



Sunday, May 7, 2023
 God's House - John 14:1-14



What's the Big Idea?

You Get Your Own Room in God's House

In today's story, Jesus gives an important talk to his disciples. He has already died on the cross, rose from the dead, and has been spending time with his friends again. Because Jesus knows his time on earth is limited, he wants to talk to his disciples about some important things. He says, "Believe in God and in me. God's house in heaven is so big that everyone can have a room. I'm going there to get your rooms ready. Later, I'll come back to take you to God's house. You know the way to where I'm going." Jesus is saying that he'll shortly be on his way to heaven for good, but to not worry; he'll be waiting for us when it's our turn to go to heaven. And, if we ever lose our way, he reminds us that the way is through God. God's house is humungous with room for everyone!



Read It

Find this week's story on page 448 of your Spark Story Bible.



Try It

Nightlight? Pillow? Favorite stuffie? Sound machine? Journal? Something else?! Think of the three most essential items in your room — the things you couldn't go without and write them below. Then, ask friends and family to think of their top three things to compare / contrast. What do you notice?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



Talk About It

- 1) Have you ever been somewhere you didn't want to be? How did Jesus help you feel better?
- 2) What are some ways you can make people feel comfortable when they visit your home?
- 3) If you went ahead of your family to a new home, what might you do to prepare it for each member of your family? Name one thing you could do for each person.

Pray: At home, head to a room in your house, and try this traditional Irish blessing: *Bless this room, O Lord we pray. Make it safe by night and day. Bless the door that it may prove, Ever open to joy and love. Bless these windows, shining bright, Letting in God's heavenly light; Bless us so that one day we May dwell in heaven, O Lord with Thee. Amen.*

Memorize It

Challenge yourself to memorize the following verse of the week.

**Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."
 John 14:6a**

There's Room for Everyone in God's House

I Am

Look for words based on John 14:1-14. If we ever lose our way, we can remember that Jesus first showed us how to know God.



Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

BELIEVE
COME AGAIN
DWELLING
HOUSE

KNOW
PLACE
PREPARE
SEE

THE LIFE
THE TRUTH
THE WAY



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