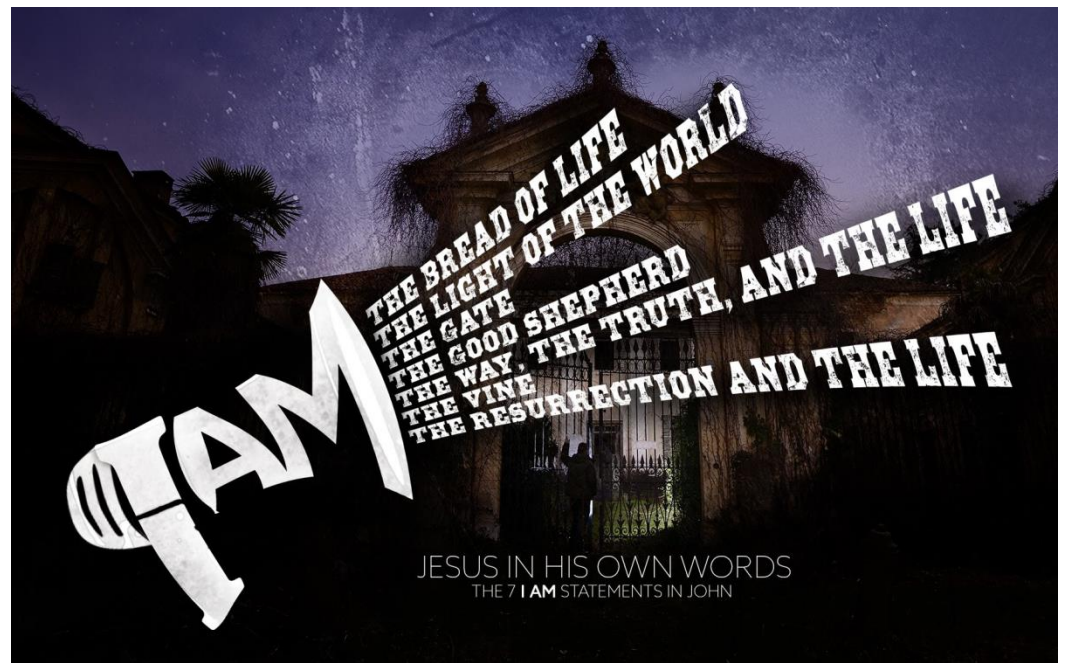
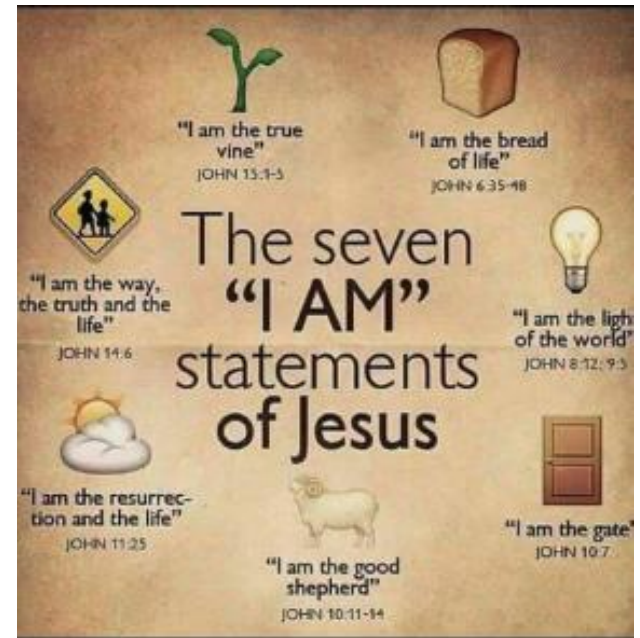


'I am' sayings of Jesus



Introduction

- This term we will be looking at prayer, the 'I am' sayings of Jesus and Easter
- Each week has 1 key saying / message and the following pages contain the bible passages, key points to discuss with the children and any web links you might find helpful.
- Please ensure that during the week pupils understand the stories and have an opportunity to discuss the key points.
- Please remember to create reflections for children to share, wherever possible linking with the Christian content – a reflection hint is on most slides.



Agents of change – Week 1

Time for New Years Resolutions – rather than giving something up let's commit to doing something positive in our lives or the lives of others:

- Recycling
- Healthy Eating
- Praying for others in need that you know
- Focus / effort in a particular subject or reading at home
- Speaking to a relative once a week (Gran)

Reflection:

What will you do to be a positive agent of change – be specific?



What is prayer?

Week 2

- Prayer can be spoken, silent, or in a song. They can be used to praise God or to ask for something including help and forgiveness.
- Saying a prayer is like having a chat with someone you really trust and know wants the best for you.
- The reason people close their eyes and puts their hands together is to help them concentrate, not fiddle and focus.
- Amen, something many people say at the end of a prayer means you agree with what has been said.

TSP or teaspoon prayers are Thank you / Sorry / Please prayers – this helps to give a structure to a prayer.

- Thanking God for big and little things
- Saying sorry for the mistakes we have made
- Asking God's help in our lives, his love on those we know and other situations that worry us

Reflection:

Have a go at creating your own TSP prayers.



Thank you
Sorry
Please

The Lord's Prayer

Week 3

- Jesus needed to explain to his followers how they should pray so he taught them a simple prayer that covers it all.
- He said that we should keep our prayers simple. God listens to us no matter if our prayers are long or short and if you just don't have the right words God knows what we mean.

Let's break down this special prayer so we understand it a bit more:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

God is our friend but he is also special.
People should live in peace and love with
one another the way it is in heaven.

The Lord's Prayer

Week 3 - Continued

Give us today our daily bread.

Give us today all that we need - things that we can't live without.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

It is important to say sorry for when we have done things wrong and forgive those that have done things that have hurt us. Asking God to help us not to make mistakes and to keep us safe.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.

God will never die and he's the strongest and greatest.

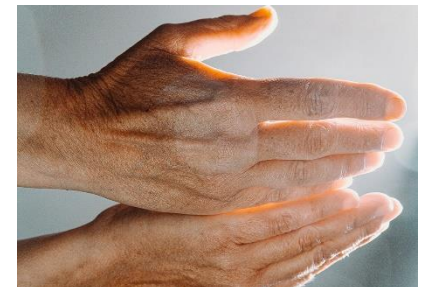
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For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Reflection:

- What will you think about whilst you are praying the Lord's Prayer – what is your 'daily bread' or what would you like God to 'deliver' you from?



I am the light of the world

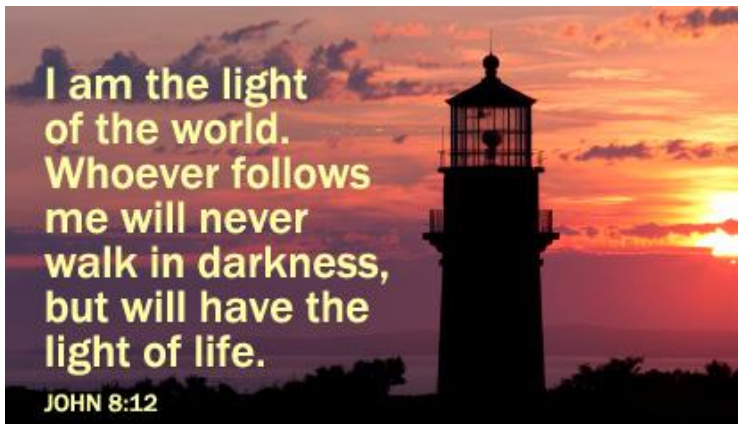
Week 4

John 8:12

- This world is dark because of the mistakes we all make, but Jesus gives us light so we can see the mistakes we make and how to do better.
- He takes our sin away and shows us (like a flashlight) how to walk the path of life and where to go next.
- Allowing Jesus into our lives means getting help so we don't have to stumble in the darkness.

Reflection:

- How could you ask God for help and not just when things are not going well?

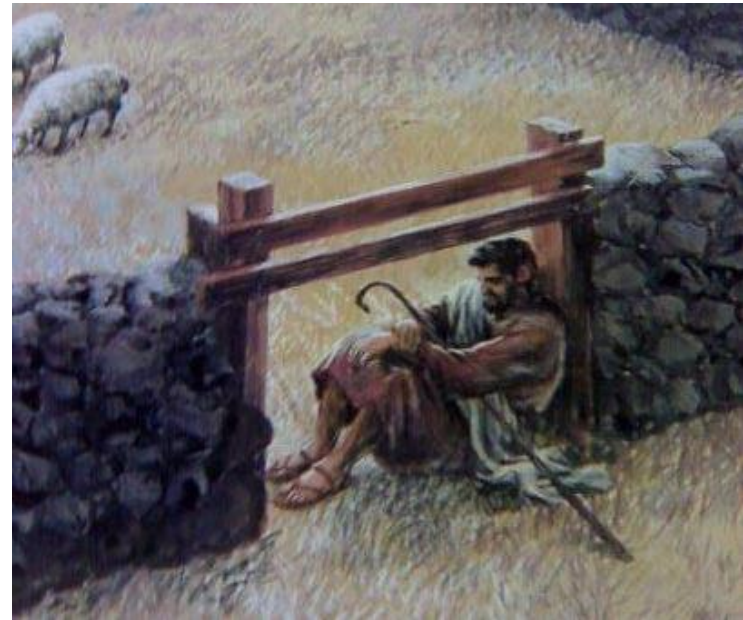


I am the gate for the sheep

Week 5

John 10:7-9

- In the sheep pen, the shepherd was like a gate or a door, letting sheep in and protecting them from what was outside the sheep fold.
- Jesus is the gate to God – the only one.
- We have to go through the gate (or door) to see God and be saved from our sins.
- Matthew 7:7 says, “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”



Reflection:

- Do you find it difficult to ask for help? Many Christians find it hard to ask God to help them...

I am the good shepherd

Week 6

John 10:14-16

- Just like a shepherd takes care of sheep, Jesus takes care of us.
- A shepherd will do anything to protect and save their sheep from danger, even die for them. This is what Jesus did at Easter for those that believe in him.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNY-DPTIFd8>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fWKUiWwqtyg>
(2nd clip timings - 1.39 to 3.03)

Reflection:

- How does it feel knowing that God wants to keep us safe?
- Who helps to keep you safe?



I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life

Week 7

- John 14:6
- Jesus is the only way to God – you can't earn or pay your way to him – faith is all that is really needed.
- Trust in Jesus to help us in difficult times – leaning on his strength and understanding.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3dKJr6kpTw>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xwLvq44Gsk&list=PLSDvoDzq_G42fYHGr4I9c3d2dAMDNVd9b&index=8

Reflection:

- Who can you lean on in difficult times?
- Is it easy to trust in God when things are going wrong?



I am the True Vine

Week 8

- John 15:5
- Jesus is the vine, His followers are the branches. The branches need to have the vine to grow. If they don't, they're going to fall off and be of no good.
- We all need to stay connected to Jesus in order to grow.
- <https://www.sharefaith.com/video/john-15-i-am-the-vine-bible-video-for-kids.html> (up to 2.37)



Reflection:

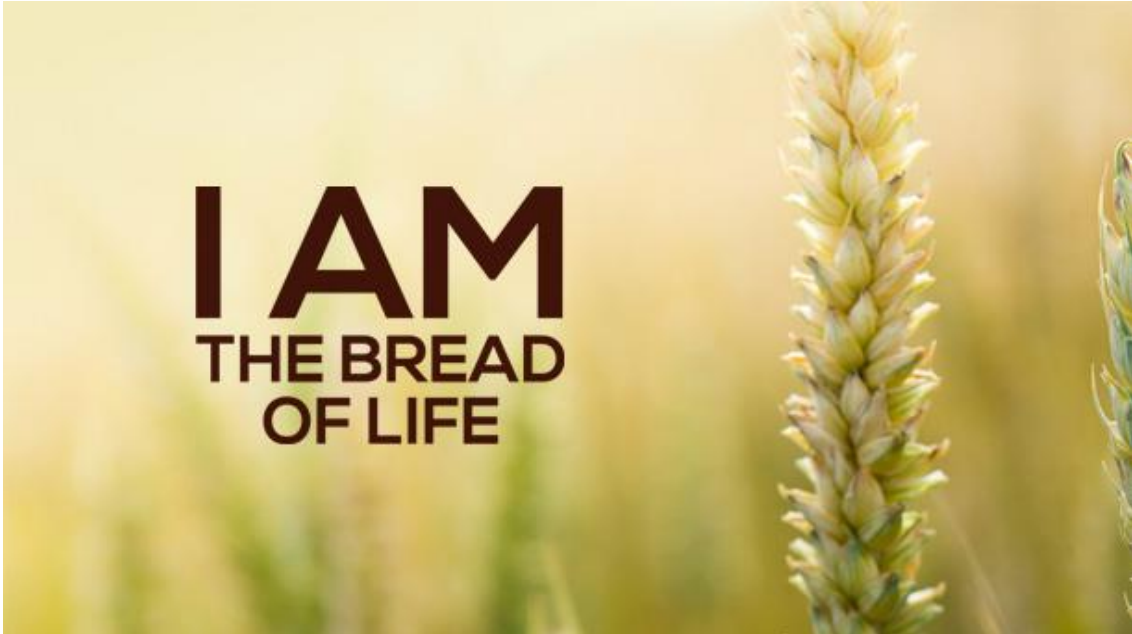
- How can we stay close to God?
- Who do you need to stay close to for support?



I am the bread of life

Week 9

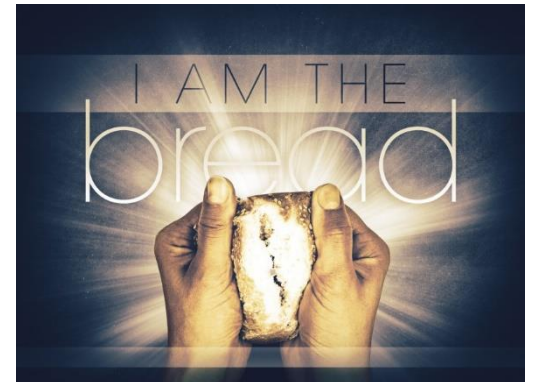
- John 6:48-51
- Our bodies need food to live (like cereal, apples, pop tarts), but food won't get us to heaven - our hearts need Jesus.
- Food doesn't keep us full for long just like gadgets and toys don't entertain for ever – Jesus offers something that will help us be satisfied with our life on earth.



I AM
THE BREAD
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Reflection:

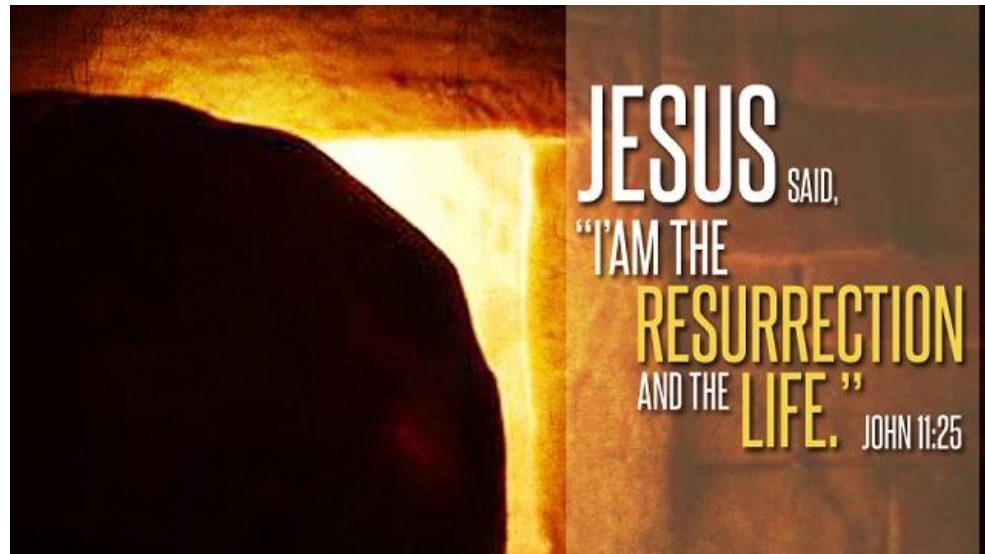
- Big thoughts – what do you need to be happy – really need?



I am the Resurrection and the Life

Week 10

- John 11:25-26
- When Jesus rose again, He defeated death.
- Death doesn't have to make us afraid anymore, if we have Jesus in our hearts.
- Not only that, but Jesus is life! Those who follow Him have, "Life to the full!"
- <https://www.sharefaith.com/video/john-11-i-am-the-resurrection-and-the-life-bible-video-for-kids.html>



Salvation

Week 11

- Luke 24:13-35
- Jesus wants us to know him personally – to have a friendship with him
- Meeting together and sharing bread strengthens our friendships with each other and God
- God is always with us – holding our hands in times of trouble and upset
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0PSgoPdKQFQ&list=PLXPG4mSmvRY0EI2YrT_KkMzJp3wzE2mni&index=11

Reflection:

- What are the traits of a special friend that you value most?



Salvation

Week 12

- **Matthew 19: 25-26**
 - ²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, “Who then can be saved?” ²⁶ Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”
- God offers Christians eternal life with him if we believe in him and follow him faithfully
- Everyone makes mistakes but by saying sorry to God and believing that he can help us to not make the same mistake again we can receive his forgiveness

