



Bible Lesson 2021

7 "I AM" Statements

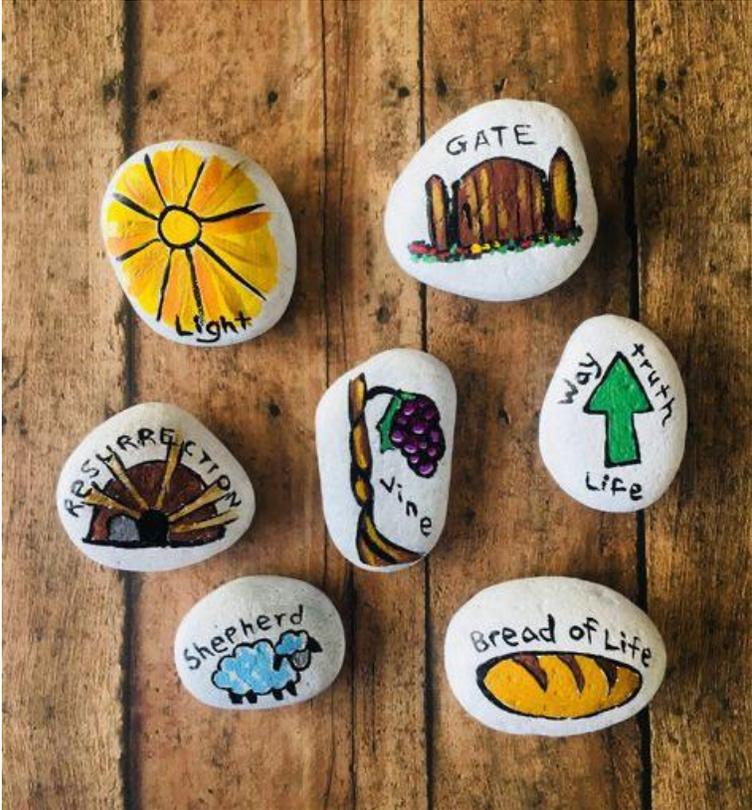
In Cabin Activity

If you're a crafty cabin, a great way for kids to memorize the 7 "I AM" statements would be to paint rocks with the 7 "I am" statements on them. See the picture to the left. You will need the following supplies:

- Rocks
- Sharpies or paint and paint brushes.

If you are not a crafty cabin, give the worksheet and word search a try to help your campers become familiar with the 7 "I Am" statements. You can find the worksheet and word search toward the end of the packet.

OR you can be both types of cabin!



Daily Schedule

Bible Study Instruction:

The Bible study is not divided into days. There is so much to cover that you might need to individualize the plan based on your cabin. The "I AM" statements are in the order in which Steve, our camp pastor, will be speaking on them.

In Cabin decoration idea:

Create a focal point with the letters, "I AM," in whatever medium you would like to use. Then print, draw, paint pictures and words of the "I am" statements. Finally, place each drawing or picture on the wall around the large "I AM" as you discuss them.

Suggested Bible Study schedule:

Day 2 Lesson

- 15-20 Minutes: In Cabin Activity
- 5-10 Minutes: Worship
- 20-30 Minutes: Bible Study

Day 3 Lesson

- 15-20 Minutes: In Cabin Activity
- 5-10 Minutes: Worship
- 20-30 Minutes: Bible Study

Bible Study

Infinity Way

John 14:6

Discussion Point: Jesus clearly lays out His identity through 7 "I AM" statements found in the book of John. These statements are rich with truth and are a part of a significant timeline in Jesus' life on earth. Since there is only 2 days to cover 7 statements, we are going to hit the highlights, but there is so much to be unpacked so seek God in understanding the areas in which your cabin might need to spend more time exploring.

Read John 14:1-7

Jesus has just predicted his death and betrayal before he tells his disciples that he is going away.

What is Thomas concerned with? The way

Then Jesus says? He is the way, the truth, and the life.

This week we are looking at all 7 statements were Jesus says, "I AM." Let us use these statements to help us understand the way to Jesus and why he is the truth and life.

Bread of Life

John 6:35

Sustainer

We can all relate to hunger. Hunger is an indicator of a physical need that must be met, or we will perish. In the Bible's original language, there are two words for life: bios and zoe.

Bios: physical life, breath in your lungs, where we get the word biology. It is used 10 times in the Bible.

Zoe: having vitality looking to the fullness of life, or spiritual life. This word is used 135 times in the Bible.

When God created life on this earth, where was it created? In the Garden of Eden.

The garden was perfect in both bios and zoe life and our souls long for that perfection. There is nothing in the physical life (Bios) that can satisfy the longing for perfection.

Read John 6:25-35

In verse 26, what is the reason Jesus says people are following him? (Bread, to eat)

Then the crowd brings up the wilderness where God provided manna for their Fathers. Each day God provided just enough to feed the Israelites. The Israelites had to have faith that each day God would provide. Now, the crowds were following Jesus for bread. Any guesses on what miracle the crowd just saw Jesus do? He fed the 5,000. How many baskets were left? 12. They were looking at the bread in the bios way to meet their physical needs just the same way that God provided the manna to meet a physical need, but now Jesus says, "I am the Bread of Life" and then what does He say? "Whoever comes to me shall not go hungry." He comes so we can have an abundant life (zoe). He provides more than enough! He is our Sustainer! Apart from Him there is no true satisfaction.

Bible Study

Resurrection and Life

John 11:25-26

Life Giver

Read John 11:1-27 or for the sake of time, use the following highlights.

- Lazarus became ill.
- His sisters Mary and Martha sent a message to Jesus about Lazarus.
 - Jesus waited 2 days before traveling to see Lazarus.
 - By the time Jesus arrived, Lazarus had been dead 4 days.

Martha and Mary fully believed that Jesus could heal their brother and they were understandably upset that Jesus didn't come sooner to save their brother. Their faith fell short that day, they were limiting Jesus. Jesus had said from the beginning of this story that the Son of God would be glorified.

Jesus didn't come just to heal the sick, he came to defeat death. This is the point he is trying to make. Often times, we think that God should work in a certain way or answer a certain prayer and we get disappointed with God. Mary and Martha, and even Lazarus expected a certain way for Jesus to heal Lazarus, but Jesus instead worked in a way that brought glory to God. He is the Life Giver.

Way, Truth, and Life

John 14:6

Jesus is making a clear statement that he is the only way for eternal life. Let us now look at each of these three statements.

Way- Read Matthew 7:13-14 and discuss what this verse says about the Way. Now, take a look at Proverbs 14:12. Jesus doesn't come to show you a better way, He is the only way.

Truth- Read John 8:32. Do you think of truth as freedom or as restrictive? Let us take a look at an example of the truth being protective and how the enemy used the truth to make God look restrictive. Read Genesis 2:15-16. What is Adam free to do? Adam was free to choose any fruit except from one tree for his protection. Now look at how the enemy twists God's words. Genesis 3:1. What does the serpent say God said? "You shall not eat from any tree in the Garden." Is that really what God commanded Adam and Eve? No, Satan wants to twist God's truth and the freedom He gave Adam and make us believe that He is withholding something from us. But the truth is He loved us so much that He sent His son to die for our sins.

Life: Read Deuteronomy 30:19-20 What are the 3 things that mean life? Loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice, holding fast to him.

Bible Study

Vine

John 15:1

Source

Read John 15:1-11

Who is the true Vine? Jesus. Who is the Gardner? God. Who are the branches? Us, His people.

Can fruit grow on its own apart from the vine or tree? The answer is no. In these verses, we not only learn something about Jesus, but we also learn who we are in Christ. We are the branches that bear fruit and He is the Source. The Vine or the Source is where the branch gets the nutrients and water it needs to grow and bear fruit. Also, we find 3 key words: pruning, abiding, and bearing fruit. In verse 2 we learn that the Gardner cuts off the branches that bear no fruit and He prunes that ones that do bear fruit. Even if you are a branch bearing fruit there will still be pruning which can easily translate into trials. Read James 1:2-4 to understand why pruning or trails are so important. Now, we come to verse 4 of John 15, it says, "Abide in me and I in you." What does abide mean? To remain, wait. This just means that no matter what happens in our life we must continue to stay connect to the Vine. What are somethings that keep us connected to the Vine that allow us to abide in Jesus? Prayer, Bible Study, etc. Guess where this leads us? We can read it right in verse 5, when we abide in Him, we bear fruit. What does it mean to bear fruit? Bearing fruit can look different in every person, but one measure could be if we respond to life with the Fruit of the Spirit. We find this in Galatians 5:22-23: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. We when go through pruning or trials we face them with these characteristics found in Galatians, and that Jesus is the Source of these things.

Door/ Good Shepherd

John 10:9-11

Guide

The Bible refers to shepherd several times. This even goes all the way back to Cain and Abel, the we see it again in David, and lastly with Jesus' birth. Sheep are vulnerable creatures. The shepherds we read about in the Bible dedicated most of their lives to their sheep. At night, sheep were kept in pens with fences of rock and a gate. The Shepherd would sleep at the gate all night to make sure nothing got in the pen to harm the sheep and also to make sure the sheep didn't wander out into the darkness. Now read John 10:1-11. Why would Jesus say he is the door or gate? Would Jesus be a Good Shepherd if he wasn't also the door? Group Discussion. Shepherds cared for the sheep and even over time came to have a very close relationship with the sheep to the point the sheep would know their shepherd's voice. How can we hear the Good Shepherd's voice? Scripture, Peace of God, Godly Counsel, Listen, and Obey. What are some barriers that prevents us from hearing the Good Shepherd's voice? Not abiding, pride, unconfessed sin, bitterness and resentment, fear. Jesus is our Guide and we must hear our Guide's voice in order to follow Him.

Bible Study

Light of the World

John 8:12

Example

I don't want us to overlook the nature into which Jesus said most of the I AM statements. He says these toward the end of His time on earth. So almost every time he makes a statement the Jewish leaders are trying to convict Jesus of a crime. The crime of bearing false witness. He was being persecuted for the things he was saying and eventually was hung on the cross because he was speaking the truth. I think as we look back and we know the whole story about Jesus being sent to the world for the purpose of dying on the cross for our sins we overlook the tension and risk he encountered everyday by speaking the truth to an unbelieving world. Read John 8:12-14 Consider the risk Jesus is taking by saying these words. Now let us look at what it means to be light. Light removes darkness and brings hope, it gives warmth, it allows things to grow, it sustains life. What does that mean to you? Group Discussion. What do you think it meant to Jesus' followers at this time of persecution? While there are several times that the Bible talks about light, there is one time that it is a command to us. Read Matthew 5:14. With what we have already talked about light, will it be easy for you to be the light of the world? Probably not, we will be persecuted for our faith. However, Jesus is our Example, so we must follow Him. But we know that Jesus is our Sustainer, Live Giver, Way, Source, Guide/ Protector. This makes being the light of the world possible.

Worksheet

Jesus' "I AM" Statements

In the gospel of John, we read that Jesus made seven "I am" statements about Himself, helping us to know Him better. See if you can unscramble the letters below to finish Jesus' "I AM" statements. Then, find the words that you wrote in the word search on the other page.

"I am the _____ of life." John 6:35

ARDEB

"I am the _____ of the _____." John 8:12

GIHLT

RODLW

"I am the _____." John 10:9

ROOD

"I am the _____ _____." John 10:11

OGOD

DPERHHS

"I am the _____ and the _____." John 11:25-26

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FIEL

"I am the _____, the _____, and the Life." John 14:6

AYW

THUTR

"I am the true _____." John 15:1

IVEN

Word Search

"I AM" Statements of Jesus

A A C L B A A D D B H L E N G
N N L G Y K E Z H Y P H H U G
R P B R W X Z B H E J W B Q Z
I X E B E W T M G I M W A V B
C Q Q K R S I R B T U Y D Y R
M D I A P E U E U M J C O F F
C M F R Z D A R E T K E O Z X
B D N W O R L D R M H R R F X
G M Z G N C L W N E D S I H Z
O Q V F R L G I N D C J S T G
U P T A U I U V G Q P T B S O
G I U Z J F G I N H T U I D O
C K K I V E F N Z Z T T G O D
R X U G O S H E P H E R D Y N
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Bible Study Notes

Theme Verse: Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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