

# Jesus Is the Great I AM

## KEY THEME

- God reveals His character in the Bible.

## KEY PASSAGES

- Exodus 3:14
- John 6:35, 8:12, 8:56–59, 10:9, 10:11, 11:25, 14:6

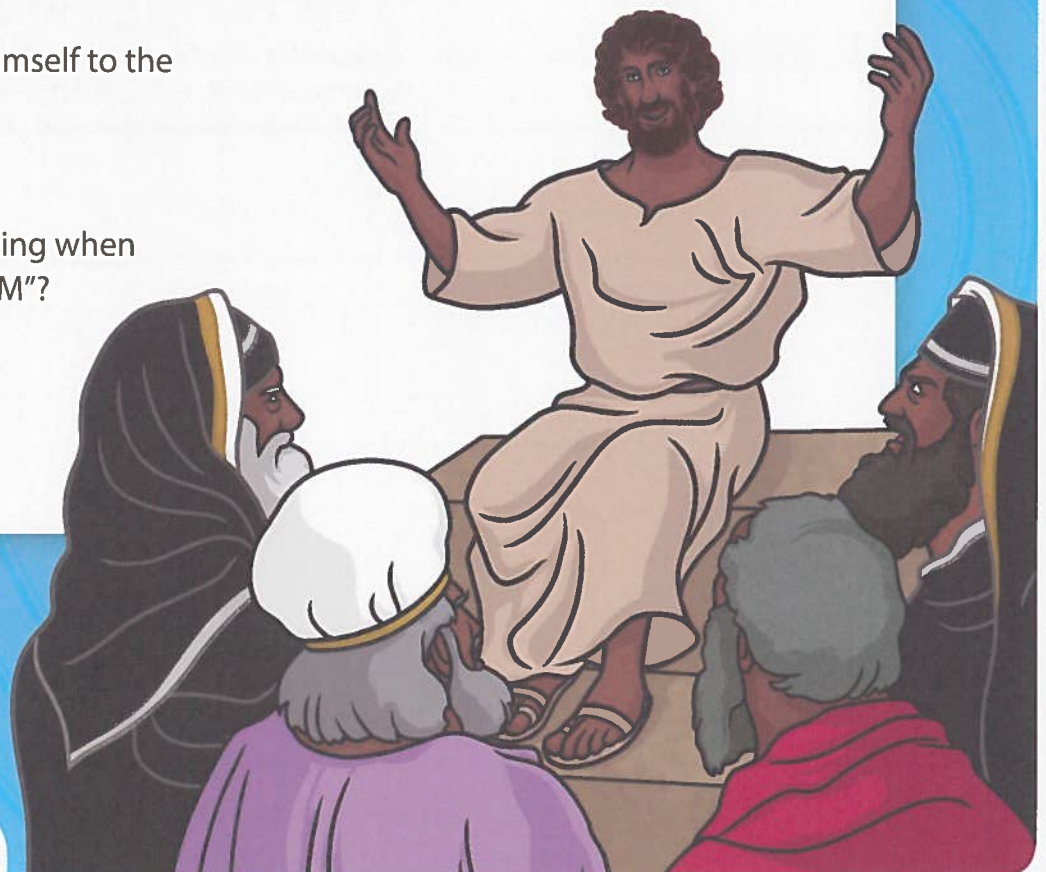


## What You **HEARD** in the **WORD**

- When Jesus called Himself “I AM,” the religious leaders knew He was claiming to be God.
- When Jesus made the I AM statements calling Himself the Bread, Light, Door, Good Shepherd, and the Resurrection and Life, He was claiming to be God.

Answer these questions from today’s lesson.

- 1 What name did God use when speaking to Moses?
- 2 What did Jesus call Himself to the Jewish leaders?
- 3 What was Jesus claiming when He called Himself “I AM”?



# Read the Word

**Monday** {John 6:48}  
What did Jesus call Himself?

**Tuesday** {John 6:49}  
What happened to the Israelites who ate the manna God provided for them in the desert?

**Wednesday** {John 6:50}  
What will happen to those who eat the bread of life?

**Thursday** {John 6:51}  
Where did the living bread (Jesus) come from?

**Friday** {John 6:51}  
What did Jesus give for the life of the world?

**Saturday** {John 14:6}  
Do you know your memory verse? Recite it to someone in your family.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

# Learn the Word

Write the letter that comes before each letter in the box below it.

k	f	t	v	t

said to him, "I am

u	s	v	u	i

the way, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the

m	j	g	f

p	o	f

. No \_\_\_\_\_ comes

f	y	d	f	q	u

to the the Father

n	f

through \_\_\_\_\_ . John 14:6

# TAG-A-LONG WORD PICTURES

Each word in the sentences below is either combined with part of another word or is divided in the wrong place. Separate the letters and write each word in order on the lines below the sentences. Each sentence is a word picture about Jesus.

1. Je su ss aid, "Ia mt hew ay,th etr ut h,an dt he li fe."

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2. Hei sth ego ods heph erda ndt hedo oro fth es he ep.

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3. Jesu sis th ebre ado flife.

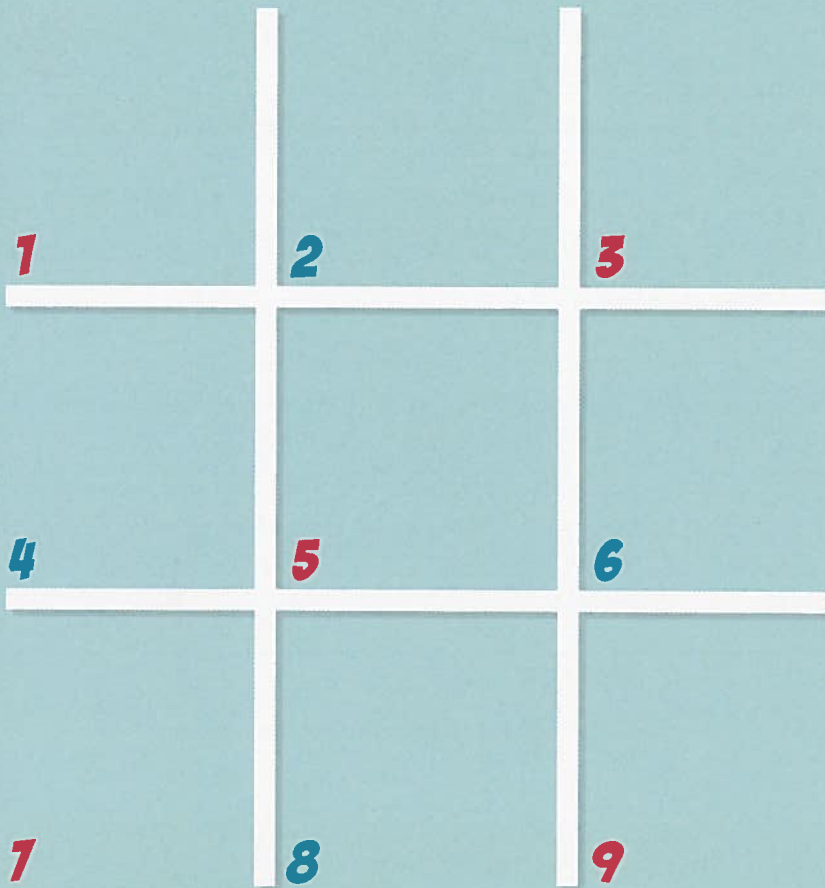
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# 3 IN A ROW, WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

Read each clue in the list below and decide if it's true or false. Put a T on the number of each true statement and an F on the number of each false statement. (Hint: When you finish, you'll find two rows of T's— three in a row.)



## SNEAK PEEK

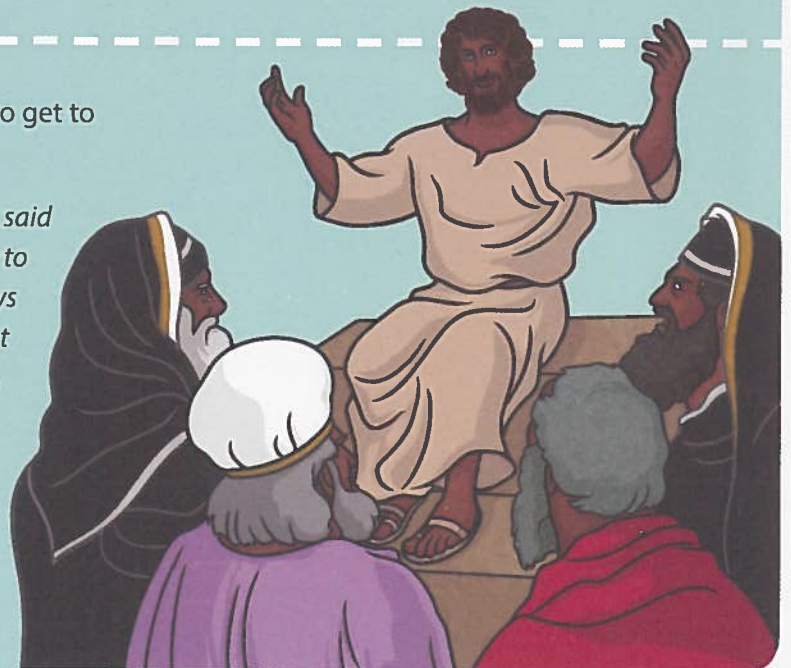
Do you know what Jesus requires of those who follow Him? Come next week to find out.

1. When God talked to Moses, He said His name was "I AM THAT I AM."
2. God's name, I AM, means that He is one of many gods.
3. Jesus never said that He was God.
4. Jesus said that He had seen Abraham.
5. Jesus's statement shocked and upset the Jewish leaders because Jesus was claiming to be God.
6. When Jesus said, "I am the bread of life," He was starting a feeding program.
7. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world," because He gives spiritual light and truth.
8. Jesus said to go through one of many doors to get to heaven.
9. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life," because those who believe in Him will have eternal life.

## LIVE the Word

Suppose you hear someone say Jesus is not the only way to get to heaven. **What could you say?**

*We need to look at what the Bible says about Jesus. Jesus said He is THE way, the truth, and the life! There is no other way to the Father. He is the only way. I believe what the Bible says because it's God's Word. Sin separates man from God. But God made a way—one way only—for man to be redeemed. He sent His Son to take the punishment we deserve so that one day those who believe in Him would not perish but have everlasting life with Him. The Bible says Jesus is the only name—the only one—who can save sinners.*



God—the same God who spoke to Abraham, the one true God. 4) True. 5) True. 6) False. Jesus meant that just like food is needed for physical life, Jesus is necessary for eternal life. 7) True. 8) False. Jesus said He is the door. Sinners must enter heaven through Him. 9) True.

## HomeWord

For Parents

**T**he scribes and Pharisees were offended at what Jesus was doing and saying—especially at His claim that He came from God and was sent by God (John 8:42). The words He spoke stunned those who were listening to Him. He answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM” (John 8:58).

This enraged those arguing with Him, and they picked up stones to throw at Him (John 8:59). What exactly was Jesus saying by calling Himself I AM?

The scribes and Pharisees were very familiar with God’s words to Moses as He revealed Himself at the burning bush when God said, “I AM WHO I AM” (Exodus 3:14). This name denotes complete independence and self-existence. It could only describe the one true God! And this was Jesus’s testimony—I AM God. The religious leaders hated Him for claiming that truth.

John recorded seven more instances where Jesus made the claim, “I AM,” to confirm that He is God in human form and the promised Messiah who would save His people from their sins.

- “I am the bread of life” (John 6:35). He is essential to life—not physical life, but eternal life.

- “I am the light of the world” (John 8:12). There is no other source of spiritual light.
- “I am the door” (John 10:7). Eternal life comes through Him alone—the only door.
- “I am the good shepherd” (John 10:11). There is only one good shepherd—it is Jesus.
- “I am the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25). There is no resurrection or life without Jesus.
- “I am the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6). Jesus is the only way. He alone offers the only truth.
- “I am the true vine” (John 15:1, 15:5). Just as a branch cut off from the vine cannot continue to grow, we can do nothing apart from Jesus Christ (John 15:4–5).

Jesus is God. His claim to be “I AM” left no doubt in the minds of the Jews who would not accept or believe Him. Christ was crucified because of His rightful claim that He is the great I AM—God in human form, the King of the Jews (John 19:19). God’s perfect plan of redemption through Jesus was fulfilled.

*Go to the Online Resource Page for more information.*

## OutWord

For Family Discussion

Suppose you heard someone say that Jesus was a good teacher or maybe a prophet, but He wasn’t God. **What could you say?**

*The Bible is the one reliable place to find out the truth about Jesus. And the Bible records things Jesus said and did when He walked on this earth as a man. During that time Jesus said He was God in many different ways to many people. He wanted everyone to know that He was God in human flesh. In fact, that’s why the religious leaders wanted to kill Him, and in the end, that is why He was killed. If He wasn’t God, it seems like He would have said so before they killed Him in such an awful way! But it was true. Jesus is much more than a good teacher or a prophet. Jesus is God. There is no question about it.*

## inWord

For Family Study

“Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path” (Psalm 119:105). You want your children to walk in God’s way, on His path. Only His Word can direct them. Help them to know His Word. Study and memorize it together as a family.

*Begin with the memory verse in the Learn the Word section inside this handout.*

