

“I AM”

THE GATE - WEEK 1

MEMORY VERSE – “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

FOCUS VERSES – “Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures.” John 10:9

STORY – *Let’s review our rhyme and motions!*

Why do you think Jesus called Himself “The Gate” in our focus verse?

When Jesus says He is the gate it tells us a little more about His character and a little more about who He is. So far, we have learned that He is the Bread of Life, and fills us spiritually. We have also learned that He is the Light of the World, and He lights up the darkness and shows us which way to go. Today we will learn that Jesus says He is The Gate.

In a sheep pen the shepherd was like a gate or a door, standing at the opening to let sheep in and protect them. *Can you make a sound like a sheep?* Jesus is the gate to God – the only one. We have to go through the gate to see God and be saved from our sins. Because Jesus is our gate WE get to be a part of HIS Kingdom! Jesus especially welcomes children, like you, into His Kingdom!

PRAYER – Jesus thank you that you are gate and You are the only way! We pray we can keep our eyes on you so that we can learn to love you!

SNACK – Popcorn (sheep)

CRAFT – Construction paper “gates” with sheep inside.

GAME – Set up a fence/pen area to play “Sheep in, Sheep out!” One person is the gatekeeper and calls out, “If you’re a sheep with brown hair you may come in” or “If you’re a sheep with a blue shirt you may come in.” Until all the friends are inside the gate. Choose a new gatekeeper and play again.

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THE GATE - WEEK 2

MEMORY VERSE – “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

FOCUS VERSES – “Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures.” John 10:9

STORY – *Let's review our rhyme and motions about the I AM statements Jesus said!*

Jesus says He is the gate, which means that to be a part of God's family and Kingdom we have to go through Jesus. When we accept Jesus into our hearts He becomes our Gate to God and Heaven! Our prayers go through Jesus and He always listens to them.

Jesus is so rich in love that He will take the time to protect us, talk to us, help us remember the truth about ourselves and help us make good choices.

What's your favorite thing about Jesus being “The Gate?”

PRAYER – Jesus thank you that you are gate and You are the only way! We pray we can keep our eyes on you so that we can learn to love you!

SNACK – Square pretzels

CRAFT – Decorate their “gate” made from Popsicle sticks with stickers and crayons. And a few sheep onto it too!

GAME – White balloons (sheep) into the gate. Sectioned off a part of the room and have kids push the balloons into the “pin”