

# How do you get to Heaven?

## (Life paper cross)

### Lesson learnt:

John 14:6

*6 Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.*



Sometimes we think what we say, do or have is what can get us to Heaven, but even doing things that please God cannot get us to Heaven. The Bible tells us that there is **ONLY one way** to Heaven and that is by **believing in Jesus!**

### Items needed:

- A piece of paper
- A pair of scissors

### Instructions:

Link to video demonstration: <https://youtu.be/ztJ8vIUezdQ>

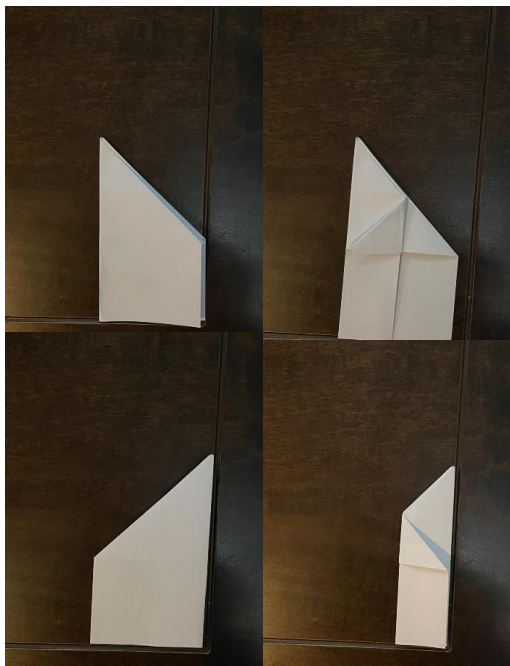
	<p>Take an A4 sheet of paper. As you fold each shape, ask the children if that is the way people get to Heaven.</p> <p>(<u>Note:</u> Each of these things are good things God wants us to do but they are not what gets us to Heaven)</p>
	<p>Fold the top left-hand corner down so that the corner meets the right side of the page.</p> <p>This looks like a church: Is going to church the way we get to Heaven? No! Going to church and doing things for God, like serving, learning and even teaching, are good things and they please God but <b>going to church is not the way we get to Heaven.</b></p>



*Fold the top right-hand corner down so that the corner meets the left side of the page.*

This looks like a house:

Does inviting people to your home and being hospitable get you to Heaven? No. Maybe looking after the homeless? Does that get you to Heaven? The Bible teaches us to love and serve others but even this is **not** the way to Heaven!



*Fold the page into a paper plane:*

- *Fold the house shape in half.*
- *Fold the right-hand flap back out again halfway.*
- *Flip the paper over and fold the other flap in the same way.*

This looks like a plane:

What about if we go on lots of mission trips and travel all over the world teaching and helping others? God tells us to go into all the world and make disciples. (Matthew 28:19) Will that get us into Heaven? **NO**. Yes, God wants us to do this, but it is not the way to Heaven.



*Ensure the paper plane wings are folded down. Now cut the shape down the middle. It will form loose pieces that you will use to build the words and one of the pieces will unfold to be a cross.*



*First use the loose pieces to form the word "HELL".*

Sadly, our sin means an eternity of separation from God, in hell.



**BUT that is not the end of the story!** The Bible tells us in John 14:6.

*<sup>6</sup> Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.*

So, because of the incredible sacrifice Jesus made for us when He died on the cross – we get to have life.

*Reshuffle the loose pieces to form the word "LIFE" and then open the folded cross.*

When we believe in Him and accept Him as our Saviour, we get to go to Heaven and spend eternity in Heaven with Him. We get to have eternal life. So, the next time someone asks you, "How do I get to Heaven?"

**Believing in Jesus is the ONLY way to having eternal life with our Father in Heaven.**