WEEK 5: JESUS IS .... THE DOOR

AIM: To show that Jesus is the means by which we enter into all that is good in this life and the life to come. It is through Jesus that we find forgiveness, peace, happiness, love, healing and heaven.

OPENING IDEA: Ask the children was doors are used for. Their answers should include, ‘to get inside a room’, ‘to keep strangers out’, ‘to protect people inside the room or house’, ‘to keep the room warm in winter’, etc. Make sure the children realize that the doorway is the proper and legal way to enter a building. Burglars usually enter through windows.

God’s Word tells us that there is only one way to get to Him and that is through Jesus. Jesus is like a Door, we must come to Him if we want to know God and get to heaven.

MEMORY VERSE: JOHN 10:9

‘Jesus said, “I am the door; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.’

SUGGESTED PRESENTATION: Using the ‘door’ drawing on page 6, cut out the door shape. Glue another A4 sheet underneath, making sure you don’t put any glue on the door. Have the children write the memory verse in the ‘doorway’. Place a picture of the face of Christ on the front of the door.

STORY: PARABLE OF THE SHEPHERD (JOHN 10:1-10) Show a picture of a Jewish sheepfold to help the children understand the parable.

Jesus wants to protect us from people who are selfish and untrue so He told a story in the Bible to help us to know the truth. Because many of the people Jesus spoke to owned sheep, He told them a story about a shepherd who really cared about his sheep.

Every morning the shepherd would come to the sheepfold and open the gate and call each sheep out by name. The sheep knew the shepherd and trusted him so they always followed him. Sometimes thieves would come early to the sheepfold and climb over the walls and try to get the sheep out, but they would not follow because they didn’t know or trust them.
At night, after a long day out in the pasture, the shepherd would bring his sheep back home and open the gate so they could go through into the fold and be safe, warm and comfortable through the cold night.

Jesus said that He was just the door on the sheepfold—we must come through Him if we want to be God’s people.

Ask the children the steps we need to take to become a child of God, eg,
- To be sorry for our sins—repentance
- To believe that Jesus died and rose again.
- To ask Jesus to forgive us for our sins.
- To ask Jesus to come and live inside us.

Jesus is the only way to God and heaven. If people tell us we can get to heaven by any other way except through Jesus, we know that they are like the thieves in Jesus’ story.

ACTIVITIES
1. Pages 3, 5 and 7 - puzzles
2. Page 4 - fill in the missing words of the story
3. Page 6 - make a ‘door’ to the sheepfold and write the memory verse.
JESUS IS …. THE DOOR TO THE SHEEPFOLD

Help the shepherd count his sheep as he leads them into the sheepfold.

There are _____ sheep.

Read the story in John 10:1-10
JESUS is .... The DOOR (John 10:1-10)

When a shepherd really c _ _ _ _ for his s _ _ _ _, he protects them from harm by keeping them safe in the s _ _ _ _ f _ _ _ . At night, he lays down in front of the entrance to the sheepfold, and his body acts like a d _ _ _ to keep them from being attacked by wild a _ _ _ _ _ _ .

Jesus is like that with us. He is the G _ _ _ S _ _ _ _ _ _ _ who l _ _ _ _ us, His sheep and lambs, so much that He laid down His life to pay for our s _ _, and to keep us from the attacks of the enemy.

Jesus is the D _ _ _ who p _ _ _ _ _ _ _ us from harm so we can grow to be like Him.
Follow the path from the shepherd through the sheep to the sheep door. Colour the picture. Read about Jesus, the Good Shepherd in John, chapter 10.
MAKE A 'DOOR' TO THE SHEEPFOLD  
(1) Cut open the doorway on red dotted line 
(2) Take another A4 sheet and glue it to the back of this page. Don't glue the door. 
(3) Open the door and write the memory verse (John 10:9).
CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. "MY SHEEP _________ TO MY VOICE:"
2. "I KNOW __________, AND THEY FOLLOW ME:"
3. "I GIVE THEM __________ LIFE:"
4. "AND THEY SHALL NEVER __________."

DOWN
1. "NO ONE CAN SNATCH THEM _______ OF MY HAND:"
2. "MY FATHER, WHO __________ GIVEN THEM TO ME:"
3. "IS __________ THAN ALL:"
4. "NO ONE CAN _______ THEM OUT OF MY FATHER'S HAND:"

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John 10

Jesus leads us to safety and salvation in Him.