



Day 9: The Way Back to God

Let's Start

ASK: Have you ever tried finding your way through a maze? How did it go?! What would have made it easy to find the right path to the center?

SAY: If you're in a maze, it helps to have a map or a GPS to tell you the best route. Even better would be someone to take you by the hand and lead you there. Best of all would be someone who could get rid of all the hedges in the way and take you straight there. In today's story, Jesus talked about a destination and a way to get there.

Let's Listen to God

READ: John 14:1-4

"1 Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God. Believe in me also. 2 There are many rooms in my Father's house. If this were not true, would I have told you that I am going there? Would I have told you that I would prepare a place for you there? 3 If I go and do that, I will come back. And I will take you to be with me. Then you will also be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going."

ASK: Where did Jesus say he was going? What was he going there to do?

READ: John 14:5-6

5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. So how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know my Father also. From now on, you do know him. And you have seen him."

ASK: What does Jesus say is the only way to God's place?
Jesus is the truth and Jesus is the way. What should we do when he speaks to us in the Bible?

Let's Learn

SAY: God the Son said he was going back to the family home—back to the place where God the Father lived. And he promised to take his followers there to be with him. Adam and Eve had been sent away from their home in Eden. God's people had wandered in the desert for years without a home. Later, after God had given them a good land to live in, they had been forced out of their homes and sent far away. Now, Jesus said that God's people were going to be allowed back in God's place again.

Jesus made it very clear that he always and only tells the truth, so we can trust what he says. And he is the way—the only way back to living with God again. But there are lots of things in the way of us getting to God's place like sin, death, and God's judgement! So, how would Jesus deal with all of those? We'll have to continue in the Bible story to find out!

Let's Pray

Say: Lord Jesus, thank you for coming to tell us the way home to God. Thank you for coming to be the way. Thank you that you are the truth so we can trust you. Please give us faith to listen to and trust you. Amen.