

- “Dangerous Dan” Theme Graphic/Music
- Race car driver outfit/costume

Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

Game On!

- “Game On!” Bumper Video
- “Go Where?” Game

Bible Story

- “Nicodemus Meets Jesus” Graphics
- Bible

Power Verse Video

- “Power Verse” Video

Call To Action

- “One Way” Graphics
- A volunteer
- Pen
- Paper

Brain Drain

- “Brain Drain” Bumper Video
- “Brain Drain” Lesson 1 Graphics

Small Group Experience

- Bible Story Arrows Print Piece
- Power Verse Print Piece
- Bean bag (one)
- Paper or dry erase board
- Pencil or dry erase marker
- One Way Print Piece
- Pencils, crayons, or markers

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Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video

Leader: Hey kids! Today, we are starting a brand new series called “Life Is A Highway!” In this series, we are going to be learning lessons from different road signs and how they apply to our lives! What are some road signs that you have noticed before? *(allow response)*

Those are some awesome road signs! We need to find out what road sign we are learning from today! Let’s check out what we are learning about today with Officer Jay Walkin!

(play “The Spark” Intro Video)

Leader: Today, we’re learning from the ONEWAY sign! *(show a picture of a One Way Sign)* It’s a very important sign. It shows the ONEWAY you can drive down a street. What happens if you choose to go a different way than the way it shows? *(allow kids to respond)* That’s right! CRASH!

But how does that apply to our Christian life? We’ll find out more about that in a few minutes, but right now, it’s time to find out “Watt’s Up?”

(teach the “Watt’s Up?” statement to the kids)



CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “**Dangerous Dan Daytona**” (*enthusiastic race car driver who does everything fast*)

DAN: (*RUNS out onstage, making car engine and squealing tire noises, screeches to a halt next to the leader, speaks VERY fast and with a LOT of enthusiasm*) BOOGITY BOOGITY! Now THAT’S what I call RACIN’!

Leader: GOOD GRIEF! What are you? Some kind of psycho??

DAN: Psycho? PSYCHO? Nah, that’s my uncle Sid! Psycho Sid Daytona - he’s the second fastest bumper car racer this side of the Mississippi!

Leader: And who are you?

DAN: (*slaps his hat back onto his head*) Dan Daytona! “Dangerous” Dan to all of my friends. And I’m pleased as a pit stop to be here! WOO-WEE!

Leader: Man, you sure talk fast!

DAN: Is there any other way to talk?

Leader: Well, you could try talking slowly. Y’know, (*talks very slow*) sloooooowwwlllyyyy?

DAN: HA! Boy, I only got two speeds! Fast, and (*takes his hands and stretches his face back like he’s flying at high speed*) SLOW DOWN, I CAN’T FEEL MY TEETH NO MORE! (*back to normal*) WOO-WEE! Hey, I heard we’re talking about cars - this IS a garage, right?

Leader: Nope.

DAN: (*HUGE, LONG DRAMATIC GASP, grasps the leader by the shirt and yanks them close to his face, then snaps back to normal*) This ain’t a garage?

Leader: No, it’s not.

DAN: Hmmmm... (*uses his hands as “binoculars”, looks around*) It don’t LOOK like a garage. (*inhales deeply through his nose*) It don’t SMELL like a garage. (*gets down on all fours, presses ear to the ground*) It don’t SOUND like a garage. (*sticks his finger up into the air, wiggles it around, licks his finger, then spits*) It don’t TASTE like a garage. (*gets close to the leader again*) You SURE this ain’t a garage?

Leader: YES! I’m positive! This is CHURCH!

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CHARACTER SKIT

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DAN: Nah, see, you're pronouncing the word “garage” wrong. You just said “church”, but it's pronounced GARAAAA-

Leader: I KNOW WHAT I SAID! For the millionth time, this is a church! You are in a church!

DAN: Well don't get your bumpers all busted there! Good grief! You got madder than a chicken in a crockpot! I just heard y'all was talkin' about takin' the HIGHWAY of life! And there's only one thing you can find on highways - and that's CARS! BOOGITY BOOGITY! *(pauses)* Well, that and road signs. I guess that's TWO things.

Leader: Dan - you're onto something!

DAN: I am? *(looks down)* What am I on? My feet? The stage? *(lifts up a foot)* Did I squish a bug?

Leader: No! We're talking about using road signs as reminders of Biblical lessons!

DAN: *(laughs)* WOO-WEE! BOOGITY BOOGITY! That sounds like a hoot and a holler! What sign we talkin' about today?

Leader: *(to the kids)* Kids, let's tell him what sign we're talking about today on the count of three! *(counts to three, leads kids in yelling “ONE WAY!”)*

DAN: One way? One way? Of COURSE there's only one way! And that's FAST-FAST-FAST! BOOGITY BOOGITY! *(pretends to rev an engine)*

Leader: No, Dan - we're talking about how there's only ONEWAY to get to Heaven!

DAN: One way? ONEWAY? I know the way to get to there! You go out back about ten miles past the Walgreen's, the NEW one, not the OLD one, then you go out by Uncle Gus' chicken farm and fireworks stand -

Leader: *(interrupts)* DAN! No! The ONLY way to get to heaven is JESUS! You know, Jesus? The son of God? The savior of the ENTIRE WORLD?!

DAN: Oh, yeah! I knew that! I thought you said “KEVIN” not “HEAVEN.” You know, my cousin Chaotic Kevin Daytona - the fastest lawnmower racer in the tai-state area! Hey, it's been fun but I gotta go! My car's in the shop and I've gotta install some new mud tires! BOOGITY BOOGITY BOYS AND GIRLS! I'm Dangerous Dan Daytona, and I've got a NEED FOR SPEED! WOOOOOO-WEE! *(sprints around the leader, making car noises as he exits the stage)*



GAME ON!

“Go Where?”

Items Needed For Game:

The graphic slides for Lesson 1

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Preparation:

Start with the game title slide, “Go Where?”. Choose an even number of boys and girls to compete against each other.

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How To Play:

Each slide will describe places mentioned in the Bible. Each team (with the help of the audience) will take turns determining the place that is being described. For every correct answer, their team will receive a point. The team with the most correct answers wins the game.

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Before The Game, Say:

“Since we are starting our trip down the Highway of Life today, we are going to make a few pit stops on our road trip. We will visit several important places that are mentioned in the Bible. You will see those places described on the screen, and with your team’s help you will have to choose which place is being described.”



Bible Story

“Nicodemus Meets Jesus”

Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 1; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (as shown)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the passage in John 3:1-21; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

Today, we are going to learn all about a man named Nicodemus. We find his story in the book of John, chapter 3. Nicodemus was a very important man in Jesus’ time. He was what was known as a Pharisee. The Pharisees were the religious leaders of that time. Pharisees knew a lot about the scriptures – what we would now call The Old Testament. They went to the synagogue, or Church, regularly. They were respected by all the Jewish people.

Nicodemus came to Jesus at night, after it was very dark. This was most likely because he did not want to be seen talking to Jesus. He was afraid of what the other religious leaders, the ones who hated Jesus, would think. So Nicodemus sneaked very carefully through the town and found Jesus. (show pic)



Nicodemus met with Jesus and asked him about what it would take to receive Salvation. He had very specific questions. Jesus knew that Nicodemus was a “good” man, a Pharisee. Jesus knew that Nicodemus had served people, done good deeds, and been to church more times than most people could count. But, Jesus spoke very directly to Nicodemus. (show pic)



Jesus said, “Unless you are born again, you can never see the Kingdom of God.” This was very confusing to Nicodemus. He was thinking, “Born again? What in the world does Jesus mean when He says ‘born again?’” (show pic) So, Nicodemus asked, “How can an old man go back into his mother’s womb and be born again?” Nicodemus was thinking, “Does Jesus want me to crawl back into my Mommy’s tummy? That would be impossible. I wouldn’t fit since I am so big and old now!”



But Jesus explained that God can give NEW life. Even though we are all born in a natural, human way from our mothers – when we receive Salvation from God, we are given a brand new spiritual life. All of our sins are forgiven! We are BORN AGAIN! (show pic) Jesus said, “God gave His Son, so that EVERYONE who believes in Him will have eternal life.” Nicodemus learned that day what you and I are going to learn all about today – being born again is the ONEWAY to get to Heaven.



Call To Action

“One Way”

Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 1; a volunteer; pen; paper

Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled “One Way”

The Message: *(title slide)*



(choose a volunteer from the audience) Boys and girls, I am excited because I have invited _____ to my house for dinner. There’s only one problem. They do not know how to get to my house. So they come to me and say, “How do I get to your house?” *(have your volunteer repeat after you)* I say, “I would love to tell you how to get to my house. Do you have a pen and paper to write down the directions?” *(pull out the pen and paper and hand it to them)* “Of course you do. OK, write this down as I tell you the directions. Go straight down Main St., turn left on 3rd street, and then go 6 blocks.” *(once your volunteer has written down the directions, show them to the audience)* Now, kids, I have given my friend the directions to my house. This is the one way to get to my house. What happens if my friend decides there are many ways to get to my house and they choose one of those ways? What if along the way to my house some people on the side of the road say they have a better way to get to my house? What if my friend here chooses to follow their way instead of the way I gave? That’s right, my friend will probably get lost and never make it to my house. It’s MY house, and I know how to get there. The way to get there is to follow the instructions I gave, right?

It’s the same way with getting to Heaven. God has given us the way to Heaven, but...

The World Says There Are MANY Ways To Get To Heaven *(slide)*



The world says that there are many ways to get to Heaven. They say, “Trust in Mohammad! Pray to Buddha! Do good deeds! Be a nice person!” Those are all things that people say will get you to Heaven. The world doesn’t believe that there is only ONEWAY to Heaven. But I want to read from the Bible an amazing thing that Jesus said as He was meeting with His disciples at the Last Supper right before He was arrested.

In John chapter 14, starting with verse one we read, “Don’t be troubled. You trust God, now trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s home, and I am going to prepare a place for you.” Did you hear that? Whose home did Jesus say was in Heaven? *(allow kids to respond)* That’s right! Heaven is God’s home. He has invited us to live with Him there forever. So, if Heaven is God’s home, then who do you want giving you directions to God’s home? *(allow kids to respond)* That’s right! God!

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Call To Action

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Just like my friend, _____, should listen to the directions I was giving to MY home, we should pay close attention to the directions that Jesus is giving to God’s home. The world tries to say there are many ways to get to Heaven, but the world is not who we should listen to. GOD knows the way to Heaven. We should listen to what He says is the ONE WAY to get there.

After Jesus said this, one of his disciples, Thomas said in verse 5, “...so how can we know the way?” Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.” That’s our PowerVerse today. The world says there are many ways to Heaven, but...

Jesus Said There’s Only ONE WAY To Heaven (slide)



Jesus IS the one way to Heaven. The way to Heaven is to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior. How do you do that? You have to realize that you, like all people in the world, have messed up and broken God’s rules. The Bible calls that “sin.” Sin is something that God can’t be a part of. That’s why everyone who has sinned deserves to go to a place called Hell that is far away from God. It’s a terrible place full of suffering and pain. But God did not want you to have to go to Hell.

That’s why God sent His only Son, Jesus, to come and pay the price for your sin. Jesus was beaten and died on a cross to pay the punishment for your sin. Because of what Jesus did on the cross, you can now ask God to forgive you of your sin. When you do, God wipes away all of your sin and gives you a brand new life. From that moment, you have the right to enter Heaven. Not because of anything you did, but because of what Jesus did. Jesus is the ONE WAY to Heaven.

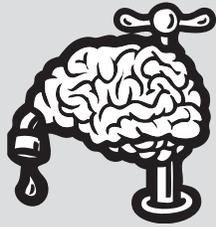
It’s Time To Get On The Highway To Heaven (slide)



Maybe you are here today and you have never asked God to forgive you of your sins. Maybe you are hearing for the first time that Jesus is the ONE WAY to Heaven and you want to invite Him into your life to be your Lord and Savior. Well, there is no better time to do it than right now. It’s time to get on the Highway to Heaven.

ALTAR RESPONSE: (play soft music)

Allow those who feel like they haven’t been living for God like they should to come forward for prayer. Pray that God would help them to live their life so that others will see the difference in them.



BRAIN DRAIN

Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 1; “Brain Drain” Bumper Video

Preparation:

Play the “Brain Drain” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “Brain Drain”; there is a slide for each question

1. Watt’s Up today?

Answer: “God’s Son Is The Only ONEWAY To Heaven!”

2. What road sign did we learn from today?

Answer: One Way Sign

3. What was the name of the man who approached Jesus?

Answer: Nicodemus

4. Was Nicodemus a good man?

Answer: Yes

5. True Or False: There are many ways to Heaven.

Answer: False

6. According to our lesson today, “The _____ Says There Are MANY Ways To Get To Heaven.”

Answer: World

7. According to our lesson today, “Jesus Said There’s Only ONE _____ To Heaven.”

Answer: WAY

8. According to our lesson today, “It’s Time To Get On The Highway To _____.”

Answer: Heaven

9. True or False: Jesus is the only way to the market.

Answer: False

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: John 14:6