

“I AM”

Review – 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 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

STORY – When you introduce yourself you say, “*I am (your name)*” or “*I am (name a child around you)*.” You can also say things like, “*I am 4, I am a girl, or I am a brother.*”

Jesus in the Bible would use metaphors to describe himself. Say “*metaphor with me!*” A metaphor is something that is similar (or like) something else! Here are some metaphors; Fur is a dog’s clothes, boats are cars in water, or stars are shiny diamonds in the sky.

There are seven times in the Bible, *let’s count to 7 together*, that Jesus said “I AM.” *Let’s say “I AM” nice and loud!* Here is a little rhyme and some motions to help us remember them!

I AM the bread of life. (Rub your belly)

I AM the light of the world. (Make a candle with your pointer finger and wave it around)

I AM the gate. (Make a gate with your hands and open them)

I AM the good shepherd. (Use your pointer and middle finger and walk them)

I AM the resurrection and the life. (Make a cross with your arms and keep your hands flat)

I AM the way, the truth and the life. (Using both hands make a curvy road)

I AM the vine. (Climb up a vine with your hands)

We had so much fun learning about each one of these “I AM” statements. *Which one was your favorite?* (This is a time to really just engage the kiddos and talk about each statement!)

PRAYER – Jesus, thank you that you tell us all about who you are through metaphors. Help us remember these about you and how much you love us!

SNACK – Bread and cheese

CRAFT – “I AM” spinwheel

GAME – Simon Says. Use this game to emphasize the metaphors of Jesus by pretending to be animals, trees, statues, and even the I AM statements!