

Getting There

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for use as
STEP 1 **Lesson 2
Focus:**Through Jesus we can
come to God.**Lesson 2
Bible Basis:**2 Chronicles 29:20-36;
Hebrews 10:10,19-22**Lesson 2
Memory Verse:**In him and through faith in him we may
approach God with freedom and confidence.
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In order to introduce the lesson topic, students will watch a video clip about items that appear to be free but end up costing a lot.

Materials:☐ Internet access

There are a lot of times when we want or need to get somewhere and it isn't necessarily free.

➤ What are some examples of needing to pay to get somewhere? (Possible answers: getting into a movie theater, paying a toll on a road, or buying a ticket for a concert.)

Sometimes where we want to go might appear to be free but isn't really free at all. Take video games for instance. You start out with a game that advertises itself as free, but once you are into it, if you want to progress you need to make a purchase—coins or accessories of some kind or sometimes just consuming commercials.

Or, many free trials are also set to auto-renew—and charge you for a subscription—once the free trial period ends. For example, many streaming services offer a seven-day trial, but after those seven days, people who haven't canceled that trial will be charged for the subscription. Let's check out one content creator's tips for remembering to cancel free trials:

Play the following short video for the students:

Don't forget to cancel your free trials with this simple trick!

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/zbk4X2FzaEE>

Even beyond free games and trials, certain places, like expensive restaurants or special events, require visitors to dress in a particular way in order to enter. Others will only let you in if you have a friend who knows the people there.

➤ What are some examples of “free” things that might not actually be free? (Accept all reasonable responses.)

➤ What are some situations where you may be required or expected to bring something in order to get to a “free” event? (Possible answers: bringing homework to class; bringing a gift to a birthday party.)

➤ **Have you ever wanted to be somewhere, but you couldn't, because you didn't have what you needed to get in? Tell us about it.** (Answers may vary. Be prepared to share your own experience.)

➤ **Have you ever had a friend help you to get somewhere that you wouldn't have been able to get to yourself?** (Answers may vary; some students may talk about gaining access to a club because a friend who was a member invited them, or someone who has tickets to an event that was sold out long ago. Be prepared to share examples of your own.)

Getting where we want to go can be tricky at times. Either it costs more than we can afford or requires something else we don't have access to. Today we're going to talk about someplace we can't get to without help—the cost is too great, and on our own we don't have what is required to gain entrance.

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your teacher's guide; your Step 4 appears below.)

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Materials:

- ☐ Bibles
- ☐ Colored cardstock pieces (1 per student; bracelet-sized pieces plus 1 inch)
- ☐ Fine-tipped permanent markers
- ☐ Stapler
- ☐ Whiteboard and marker (or screenshared document)

Before class, cut bracelet-sized strips of craft foam (plus 1 inch) for each student; be sure to size them so that students will be able to slide them on and off without tearing once they are stapled. (If your class is meeting online, email parents before class to let them know what supplies to prepare ahead of time for their students.)

Write the following references on the whiteboard (or screenshared document). The verses, similar to this lesson's memory verse, remind us of how Jesus brought us to God:

- Romans 5:2
- Ephesians 2:18
- Hebrews 4:16
- Hebrews 10:19
- 1 Peter 3:18
- John 14:6

As students are finishing their activities from the last step, bring their attention back to the lesson focus. **If it wasn't for what Jesus did, it wouldn't be possible for us to have a relationship with God.**

➤ **What is stopping us from having a relationship with God?** (Possible answers: Sin, guilt, imperfection.)

➤ **How did God's people come to Him in the Old Testament?** (Answer: With animal sacrifices.)

➤ **How did Jesus make it possible for anyone, anywhere to come to God?** (Answer: By dying as our perfect sacrifice.)

Because of what Jesus did, we don't have to bring God animal sacrifices, or only come to God at certain times of the year, or only speak to God with the help of certain important people, like priests. Because Jesus paid the price—there's no hidden costs!—we can all come boldly to the Lord whenever we want.

➤ **Can you remember a time you were finally able to do something you'd never been allowed to do before? How did that make you feel?** (Answers may vary; be ready to share from your own experiences.)

Often at concerts or other special events, everyone allowed in is given a hand stamp or a wristband as identification. If any of your students have experienced this, allow them the chance to describe.

Distribute supplies (or invite students to have them ready at home). Direct them to look up the references on the whiteboard (or screenshared document), select a favorite verse, and write the reference on their strip of craft foam. Once written, help them staple their wristbands around their wrists (staple multiple times to secure). **Just like a wristband reminds everyone that you are allowed to enter an event, these wristbands remind you how Jesus allows you to come to God.**

This week, remember that you have the opportunity to come to God with confidence because of what Jesus did. Use the verse on your wristband as a reminder to approach God with confidence whenever you need to speak to Him.

Close in prayer.

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