

I am the way: 10-16 May 2020

Bible time  **John 14.1-14**

Jesus tells his friends that he'll be with them for ever as he shows them the way to his Father's house.

Life today

In the time when these things happened, the world was very different. People didn't often travel long distances or have friends/family in other parts of the world. We can talk to family and friends in many different ways, wherever they live. It would have been difficult for Jesus' friends to think of him leaving them and to understand how they would be together again.

[Read the story together then explore it using these questions.](#)

Question time

- What do you think God's 'house' looks like?
- When you are apart from your family for a long time, how do you celebrate when you are together again?
- What do Jesus' words 'I am the way' mean to you?

Activity time

- **Seven shapes**
On an A4 sheet of paper, draw: a smiley face, a heart, an arrow, a plate, a tree, a thought bubble, a speech bubble. At the end of each day, write one thing that shows Jesus being with you in different ways, connected to one of the shapes you have drawn: **day 1)** something that made you happy; **day 2)** a person you love; **day 3)** somewhere you went; **day 4)** something you ate; **day 5)** something beautiful in nature; **day 6)** something that made you think; **day 7)** something someone said. As the week progresses, your sheet will become full of signs that Jesus is with us.
- **People bunting**
Find photos, print or draw pictures of family and friends and peg them to a long string, then display this in your house. Each day, choose one person on the bunting and send them a message to show that you are with them – even when you are apart.



Jesus said to his disciples, 'I will be going away soon, but don't worry, because I am going to prepare a place for you in my Father's house, which has many rooms. When the time is right, I will return and take you there, so that we can all be together.' Wanting to know where this place would be, Thomas asked, 'How will we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. I will show you the way to God the Father.' But Philip wanted Jesus to show them the Father. Jesus sighed. 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still don't recognise me?' Jesus continued, 'Believe in the Father and believe also in me, because I am in the Father and the Father is in me. If you can't do that, then look at the things I have done and you will know what God the Father is like. If you believe in me, you will be able to do even greater things than I have done. All you have to do is to ask in my name and I will do it for you.'

- **Walking 'the way'**

Develop a prayer walk in your home, using different spaces to pray for particular people, such as:

- Kitchen – those who grow, make or prepare our food.
- Lounge/living room – those we meet in other places: school, work, clubs.
- Stairs, hall, landing – people who are far away.
- Bedroom – people who are close to us.
- Bathroom – people who care for others.

As you move through your home, pray for the people connected with each space.

Prayer time

Dear Lord, we thank you for our family and friends.

We thank you that we are united with them through our faith in you.

Please take care of them, keep them safe as we keep them in our thoughts.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.