

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – 5/10/20

*In this week's Gospel, Jesus calls himself the Way, the Truth and the Life. He reminds us that even when we don't think we know the way (to choose the right thing, to help others, to help ourselves), we can always find the way, if we follow Him. How do we follow? By listening to His teaching, and putting it into practice, by loving others the way He loves us.*

Jesus is the Way Activity Page

 **Speak, Lord** 

Acts 6:1-7  
Psalm 32:1-2,4-5,18-19  
1 Peter 2:4-9  
John 14:1-12

**SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN**

Year A — 5th Sunday of Easter



**JESUS SAYS:**



**"I AM  
THE WAY."**

How can you walk in Jesus' way?  
Draw a picture of you doing something he wants.



**DEAR JESUS**

**SHOW US YOUR WAY.**

**HELP US TO WALK WITH**

**YOU ALWAYS**

# The Lesson

Read John 14:1-14 together, then discuss:

Ask: Have you ever been lost before? Where did you get lost? How did you feel? Why did you get lost? If your child has not been lost, ask how they think it would feel to be lost & why people get lost.

## Where's the Compass?

**Our Life is A Lot Like Hiking a long trail or taking a Journey and We All Need a Map and a compass.** Every day we have to make choices about how we act and what we should do and how we should live our life. There are many paths to pick from. The Bible (God's word) is like a map because it tells us how we should live and which paths to take and which ones we should avoid.

**\*\*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.\*\*** Psalm 119:105.

Ask: do you know what a compass is? It is a tool that can keep you going in the right direction on your hike or your journey (like an old fashioned GPS!).

When we learn about what Jesus teaches us in the Bible, it begins to give us a compass inside our souls. When we have to make choices, we are guided in the right direction by what Jesus has taught us. If we ignore our "compass" we can start to lose our way, but we always have the choice to say we're sorry and point back to Jesus.

## Prayer

Father, we thank you that you sent Jesus to us to show us how to live our lives so that they are pleasing to you. We thank you for our families who care for us and make sure we learn the right way to grow to be like Jesus. Forgive us when we take the wrong paths and don't follow your teachings. Give us strength and the will to follow you.

We pray this prayer that King David prayed long ago: Psalm 25:4 "Show Me the path where I should go, O Lord, point out the right road for me to walk. Lead me; teach me; for you are the God who gives me salvation. O Lord. Look at me instead through eyes of mercy and forgiveness, through eyes of everlasting love and kindness.

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## “Jesus Points the Way” Compass

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You will need:

- Paper plate or large circle cut from white paper
- Markers, stickers, or other decorating materials
- Stickers (Optional)
- Brad fastener (or twist tie knotted on one end.
- Construction paper or card stock
- Scissors

Procedure:

1. Decorate the plate (or paper, cut into a circle) to resemble a compass. Be as creative as you like with markers and stickers, and add the caption to remind yourself of the significance of the compass.
2. Draw the letters N, E, S, W in the correct spots on the compass, but keep them small. Under the letters, write words that describe ways we can follow Jesus (honesty, faithfulness, kindness, simplicity, unselfishness, etc.
3. Cut out a small arrow shape from construction paper.
4. Carefully poke a hole in the plate, after lining up where the fastener might need to go.
5. Place the brad or twist tie through the paper arrow and the plate, creating a compass that “points the way” to Christ.



