

# Parent Guide

## Week of July 12

### Memory Verse:

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



### Bible Time:

Think of a time when you've gone on a trip. How did you know where to go? When you were ready to go somewhere, you type in the address where you want to go and the GPS computes the path to your destination. Then, a map appears on the screen and a voice from the GPS gives you directions. "Turn right on Main Street in one mile, turn right in one half mile, turn right in 150 feet." What happens if you miss your turn? The GPS says, "Recalculating" and immediately computes a new route to get you back on the right path to your destination.

When we are trying to follow Jesus in our daily life, it would be nice to have a GPS to lead us in the right direction, wouldn't it? It would be nice to have something to keep us on the right path and keep us from getting lost...something that would help us get back on the right track when we made a wrong decision. **Read John 16:4-16.**

That is the way Jesus' disciples must have felt when Jesus told them that he was going to leave them. Jesus said to them, "I am going to prepare a place for you and when everything is ready, I will come and get you so that you will always be with me. You know the way to where I am going.

One of the disciples whose name was Thomas answered Jesus, "No, we don't, Lord. We don't even know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." Philip, another disciple spoke up, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me." Jesus wanted his disciples to know He and the Father were one, and that if they put their trust in God and in Him, they would one day join Him in Heaven.

Sometimes life can be very confusing and we don't know where to turn or what path to take. If we will keep our eyes on Jesus and follow his teaching, He will lead us to Him. We can only come to God through Jesus. We have not seen Jesus as Thomas and Philip had, but we **can follow the teachings that he has given to us in the Bible -- God's Holy Word.** That is our GPS and it will keep us on the right path!

### Craft: Jesus is The Way Cairn

**Materials:** 5-8 round rocks, colorful paint, sharpie markers

Cairns (sounds like "Karens") are rock towers used to mark trails that might be hard to follow. They keep hikers from getting lost. They tell hikers which way to go. **Jesus is a lot like a cairn.** When we put our trust in Him and obey Him, He leads us in the right direction!

- Instructions:**
1. Choose five stones that can pile on top of each other to make a cairn
  2. Paint the stones
  3. When the paint is dry decorate with sharpie marker
  4. Write on the stones or on a piece of paper, **John 14:6 "I am the way and the truth and the life"**
  5. Stack rocks, like a tower inside or out as a reminder that Jesus shows us the way!



**Extras:** Check out our Facebook pages (Capital Kids SLC Families or Capital Kids Park City Families) and our Youtube Channel: Capital Church Kids for more videos, songs, and resources!

Dear God, help us keep our eyes on Jesus because we know that He is the way -- the only way to You.  
In Jesus' name, amen.