

I Am Your God!

There is only one way

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10 NIV

Main Portion of Verse for Lesson:

Do not be dismayed, for I am your God

Supplemental Verses:

Isaiah 45:21 NASB

“And there is no other God besides Me, A righteous God and a Savior; There is none except Me.”

Colossians 1:17 NCV

“He was there before anything was made, and all things continue because of Him.”

Supplies Needed:

1. Cards with “Sin” on them
2. Pens for kids and adults
3. A wrapped gift
4. \$5.00
5. A copy of a “parking” ticket
6. Skateboard

Outline:

1. **Share Your own Personal Testimony**

2. Talk about other ways people “think” they can get to heaven.

- ♦ My parents believe in God so I must be going to heaven.
- ♦ I go to church every week so I must be going to heaven.
- ♦ I will be really good so I can go to heaven.
- ♦ I will give up a few bad things so I can go to heaven.
- ♦ I will get baptized so I can go to heaven.

Jesus said in John 14:6 NCV “Jesus answered, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. The only way to the Father is through Me.”

Romans 5:8 NCV “But God shows His great love for us in this way: Christ died for us while we were still sinners.”

3. What is Sin?

- ♦ Romans 3:23 NIV
“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”

Illustration:

Cards with “Sin” on them. Have kids write down different sins that separate us from God. Collect them and dispose of them in front of the kids. Tell them that once we become Christians God forgets about our sins.

Where do our Sins Go?

Psalm 103:12 NCV

“He has taken our sins away from us as far as the east is from west.”

Isaiah 43:25 NASB

“I, even I, am the one who wipes out your *sins* for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins.

- ♦ Isaiah 53:6 NCV “We all have wandered away like sheep; each of us has gone his own way. But the LORD has put on Him the punishment for all the evil we have done.”

- ♦ Romans 6:23 ICB
“When someone sins, he earns what sin pays--death.”

Illustration:

Show a copy of the parking ticket. Say, "When you break man's law you have to pay man's penalty."

Say, "When you break God's Law you have to pay God's Penalty."

- ♦ Romans 6:23 ICB
"But God gives us a free gift--life forever in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Illustration:

Show the wrapped gift. Say, "The free gift of God is eternal life."

Take the \$5.00 and ask, "Who would like this \$5.00? Give it to the first child you see raise their hand."

Explain that in order for the child to have the \$5.00 they had to "take" it or "receive" it. Explain that this is also like believing in God. We need to "take" or "receive" His free gift of salvation.

4. **What do I have to do to get to heaven?**

1. Admit that you Sin and Turn to God. (It's a 180 degree turn. Use skateboard here and talk about what a 180 degree turn is. It's about starting one way and then going back in the opposite direction.)

1 John 1:9 ICB

"But if we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins. We can trust God. He does what is right. He will make us clean from all the wrongs we have done."

Acts 3:19 NLT

"Now turn from your sins and turn to God, so you can be cleansed of your sins."

2. Believe with Faith that Jesus Died for You.

Romans 10:9 ICB

"If you use your mouth to say, "Jesus is Lord," and if you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from death, then you will be saved."

3. Ask Jesus to come into your Life

John 1:12-13 NLT

“But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn!”