

PARENT GUIDE

I AM: PART 1

BIG IDEA

God sent Jesus, the great I Am.

FOCUS VERSE

“Then God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM. When you go to the people of Israel, tell them, ‘I AM sent me to you.’” Exodus 3:14 (ICB)

WEEK 1: *I Am the Good Shepherd* (John 10:11-18)

WEEK 2: *I Am the Door* (John 10:1, 7-10)

WEEK 3: *I Am the Bread of Life* (John 6:35, 38, 47-51)

WEEK 4: *I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life* (John 14:2-6)

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Our hope is to partner with you in the discipleship of your children. We know it takes more than an hour of teaching each week to lay a foundation of God's Word, and we know it's not always easy to be intentional about teaching kiddos throughout the week. So, we want to share what we're learning at church so you can connect with your children at home and have meaningful conversations about God's Word. This month, we recommend that families reread the “I Am” statements (above) together and engage in supportive activities that keep their minds on these fascinating teachings of Jesus.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES:

I Am the Good Shepherd: Visit a farm with sheep, research sheep and shepherds, or create a pasture of sheep with cotton balls.

I Am the Door: Make a door from playdough, write “Jesus is the Door” on a poster and stick it to a door in your home, or go outside and draw different doors with sidewalk chalk.

I Am the Bread of Life: Bake bread together, eat bread together, or read about Jesus feeding bread to the 5,000 (John 6:1-14).

I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: Go on a walk and discuss “the way” you are going, draw a picture of each word in the “I Am” statement, or make a road sign labeled *Jesus' Way*.

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