



JESUS SAID, "I AM"

7 DAY FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

Day 7

"I Am the Gate."



Read John 10:7 together as a family.

Jesus is our gate. What is he the gate into? He's the gate to many different things, such as salvation, deliverance from sin, and allows us into Heaven. He's the gate to our salvation because He died on the cross for our sins. He lived a perfect life to be the sacrificial lamb to take our place on the cross. He is the only one that has done that, making Him our one and only gate to salvation. To get in, all we need to do is follow the ABC's: **A**dmit that we're sinners and need to turn away from our sins, **B**elieve in Jesus and accept His forgiveness, **C**onfess that Jesus is our Lord and Savior. Jesus is our gate to deliverance because He didn't sin, even though He faced temptation just like us. He lived His life perfectly, defeating sin. And the same Spirit that lives in Jesus, lives in God's children (Romans 8:11)! We have power over sin, and all we need is to ask for help from Jesus. Jesus is our one way into Heaven. Heaven is a place without sin, and sin can't be there. Since we're sinful people, we cannot make it into Heaven by ourselves. We need Jesus to get in. That's why Jesus died on the cross, so we would spend eternity in Heaven!

BIBLE TIME:

Gates in the Bible times were very important. They allowed goods and people to come in and out, and kept bad things out, like armies trying to conquer the city. Cities need their gates to be strong so they could prosper. Jericho was a city with massive gates and walls, which were about 6 feet thick and 16 feet tall! God told Joshua and the children of Israel to take the city, and He gave them very specific instructions on how to take it. During the first six days, they were to march around the city once. On the seventh day, they were to march around the city seven times, and blow their trumpets and shout. Let's see what happened after they shouted!

Read Joshua 6:20

God knocking those walls down just proves that He is the one and only true gate, one that cannot be broken or knocked down. The devil doesn't stand a chance against Him!

PARENTS: Take a moment to talk about the importance of the door into your home. It has a lock on it you use so that no one can come in unless you want them to. It's the "gate" of your home. Jesus is the gate to God's home, Heaven, and He is the only way that you can enter into His house. Having a relationship with Jesus is the most important thing you will ever have. No one wants to be locked out of Heaven.

PRAYER: Pray as a family thanking Jesus for all that He has done. Thank Him for living a perfect life to die on the cross for our sins so we could be forgiven and have a relationship with Him.