Through Life’s Mazes Sun Am 4/11/21 Kidzone Lesson

# Memory Verse: John 17:11 New King James Version (NKJV)

**11**Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We *are.*

Target Thought: Jesus prays for us everyday.

Do you enjoy working puzzles? I do. One kind of puzzle I like is called a maze. You have probably worked a maze yourself. To solve the puzzle, you take your pencil and begin where it says, "start" and try to find an open path in the puzzle that will lead you all the way to the finish. Of course, you aren't allowed to cross through any lines. That would be too easy! A puzzle like this can be very difficult. Sometimes it can be very frustrating. Traveling through this maze, you will often have to change the direction you are going. You may find that the path you have chosen leads to a dead end. When this happens, you just have to back up and start again. When the puzzle gets too difficult, you may need someone to help you. Even though finding the right path that leads to the finish may be difficult, you will have a feeling of satisfaction when you finally reach the goal.

Finding your way through life can be a lot like finding your way through a maze. Each day we have to make decisions and it is sometimes difficult to know which way to go. If we ask Jesus to help us make our decisions, He always will. We may choose the wrong path and end up at a dead end. When that happens, we have to back up and start over again. If we make a bad a choice we only have to ask Jesus to forgive us and help us make it right. Life isn't easy and we always need Jesus’ wisdom and guidance.

Jesus knew that life in this world is difficult. That is why he prayed for his disciples when he knew that the time had come for him to leave this world. "I will remain in the world no longer," he prayed, "but they are still in the world. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe. No one was lost, but now I am coming to you and I ask you to protect them and keep them safe."

How do we find our way in this world? We put our trust in God, our Heavenly Father, to show us the way. We have His Word, the Bible, to help us. God has also given us parents and grandparents, teachers, and our leaders at church. Any time we don't know which way to turn, we can talk to him in prayer and ask him to guide and protect us. With God leading the way, we know that we will never get lost. God wants us to pray to Him and ask Him for protection, guidance, wisdom and anything that we have need of, He loves so very much and wants to hear from us.

Father, as we search for the path that will lead us safely through this world, we place our trust in you and ask for your guidance and protection. In Jesus' name we ask. Amen

Will Jesus help us make the right choices?

What is 1 of the things that we have to help us find the right way?

Does God want us to pray to Him?