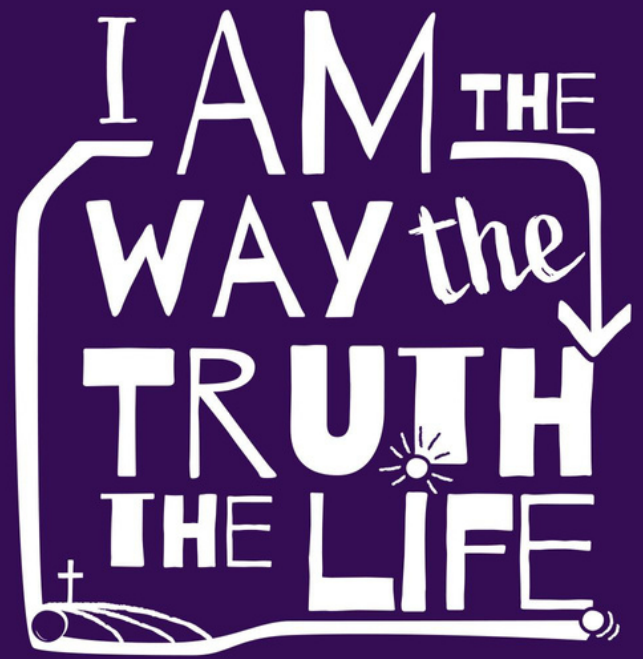




Come and see

RIVER KIDS TERM 1 TEACHING
I AM STATEMENTS IN JOHN'S GOSPEL



I AM: THE WAY, TRUTH AND LIFE

JOHN 14:6 & JOHN 12:12-16



Jesus is the only true King



We want our kids to leave knowing that Jesus claimed to be show people who God was and He is the only way to Him. We will also use the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (celebrated on Palm Sunday) to show His kingship, His way and life is different to what the world offers!

PARENTS NOTES

- Reminder that these come out every second Sunday when our River Kids Video is out
- Check out the app Lectio for Families for more great opportunities for family discipleship
- We are asking kids to take turns in a fun new initiative called Peer Connections where they share about themselves, their favourite bible verse and what God is teaching them. Your child's POD leader will message you if your child has signed up.

Dates Coming Up:

Friday 7 April - Good Friday Services 9am + 11am
Sunday 9 April - Easter Sunday Service 10am
Sunday 16 April - Movie Day (Peak)

TEACHING IDEAS

I AM STATEMENT LOOK UP

Grab a bible and look up John 14:6 together. Ask the kids what they think that might mean when Jesus says he is the way, truth and life.

DAVE THE DONKEY RECAP

Use these [images cut out and these different poster categories](#) to show the type of King Jesus was.

ASK: What do you notice? Which one stands out to you?

Explain: Jesus is a different kind of king isn't he! *Go through what the different images represent eg Jesus did rule in through war and power but through dying and serving.* That is because He is the only true King! The way He is in this story shows us what God is like and that he is the only way to God.

OBJECT LESSON IDEAS - KEYS

Have your kids try to open a locked door in the house as fast as they can from your big bunch of keys. You can race and make it a competition. Explain that they are all keys to something but only ONE was the right one to open the door/lock. Jesus is the same! Lots of people in the world might say there are lots of gods, or lots of ways to get to God, but our bible verse says there is only ONE- Jesus. And there is only ONE way - by Jesus dying for us. And the ONE truth is that by only believing in Jesus and following Him will be really have life. In other words Jesus is the KEY!

PRAYER AND CRAFT

MY PALMS WILL PRAISE KING JESUS

Kids can trace their hands and cut them out and write praise prayers and/or words to describe Jesus as King and put them together to make palms. [Check it out here.](#)

WORSHIP PARTY

Use a kids version of [One Way by Hillsong](#) to worship Jesus. You could come up with actions together or print off the lyrics first before singing and get them to highlight a phrase you like (lyrics in video description).

PADDLE POP STICK I AM STATEMENT RECAP CRAFT

[Inspired by here.](#)