

# LIFE IS A HIGHWAY



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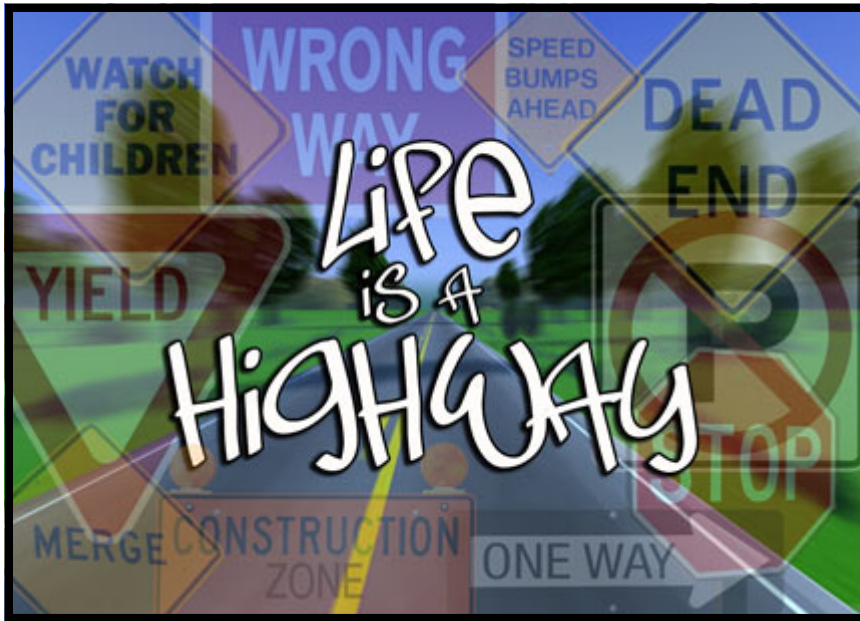
YIELD

CONSTRUCTION ZONE

WATCH FOR CHILDREN

SPEED BUMPS AHEAD

STOP



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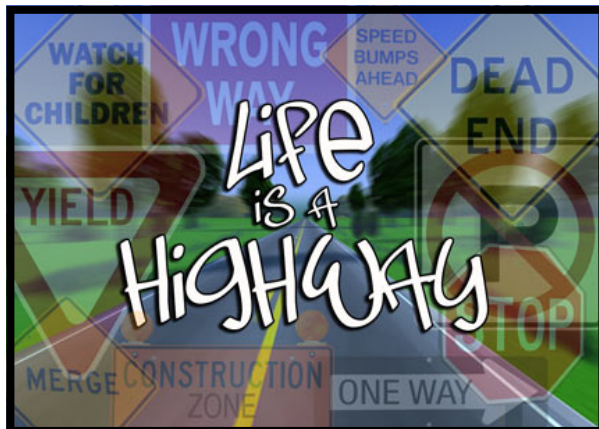
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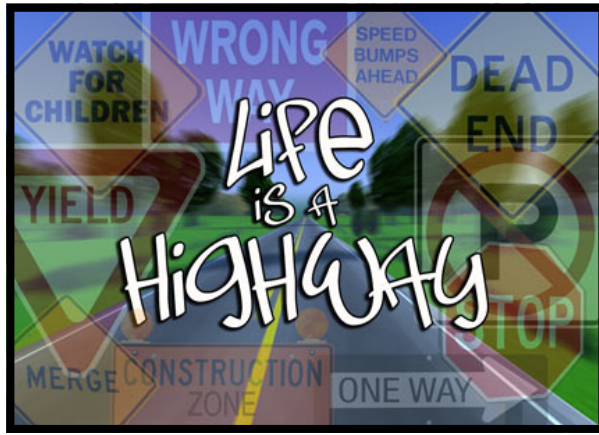
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## Introduction

Road Trip!!!! Remember all the fun road trips you had as a kid with your family? Or maybe you and your College friends decided to take a spur of the moment road trip to sights unseen and destinations unknown. What a journey!

Life is a lot like a highway. The Bible says that there are two roads that we can choose to travel on. One leads to life in Heaven forever and one leads to sin and death. We have to make sure we are on the road that leads to Heaven.

Along the road, there are many lessons to learn. In this series, your kids will learn some of those lessons by studying road signs. They will learn lessons like there's only **ONE WAY** to Heaven, how to **STOP** sinful habits, how to **YIELD** to God's Spirit, how to make a U-Turn when you've hit a **DEAD END**, and much more. Your kids will delight in this amazing journey of faith.

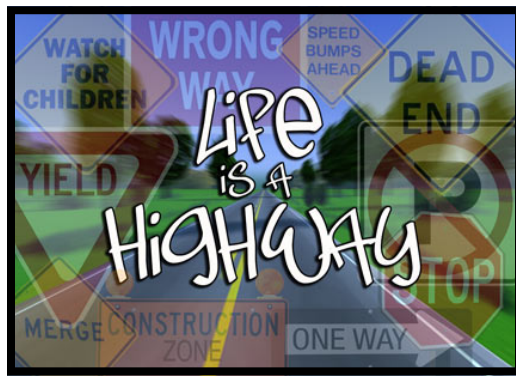
So, enjoy the ride as you and your children take off on one of the most amazing journeys in this Curriculum Pack Volume 9—"Life Is A Highway."

For This Generation,

**The High Voltage Kids Ministry Team**







## The Elements

### **The DVD:**

Included on the DVD are the Lesson Intro Video segments featuring Officer Jay Walken and Big Poppa, and “Rap It Up” Videos featuring the DumDums, a five-minute Countdown video to begin each service, plus a bonus “Bloopers” segment. You can also find the mpg-1 files on the DVD-ROM portion of the DVD. (just put the DVD into your computer and click “explore” on the disc from “My Computer”)

### **The Music CD:**

Contained on this music disc are instrumental game songs, the “BIG IDEA” sound byte, “Let’s Play A Game” intro song, and the world famous “OFFERING TIME” song to introduce the Offering.

### **The Data CD:**

This CD contains graphics and artwork of the logos for you to use for promo. Also included are PowerPoint games, slides for use during illustrated sermons, and PowerPoint slides for each Big Idea and Power Verse. In addition, you will find a “Family Devotion” for each lesson. These are designed to either send home with the parents (*to reinforce the lesson during the week*), OR they can be used as “small group segments” in your service (*to reinforce the lesson right away*).

### **The BIG IDEA:**

This is the main thought you want to get across to the kids during the week’s lesson. The BIG IDEA is a simple statement that sums up the entire week’s lesson. Sometimes it rhymes, sometimes it relies on rhythm, and other times it is just crazy fun! The plan is to have the kids learn the BIG IDEA by repetition. Included on the CD is the sound byte “Hey! What’s The Big Idea?” (*track #1*). This is a sound byte that your sound engineer can play as many times during the service as desired. Each time the kids hear the sound byte, they should stand up on their feet and say the week’s BIG IDEA. We have also embedded the sound byte within the BIG IDEA slide in the PowerPoint presentation each week.

### **The Intro Video:**

This video clip introduces the topic we will be tackling each week as well as teaches the BIG IDEA and Power Verse. Each segment lasts five to ten minutes! We suggest you open your service with this segment to help set the tone for the rest of the lesson.

### **Game Time:**

Each week a game has been provided. Most of them are themed with the lesson being taught that week. There are also high energy instrumental game songs included on the Music CD. Some of them are 60-second versions (*to be used for games with a one-minute time limit*), and some of them are extended versions. More music can be found on our Crazy Kids Game Music CDs at [www.highvoltage-kids.com](http://www.highvoltage-kids.com).

### **Puppet Skits:**

Use your favorite puppet to perform these skits. The puppet interacts with a human, which can be you or any member of your team. Names can be changed for each specific church and situation. If you do not have puppets, use the skits with a “human” character you create.

### **Illustrated Messages:**

Because kids tend to learn best if you combine speaking the truth with visual illustrations, we have written an illustrated sermon to be used each week. Materials are listed, and manuscripts are provided. Each illustrated sermon comes with a PowerPoint slide for each main point.

# LIFE IS A HIGHWAY LESSON 1

## **MAIN FOCUS**

Jesus Christ is the one and only way to get to Heaven!

## **POWER VERSE**

"I am THE WAY, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

- John 14:6

## **BIG IDEA**

"God's Son Is The Only ONE WAY To Heaven!"

## **Leader's Info**

Children receive conflicting messages through their life when it comes to how to get to Heaven. They are told that there a variety of ways to get to Heaven. But, which one is THE way?

Do you focus on doing good deeds? Do you go to church and memorize Bible verses? Do you give lots of money to charity or in the offering at church? The "options" can seem to be endless.

In this lesson, the children will learn that Jesus is the ONE WAY to get to Heaven. The only way to assure your placed in Heaven is by putting your trust in Him.

## ★ **INTRO VIDEO**

"ONE WAY TO HEAVEN"

## ★ **CHARACTER SKIT**

"INTRODUCING ZIP BREAKMAN"

## ★ **OFFERING TIME**

## ★ **PRAISE SONGS**

## ★ **GAME TIME**

"GO WHERE?"

## ★ **POWER VERSE REVIEW**

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## ★ **WORSHIP SONGS**

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## ★ **"RAP IT UP" VIDEO**

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### **ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE**

"ONE WAY"

### **"RAP IT UP" VIDEO**

### **REVIEW QUESTIONS**

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

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# LIFE IS A HIGHWAY LESSON 1

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## CHARACTER SKIT

**Character: Zip Breakman** *(a racing/NASCAR enthusiast; Zip can wear any kind of NASCAR clothing and a ball cap turned backwards; add some black "oil and grease" stains on his face to make him authentic)*

**Leader:** I am so excited to start our series on "Life Is A Highway" today. It's going to... *(all of a sudden Zip's intro music off the Music CD Track #4 begins to play; Zip comes running in full speed yelling and screaming at the top of his lungs because he is excited about racing; put the Zip Breakman PowerPoint slide on the screen)*

**Zip:** BOOGITY-BOOGITY! What's up everybody?!

**Leader:** Hey there! I don't believe we have ever met.

**Zip:** We haven't? Well, then in that case let me introduce myself. I am Zip Breakman, racing enthusiast.

**Leader:** Hey there Zip! What kind of racing do you like?

**Zip:** I absolutely LOVE car racing! Oh man! I love how the cars just ZIP around the track! I love the squeal of the tires, the smell of burned rubber all over the track, and the roar of the crowd when their favorite racer does his victory lap! Oh yeah! I LOOOOOOVE racing!

**Leader:** That's awesome. Well, it turns out that we are talking a little bit about cars here today.

**Zip:** You are, huh? Like what?

**Leader:** We are talking about how life is like a highway. Just like a car rolls down the highway on the way to its destination, we are going down the highway of life on our way to our eternal destination, Heaven. Along the way, there are lessons we have to learn. The lesson we are learning today is that Jesus is the ONE WAY to Heaven.

**Zip:** Now, hold yer britches there! What do you mean there's only ONE WAY to git to Heaven? That ain't true.

**Leader:** Well, of course that's true.

**Zip:** Nah, it ain't. Listen, I happen to have a friend down at the track. He was telling me that he is going to Heaven by worshipping some dude named Bubba.

**Leader:** Bubba?

**Zip:** Yeah, Bubba. He's got a statue of him on his dashboard. He's a little fat guy wearing a diaper or something.

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## CHARACTER SKIT

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**Leader:** Oh, you're talking about Buddha.

**Zip:** That's it! He said he could get to Heaven by rubbing Buddha's belly. Sounds gross to me.

**Leader:** Well, I am afraid Buddha is NOT the way to get to Heaven.

**Zip:** Whatever! He told me there was tons of ways to get to heaven, not just Jesus! Maybe he's right! Maybe I can find tons of different ways to get to heaven! Maybe I could pray to a dog or a sandwich or maybe I can just get to heaven by being such a cool guy and be nice to everybody!

**Leader:** Now hold on a second there Zip, today we're learning about the One Way sign.

**Zip:** What's that got anything to do with it? Can I get to heaven by praying to street signs?

**Leader:** No! We're using the one way sign as a reminder that there's only ONE WAY to heaven, and His name is Jesus! Jesus is God's Son who came down from Heaven 2,000 years ago to die on a cross for our sins. It's by accepting His forgiveness for our sins that we are able to get to Heaven.

**Zip:** For real?!

**Leader:** That's right! The Bible says that Jesus is the only way to get into heaven! Not being a nice person, not praying to Buddha or Mohammad or anybody else. The ONE WAY, the ONLY WAY to get to heaven is through Jesus Christ.

**Zip:** Wow! That's awesome! So now I don't have to be so confused when people talk about all the different ways to get into Heaven. I know now that Jesus is the ONE WAY to get to Heaven! Well, I gotta go everybody! They're gonna be kicking off the race soon. BOOGITY-BOOGITY-BOOGITY BOYS! Let's go racing! *(runs out of the room while his theme music plays—Track #4 on the Music CD)*

**Leader:** Well, kids, I am glad we set Zip straight today. We are going to be learning all about how Jesus is the ONE WAY to Heaven. As we go down the highway of life, we must follow Him everywhere He leads us.

# LIFE IS A HIGHWAY LESSON 1

## GAME TIME

### "GO WHERE?"

**Items Needed For Game:** The Data CD; Open the PowerPoint presentation for Lesson One; begin with the slide titled, "Go Where?"

**How To Play:** Choose one boy and one girl to compete in this game (with the help of their team members in the audience). Say, *"Since we are starting our trip down the Highway of Life today, we are going to make a few pit stops on our road trip. We will visit several important places that are mentioned in the Bible. You will see those places described on the screen, and with your team's help you will have to choose which place is being described."*

They will take turns answering the questions with the help of their team members in the audience. For every correct answer, their team will receive a point. The team with the most correct answers wins the game.



# LIFE IS A HIGHWAY LESSON 1

## ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE

### "ONE WAY"

**Materials Needed:** The Data CD; an actual One Way street sign (*optional*); a piece of paper and pen; additional options for supportive material are the "One Way" magic lesson found at [www.gospelmagic.com](http://www.gospelmagic.com) and the video "Evidence" by Steelhouse Media available for download at [www.sermonspice.com](http://www.sermonspice.com)

**Preparation:** Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data CD titled "Lesson One," begin with the slide titled "One Way." There is a slide for each point in the message. Familiarize yourself with the story of Jesus talking to the disciples at the Last Supper in John 14:1-6 *SUGGESTION: If you are able to find one of each of the street signs that are talked about in this series, a great idea is to fasten them to a stand and use them to decorate your stage area. Each week, add the new sign as you teach about it.*



### The Message: (title slide)

Today we are looking at the ONE WAY sign. It's a very important sign. It shows the ONE WAY you can drive down that street. What happens if you choose to go a different way than the way it shows? (*allow kids to respond*) That's right! CRASH!

(*choose a volunteer from the audience*) Boys and girls, I am excited because I have invited (name of volunteer) to my house for dinner. There's only one problem. They do not know how to get to my house. They come to me and say, "How do I get to your house?" (*have your volunteer repeat after you*) I say, "I would love to tell you how to get to my house. Do you have a pen and paper to write down the directions?" (*pull out the pen and paper and hand it to them*) "Of course you do. OK, write this down as I tell you the directions. Go straight down Main st., turn left on 3rd street, and then go 6 blocks." (*once your volunteer has written down the directions, show them to the audience*) Now, kids, I have given my friend the directions to my house. This is the one way to get to my house. What happens if my friend decides there are many ways to get to my house and they choose one of those ways? What if along the way to my house some people on the side of the road say they have a better way to get to my house? What if my friend here chooses to follow their way instead of the way I gave? That's right, my friend will probably get lost and never make it to my house. It's MY house, and I know how to get there. The way to get there is to follow the instructions I gave, right?

### 1) The World Says There Are MANY Ways To Get To Heaven (title slide)



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## ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE

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The world says that there are many ways to get to Heaven. They say, "Trust in Mohammad! Pray to Buddha! Do good deeds! Be a nice person!" Those are all things that people say will get you to Heaven. The world doesn't believe that there is only ONE WAY to Heaven. But, I want to read from the Bible an amazing thing that Jesus said as He was meeting with His disciples at the Last Supper right before He was arrested.

In John chapter 14, starting with verse one we read, "*Don't be troubled. You trust God, now trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's home, and I am going to prepare a place for you.*" Did you hear that? Whose home did Jesus say was in Heaven? (allow kids to respond) That's right, Heaven is God's home. He has invited us to live with Him there forever. So, if Heaven is God's home, then who do you want giving you directions to God's home? (allow kids to respond) That's right! God!

Just like my friend, \_\_\_\_\_, should listen to the directions I was giving to MY home, we should pay close attention to the directions that Jesus is giving to God's home. The world tries to say there are many ways to get to Heaven, but the world is not who we should listen to. GOD knows the way to Heaven. We should listen to what He says is the ONE WAY to get there.

After Jesus said this, one of his disciples, Thomas said in verse 5, "...so how can we know the way?" Jesus told him, "**I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.**" That's our Power Verse today. The world says there are many ways to Heaven, but...

## 2) Jesus Said There's Only ONE WAY To Heaven (slide)



Jesus IS the one way to Heaven. The way to Heaven is to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior. How do you do that? You have to realize that you, like all people in the world, have messed up and broken God's rules. The Bible calls that "sin." Sin is something that God can't be a part of. That's why everyone who has sinned deserves to go to a place called Hell that is far away from God. It's a terrible place full of suffering and pain. But, God did not want you to have to go to Hell.

That's why God sent His only Son, Jesus, to come and pay the price for your sin. Jesus was beaten and died on a cross to pay the punishment for your sin. Because of what Jesus did on the cross, you can now ask God to forgive you of your sin. When you do, God wipes away all of your sin and gives you a brand new life. From that moment, you have the right to enter Heaven. Not because of anything you did, but because of what Jesus did. Jesus is the ONE WAY to Heaven.

## 3) It's Time To Get On The Highway To Heaven (slide)



Maybe you are here today and you have never asked God to forgive you of your sins. Maybe you are hearing for the first time that Jesus is the ONE WAY to Heaven and you want to invite Him into your life to be your Lord and Savior. Well, there is no better time to do it

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## **ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE**

**(CONTINUED)**

than right now. It's time to get on the Highway to Heaven.

### **ALTAR RESPONSE:** *(play soft music)*

Pray with the children to receive Christ as their Savior. Give individual attention to each child, helping them understand the prayer they are praying and the decision they are making. Then, celebrate with the entire group that we are all on the Highway To Heaven!



# LIFE IS A HIGHWAY LESSON 1

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## REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What was today's Big Idea?**  
Answer: *"God's Son Is The Only ONE WAY To Heaven!"*
- 2. What was the name of the racing enthusiast we met today?**  
Answer: *Zip Breakman*
- 3. What is the name of the false god that Zip had heard of?**  
Answer: *Buddha (he thought it was Bubba)*
- 4. What is the name of the trucker who taught us the Power Verse?**  
Answer: *Big Poppa*
- 5. Whose home did Jesus say was in Heaven?**  
Answer: *God's*
- 6. How many ways are there to get to Heaven?**  
Answer: *ONE WAY*
- 7. Is it possible to get to Heaven just by being a good person?**  
Answer: *no*
- 8. Who is the ONE WAY to Heaven?**  
Answer: *Jesus*
- 9. What's the name of the police officer in our video?**  
Answer: *Officer Jay Walken*
- 10. Where was our Power Verse found?**  
Answer: *John 14:6*