

30th August 2020- I am the Way- John 14:1-12

The other reading in church today is Psalm 23 but we will just look at the John reading.

1 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." 8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. 12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. 13 Whatever you ask in my Name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

Before we get on have a look at this overview of today's reading- <https://youtu.be/wZPWf2jWTmw>

This is another talk about the reading today- <https://youtu.be/5Gzf0kpzYa0>

- Have you ever been lost before?
- How did you feel once you realised you were lost?
- How did you feel when you were found again?
- Who did you trust to help you?

If you are going on a trip, you need to know where you are going and how to go to get there. I have a two things with me this morning that you might use to help you to find your way when you are traveling. I have a map and a compass. I'm sure all of you have seen a map, but perhaps some of you have never seen a compass. The map will show you where you want to go, and the compass will point you in the right direction. The compass shows you whether you are going north, south, east, or west.

I heard about a lady who was taking a group of children to a football game in another town. She knew the right road to take, but she became confused and turned east instead of west. They had travelled for almost an hour before one of the children told her that they were going the wrong direction.

When we are trying to find your way through the journey of life, we need some help in finding the right way to go, don't we? Each day we face many difficult decisions and it is sometimes hard to know which way to turn. Some people use their feelings to make decisions. They say, "I'm going to do this, because it just feels like the right thing to do." That's no good. Our feelings may change from day to day, and just because we feel good about something doesn't mean that it is the right thing to do.

Some people make choices by what's popular. Have you ever tried to convince your parents to let you do something by saying, "Everybody's doing it"? Just because everyone else is doing it doesn't mean that it is the right thing to do, does it? Besides, tomorrow everyone might be doing something else.

There is one sure way to know if we are going in the right direction in life—and that is to follow Jesus. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." We know where we want to go, we want to go to heaven. And now, we know the way. Jesus is the way. If we follow him, we know we are on the right path and headed in the right direction.

Watch this short clip from the film 'A series of Unfortunate Events'

Violet, Klaus and Sunny Baudelaire have been through a 'series of unfortunate events' including the death of their parents, their house being burned down and being put into the care of their wicked Uncle Olaf. At the very end of the film they come back to the ruins of their house and there is a letter from their parents sent before they died. The letter is a massive comfort to them and tells them how much their parents love them and how to look after each other from now on.

<https://youtu.be/WrfxlymvEhQ>

- Can you remember some of the things that were written in the letter?
- What did their parents write that particularly comforted the children?
- Did the fact that it was a letter from their parents, and not their parents in person, stop them feeling comforted? Why not?

Read the first 3 verses of the reading today:

- What is the 'place' Jesus is telling us about?
- How is God trying to comfort us with this bit of the Bible?

The Baudelaire children had had lots of bad things happen to them. Although they couldn't see their parents anymore, they were comforted by the letter their parents had sent. Sometimes life isn't that great for us too. We might not be able to see God, but unlike the parents He is still alive and He has written us a book which can really comfort us. This bit of the book tells us we'll get to go and live with God in heaven if we trust Him. That is so comforting – what an amazing thing to look forward to!

Look at the reading again & then look up verses 13- 27 as well. There are 5 promises that Jesus makes to His followers to comfort them when they are worried about Him leaving. In verse 1 Jesus is telling them not to worry but to trust God and Him.

1. John 14:2-4

2. John 14:11-14

3. John 14:18-20

4. John 14:21, 23-24

5. John 14:25-27

Look at each bit above and write down next to the verses what promise Jesus is making and how it might comfort the disciples.

Jesus' promises are for His followers then and for His followers now. How can these promises comfort us when we are worried or troubled?

Anyone up for this? - https://youtu.be/Q6STpPVW5OE?list=TLPQMjYwODlwMjCpde_b3invAA

For the younger ones 😊 https://youtu.be/xbCkzx9jJaE?list=TLPQMjYwODlwMjCpde_b3invAA

Another song if you fancy it to help you remember John 14:6-

https://youtu.be/gKPaV8tO4ow?list=TLPQMjYwODlwMjCpde_b3invAA

Bit of fun: https://www.christianbiblereference.org/ws_John14_0.htm

https://www.christianbiblereference.org/wj_JesusIs2_0.htm

The other reading in church today is Psalm 23- how well do you know it? -

www.christianbiblereference.org/Crossword/cw_The_Twenty-third_Psalm.htm

Finally- ask your parents if you can check this website and log in to have a go!

<https://orienteeringbc.ca/on-line-route-choice-game/>

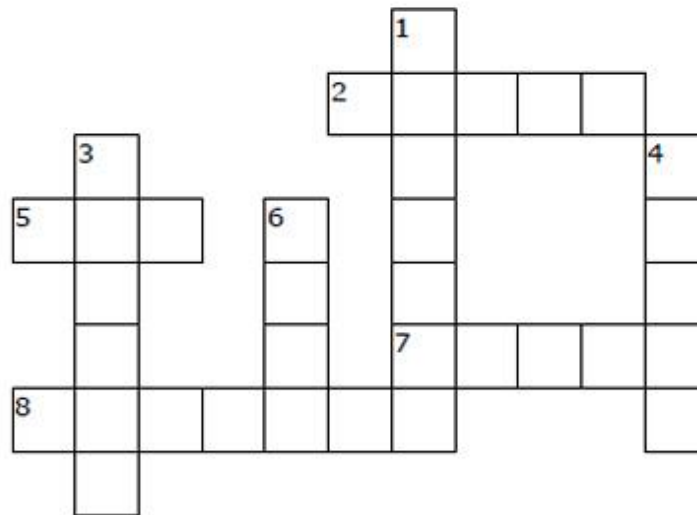
The next few pages can be printed off if you want:

With prayers for you all as you go back to school soon 😊

"I Am the Way"

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Based on John 14:1-14



ACROSS

2. The actual facts about something
5. The route or path to follow to get to a place
7. Areas in a building that have their own walls, floor, ceiling, and door
8. To accept something as being true

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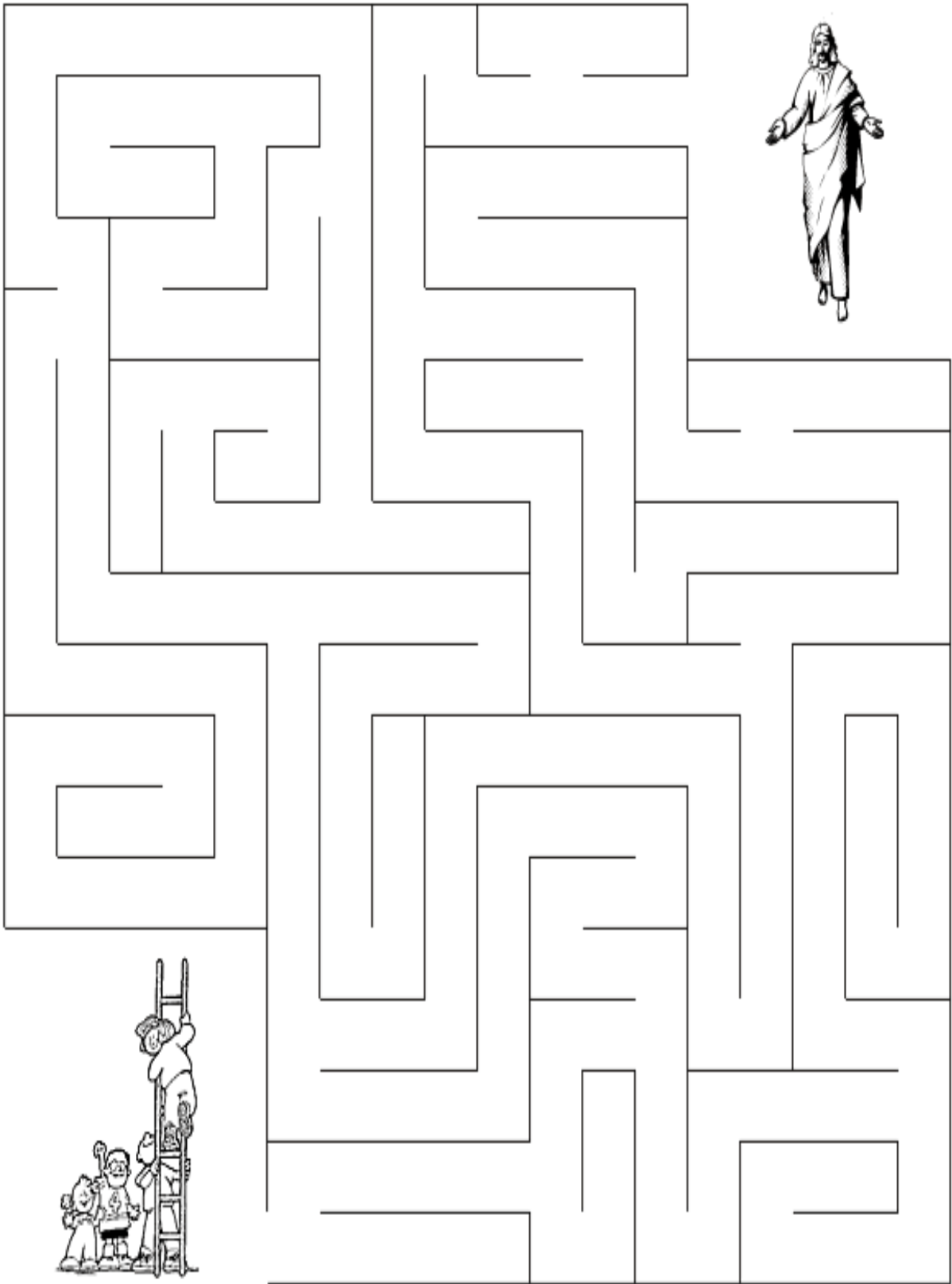
1. To get ready for something that will happen in the future
3. The male parent
4. A building in which people, usually one family, lives
6. The period between birth and death

PREPARE
BELIEVE

TRUTH
ROOMS

LIFE
FATHER

HOUSE
WAY



CAN YOU FIND YOUR WAY TO JESUS?

Finding the Way

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Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- ___ 1. To accept something as being true
A. truth B. house C. believe D. way
- ___ 2. To get ready for something that will happen in the future
A. leave B. prepare C. believe D. way
- ___ 3. A building in which people, usually one family, live
A. church B. school C. house D. store
- ___ 4. Areas in a building that have their own walls, floor, ceiling, and door
A. windows B. rooms C. house D. life
- ___ 5. The male parent
A. brother B. sister C. mother D. father
- ___ 6. The period between birth and death
A. time B. believe C. life D. day
- ___ 7. The actual facts about something
A. truth B. way C. life D. prepare
- ___ 8. The route or path to follow to get to a place
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 The puzzle is based on John 14:1-14 (NIV).



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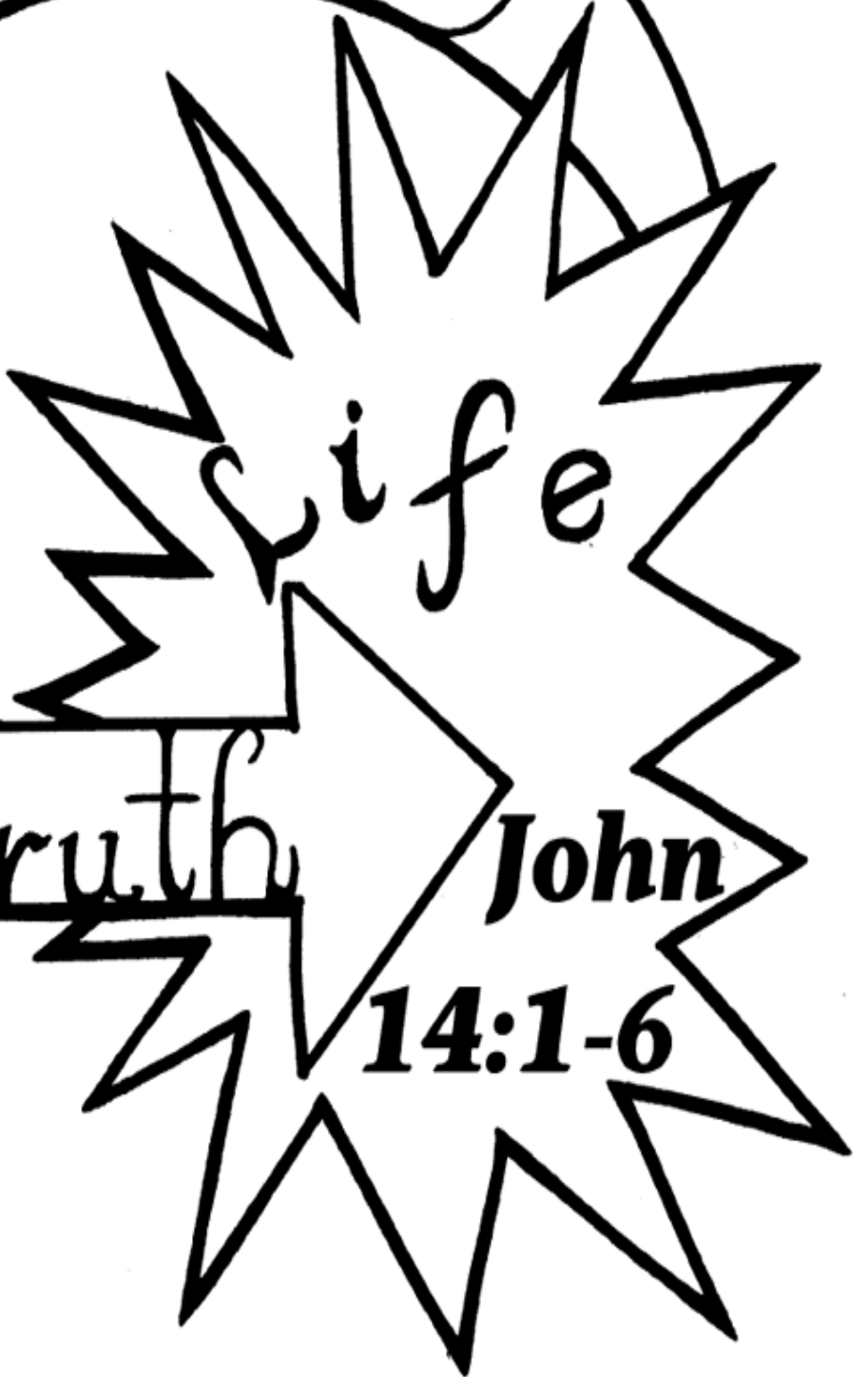
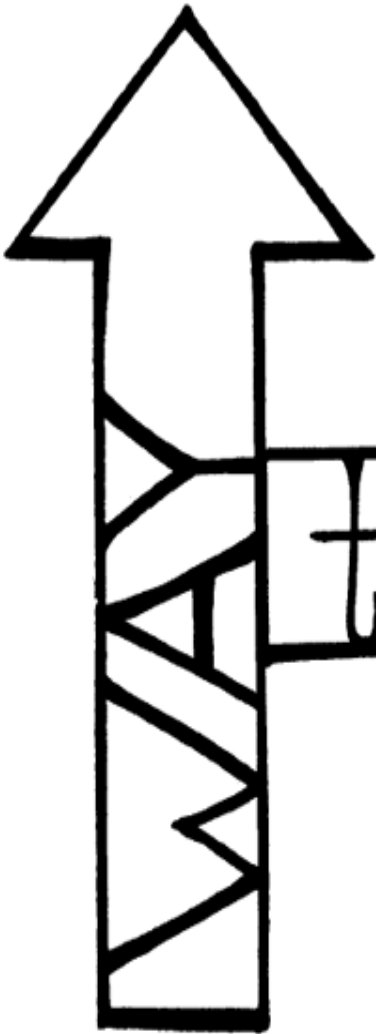
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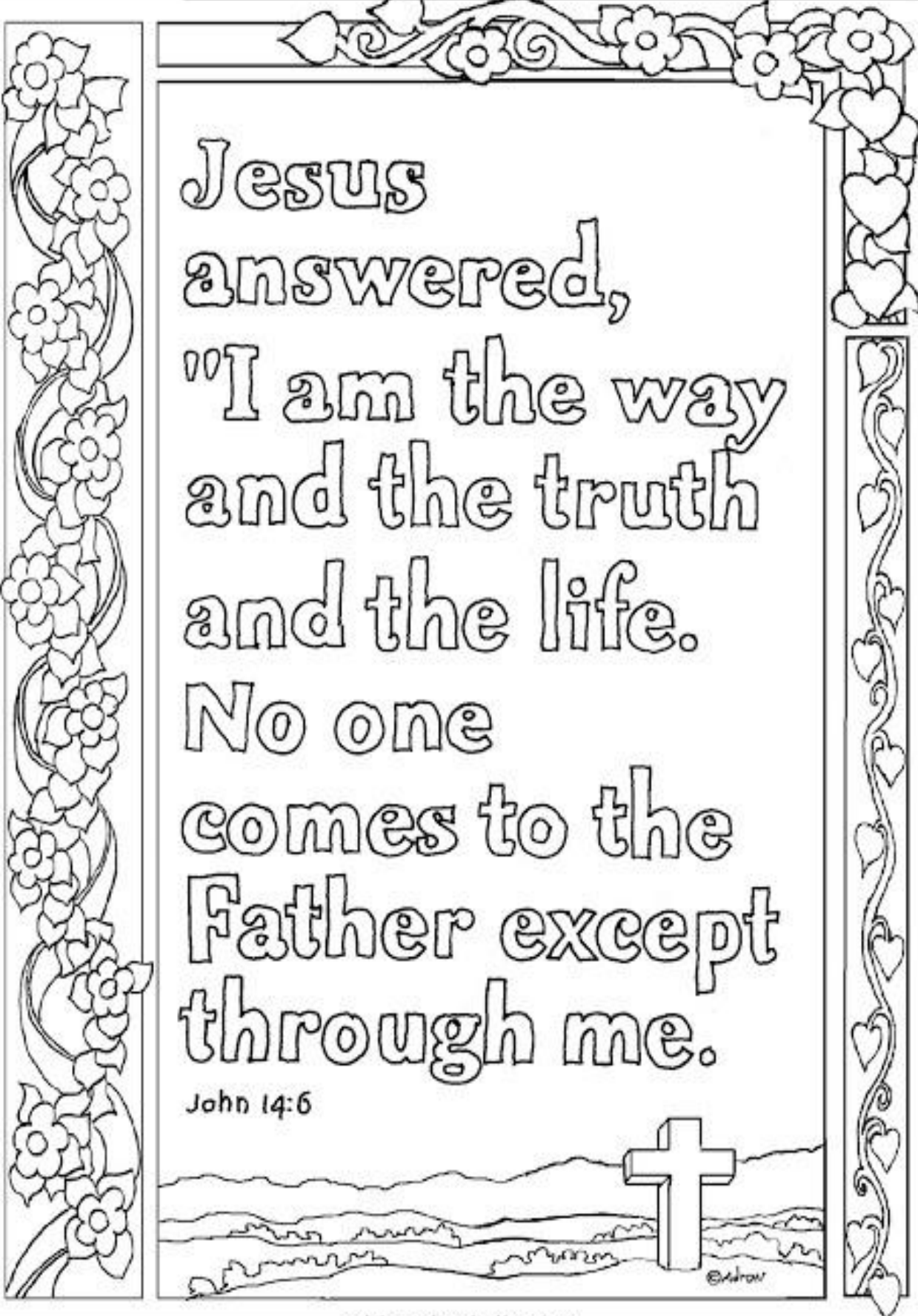
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John

14:1-6





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