



FAMILY  
LifeGroup

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FAITH MATTERS  
What We're Up Against



## CHALLENGE

Last session we asked you to try and remember a Bible verse. See who can remember it.

**I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people.  
Jude 1:3b**



## EXPLORATION

This week we start our exploration of the book of Jude. Let's get started!!!

Click [here](#) to watch!



## VERSE

### Jude 1-4

For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about<sup>[a]</sup> long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord. Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord<sup>[b]</sup> at one time delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe. And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.

In the very same way, on the strength of their dreams these ungodly people pollute their own bodies, reject authority and heap abuse on celestial beings. But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not himself dare to condemn him for slander but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" Yet these people slander whatever they do not understand, and the very things they do understand by instinct—as irrational animals do—will destroy them. Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain; they have rushed for profit into Balaam's error; they have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion. These people are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm—shepherds who feed only themselves. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted—twice dead. They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever. Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy

ones to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him.” These people are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage.



## MAIN THOUGHT

**The truth is always the truth, but sometimes people might try and change it a little to suit themselves. But, the truth can't be changed, it is the truth!!**



## DISCUSSION

*These are to guide the general conversation.*

1. Have you ever told a lie?
2. Have you ever been told a lie or a little fib? How did you feel?
3. What is one truth you know about Jesus?
4. What does it mean to you to know Jesus is the truth that never changes?



## ACTIVITIES

### CRAFT ACTIVITY

#### THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

*The saying goes 'the truth will set you free'. That is true for us, Jesus is the truth and He sets us free and allows us to be friends with God. What are some truths you know about God?*

#### You Will Need:

- Key printout (at the end of the guide)
- Textas, pencils or crayons.
- String.



As a family discuss some truths you know about Jesus and your friendship with Him. Write each one down on a key. Once you are done colour them in and cut them out. Make a small hole in each key and string them together, like a keyring. Place your truth keys somewhere you can read them together as a family to remind each other of the truth of Jesus!

## ACTIVE ACTIVITY

### TRUTH OR NOT

Jesus says "I am the Truth" which means we can trust everything He says. It also means that Jesus truth will never change!!!



#### You Will Need:

- Paper Plates
- Cones or something to throw rings onto
- 'Truth or Not' statements (at the end of the guide)

Before you play this game you will need to write the 'Truth or Not' Statements on the outside of the paper plates and cut out the middles to make rings. On one cone (or whatever you are using) place a label 'Yes' and on the other a label 'No'. Read the statement on the paper plate and then decide if it is truth or not. If it is try and throw it to land on the 'Yes' cone. If it is not the truth try and land it on the 'No' cone.



## PRAYER

Jesus, we thank you that you are the truth! We thank you that you never change, your word is always truth! Help us to know and understand who you are and who we are because of your love for us. Help us also to share your truth with those around us. In your name we pray, Amen.



## BLESSING

**Name**, in Christ alone you can stand against every evil threat. Amen



## CHALLENGE

Try and remember this verse this week. Perhaps you and your family might like to make up some actions to help, or even a song? It's a big one this week!!

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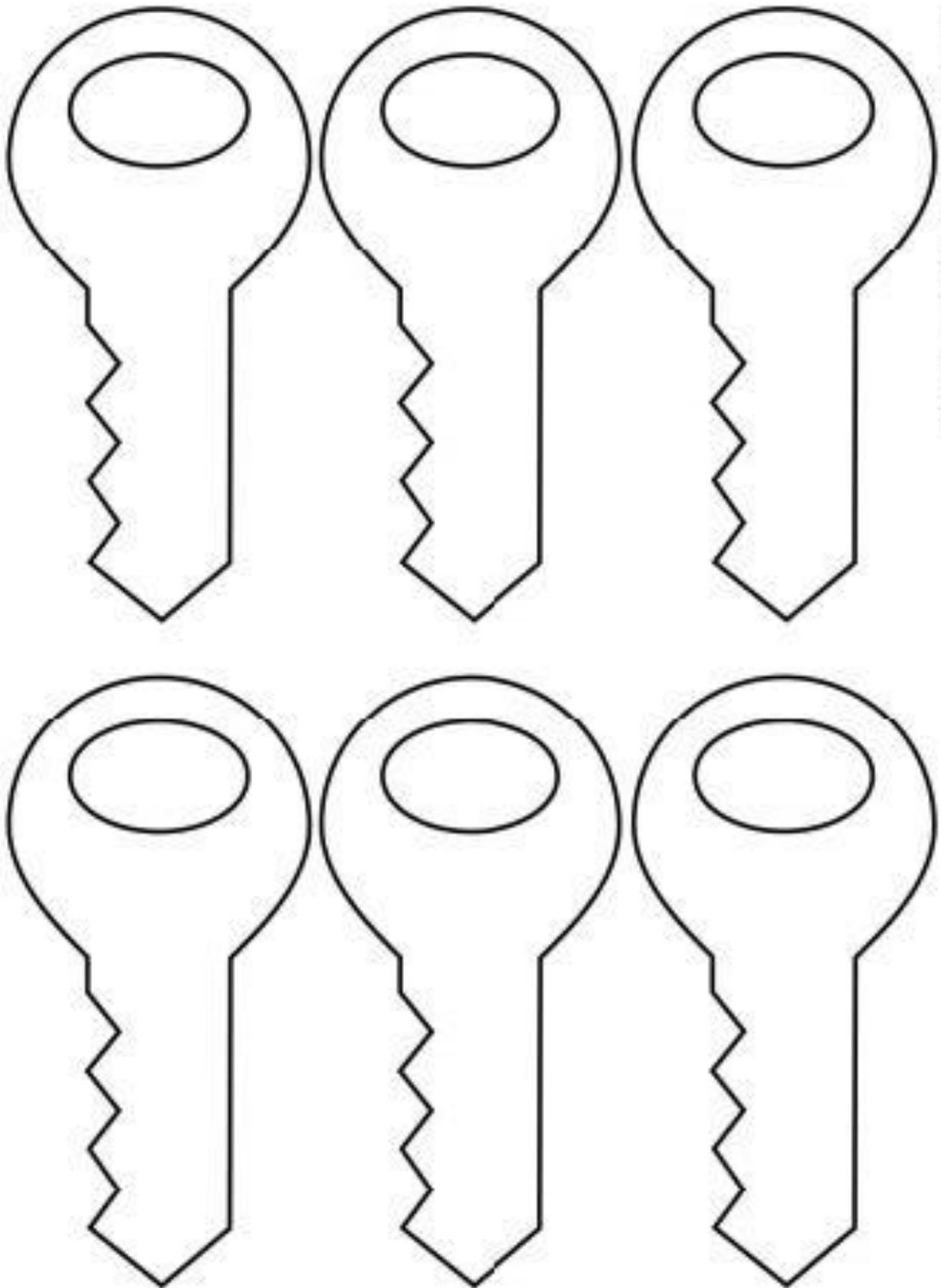
## COMMUNITY CONNECTION

**We would love to see how you and your family are growing faith in your home.**

Why not set up a mini 'Table' for the kids like we have been using at LifeWay? It can be as simple as paper and pencils, scissors and glue and Lego or Play dough. They can then make something while you watch the Live Stream as a family.

If you are happy to share photos or videos of what you have been doing please send them to Elise von Stanke [elise.vonstanke@lifeway.net.au](mailto:elise.vonstanke@lifeway.net.au) and we will share these with our community through Facebook and Instagram @lifewaylutheranchurch.

*Blank editable keys for keywords*



**TRUTH STATEMENTS**  
**True statements are in Red.**

- Jesus said, “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life”
- God made the world in 8 days
- When we are baptised we become a part of God’s family
- Jesus is God’s son
- Noah lead God’s people out of Egypt
- God will never leave us
- Jesus can’t heal people
- Jesus is dead
- Jesus died on the cross for everyone’s sin
- Jesus wants us to keep His love for ourselves
- Jesus’ truth is always true.
- God gets annoyed if we pray too much