

DIGGING
into
GOD



HANDWRITING & BIBLE MEMORY COPYBOOK

TRACE! WRITE! DRAW! SING!

ABC



THE 'I AM'
STATEMENTS
of Jesus

**"Teach me your ways,
O Lord,
that I may live according
to your truth!"**

Psalm 86:11

JESUS' 7 "I AM" STATEMENTS

To the Israelites, "I AM" is understood as a name for God. **When Jesus made an "I am" statement, He was identifying Himself as God, and describing His attributes.**

In the Book of John in the Bible, Jesus makes 7 "I am" statements about himself. In these statements, Jesus uses metaphors to describe, and **help us understand, who he is and what he does.**

A metaphor is a creative way to compare two things that are different, but share some similarities. Instead of saying something like: 'I ran fast on the track.' , a more memorable and vivid thing to say would be: 'I was a lightning bolt on the track!' You aren't really a lightning bolt, but both you and a lightning bolt are very fast.

When using a metaphor, we say that one thing is another thing, even though they are different. When Jesus claims he is the 'bread of life', he's not actually saying he's a loaf of bread. But, eating bread (food) gives us physical life, and Jesus, the bread of life, gives us eternal life.

When you read these "I am" statements, look for the hidden meaning in the picture Jesus is using to reveal more of His identity. He loves you and wants you to know and understand who He is, who you are, and how you can be close to Him.

Parents: Since Jesus is using symbolic language in these statements, it is important to understand the context in which He is speaking. If possible, **read the passage with your child before he does the copywork.**

Bread of Life	John 6 (more specifically, verses 32-40, 47-51)
Light of the World	John 8:12, 9:1-7
The Gate	John 10:1-10
The Good Shepherd	John 10:11-21
The Resurrection and The Life	John 11:1-44
The Way, The Truth, and The Life	John 13:31 - 14:14
The Vine	John 15:1-17

JESUS' 7 "I AM" STATEMENTS

In the Old Testament (the time period before Jesus came to earth as a man), God revealed His name to Moses:

"I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you'....This is my eternal name, my name to remember for all generations."
(Exodus 3:14-15).

DRAW

Read Exodus 3, then draw a picture of how God revealed Himself to Moses.



READ

Exodus 3:14

TRACE & WRITE

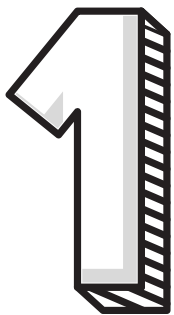
"God replied to Moses,

"I AM WHO I AM. Say

to the people of Israel

"I AM has sent me to you."

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

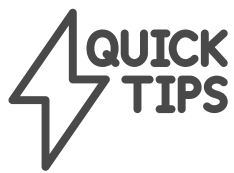


Set aside time each day to discover...study... enjoy... learn... God's Word. You can study/write each verse in one day, or take several days to complete the "lesson."

First, look up the Scripture verse in your Bible.

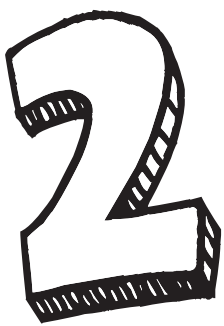
READ

John 8:12



QUICK TIPS

To understand the context of the verse, read several verses before and after what is listed.



Trace the letters in the Bible verse.

**All Scripture is taken from the New Living Translation.

TRACE

"I am the light of the

WRITE

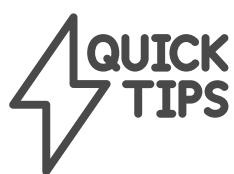
"I am the light of the

world. If you follow me,

you won't have to walk

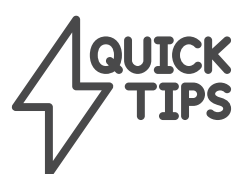


Write the verse on your own.



QUICK TIPS

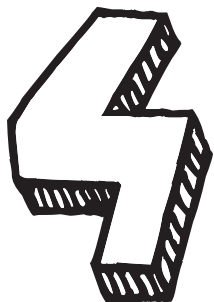
Your child can either trace the entire verse at once, and then write it on their own; or trace the words on one line, write it on the following line, trace the next line, write it on the following, etc.



QUICK TIPS

If writing the entire verse is too difficult for your child, pick out a couple words for them to write instead.

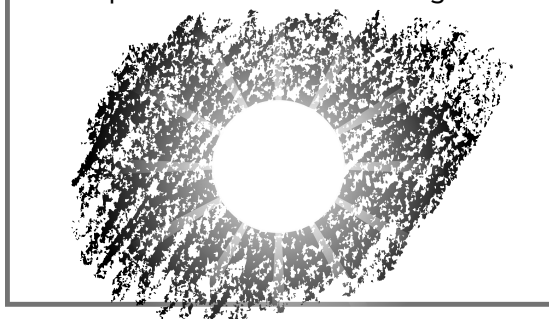
HOW TO USE THIS BOOK



Draw a picture to illustrate the verse.

DRAW

Draw a picture to illustrate what light does.



QUICK TIPS

When you illustrate the verse, it helps you understand what the verse means and how it can apply to your life.



Sing the words of the Scripture to the tune of the song listed. When we sing something, it helps us remember! By putting the verse to song (and adding some actions), memorization will be fun and easy.

SING

I am the light of the world (Skip, skip, skip to my Lou)
If you follow me (Skip, skip, skip to my Lou)
You won't have to (Skip, skip, skip to my Lou)
Walk in darkness (Skip to my Lou, my darlin')



QUICK TIPS

It helps if you hum the tune to the song first to get the tempo and tune. Then sing the words in a sing-songy way that fits.



QUICK TIPS

Drawing and singing helps kids enjoy learning! Let this be a time where you participate with them in being creative and moving around.

READ

John 6:35

TRACE & WRITE

"I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me

will never be hungry

again."

DRAW

Draw a picture that shows how Jesus is like bread.

Read John 6:47-51 to help you understand why Jesus is comparing himself to bread.

SING

"Jesus replied, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'" John 6:35
Sing the verse to the tune of "London Bridges"

Jesus replied (London Bridges falling down)
I am (falling down)
The bread of life (falling down)
Jesus replied (London Bridges falling down)
I am the bread of life! (my fair lady)

READ

John 8:12

TRACE & WRITE

"I am the light of the

world. If you follow me,

you won't have to walk

in darkness...."

DRAW

Draw a picture to illustrate what light does.



SING

"I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." John 8:12

Sing the verse to the tune of "Skip To My Lou."

I am the light of the world	(Skip, skip, skip to my Lou)
If you follow me	(Skip, skip, skip to my Lou)
You won't have to	(Skip, skip, skip to my Lou)
Walk in darkness	(Skip to my Lou, my darlin')

READ

John 10:7,9

TRACE & WRITE

"I tell you the truth, I am

the gate for the sheep..

Those who come in

through me will be saved."

DRAW

Draw a picture of a gate and what it is used for.

Read John 10:1-10. Jesus is calling his people, "sheep". He calls himself the gate to the sheepfold (the safe place the sheep are kept).

SING

"I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep....Those who come in through me will be saved." John 10:7,9

Sing the verse to the tune of "The Farmer In The Dell"

I am the gate	(The farmer in the dell)
For the sheep	(The farmer in the dell)
Those who come in through me	(hi ho the dairy oh)
Will be saved	(The farmer in the dell)

READ

John 10:11

TRACE & WRITE

"I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd

sacrifices his life for

the sheep."

DRAW

Draw a picture to show Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

(Read John 10:11-16 to help you understand the Shepherd and the sheep.)

SING

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep." John 10:11

Sing the verse to the tune of "The Wheels on the Bus."

I am the good	(The wheels on the bus)
Shepherd	(go round and round)
Shepherd	(round and round)
Shepherd	(round and round)
Who sacrifices	(The wheels on the bus)
His life	(go round and round)
For the sheep	(all through the town)

READ

John 11:25

TRACE & WRITE

"I am the resurrection

and the life. Anyone who

believes in me will live,

even after dying."

DRAW

Draw a picture to illustrate what 'resurrection' is.



SING

"I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying." John 11:25

Sing the verse to the tune of "Row Row Row Your Boat."

I am the resurrection	(Row row row your boat)
And the life	(gently down the stream)
Anyone who	(merrily merrily)
Believes	(merrily merrily)
in me will live	(Life is but a dream)

READ

John 14:6

TRACE & WRITE

"I am the way, the truth,

and the life. No one

can come to the Father

except through me."

DRAW

Draw a picture to illustrate this verse.



SING

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Sing the verse to the tune of "Where Has My Little Dog Gone?"

Jesus is the way

(Where, oh where has my little dog gone?)

The truth, and the life.

(Oh where, oh where can he be?)

No one can come to the Father

(With his ears cut short and his tail cut long)

Except through him.

(Oh where, oh where can he be?)

READ

John 15:5

TRACE & WRITE

"I am the vine; you are

the branches. Those who

remain in me, & I in them,

will produce much fruit."

DRAW

Draw a picture of a vine with branches of fruit.
What happens to a branch that is not connected to the vine?



SING

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

Sing the verse to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It."

I am the vine

(If you're happy and you know it clap your hands)

You are the branches

(If you're happy and you know it clap your hands)

Those who remain

(If you're happy and you know it)

In me and I in them

(then your face will surely show it)

Will produce much fruit.

(If you're happy and you know it clap your hands)

READ

John 8:24

TRACE & WRITE

"For unless you believe

that I AM who I claim

to be, you will die in

your sins."

DRAW

Draw a picture to illustrate this verse.



SING

"For unless you believe that I AM who I claim to be, you will die in your sins." John 8:24

Sing the verse to the tune of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star."

For unless you believe	(Twinkle twinkle little star)
That I am who I claim to be	(how I wonder what you are)
You will die in your sins	(Up above the world so high)
John 8:24	(like a diamond in the sky)
For unless you believe	(Twinkle twinkle little star)
That I am who I claim to be	(how I wonder what you are)

DRAW

Draw a picture of each of Jesus' 7 "I am" statements found in the book of John.

The drawing area consists of seven empty rectangular boxes. The top row has two boxes. The middle row has a large box divided by a diagonal line from the top-left corner to the bottom-right corner. The bottom row has three boxes.



PRAY, DOODLE, OR WORK ON YOUR LETTERS!

**HERE IS A LIST OF SIMPLE MELODIES
TO HELP YOU KEEP SINGING AND
MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD:**



Are you sleeping?
Baa Baa Black Sheep
Deep and Wide
His Banner Over Me is Love
Itsy, Bitsy Spider
I've Got the Joy Joy Joy Joy
Jesus Loves the Little Children
My God is so Big
Oh How I love Jesus
Our God is an Awesome God
Row, Row, Row Your Boat
Do You Know the Muffin Man?
God is so Good
Silent Night
The B-I-B-L-E
The Hokey Pokey
The Wheels on the Bus
Three Blind Mice
This Little Light of Mine
Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star
ABC Song



Away in a Manger
Darling Clementine
Do Your Ears Hang Low
If You're Happy and You Know it
I've Been Working on the Railroad
Jesus Loves Me
London Bridge
O Come All Ye Faithful
Old McDonald Had a Farm
Praise Him, Praise Him
Seek Ye First
Farmer in the Dell
Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes
Hickory Dickory Dock
Skip to My Lou
The Mulberry Bush
There's a Hole in the Bucket
This is the Day the Lord Has Made
This Old Man
Trust and Obey
Where, Oh Where, has my Little Dog Gone



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