

The Best Way

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for use as
STEP 1

**Lesson 1****Focus:**

God wants us to do things His way.

Lesson 1**Bible Basis:**

Exodus 1:7—2:15

Lesson 1**Memory Verse:**

“My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. —Isaiah 55:8

As they watch a familiar vintage commercial, students will consider the temporary appeal of having things their own way and will realize that God’s way is the best way.

Materials:

- Internet access

➤ **Describe a burger—meat or vegan—cooked to your liking with anything and everything on it that you want.** (Answers will vary. Allow a few students to describe their ultimate burger.)

When your grandparents were young, fast food burgers only came one way. That’s because they were made up ahead of time and kept warm until someone bought them. So, it was a big deal when one food chain decided to mix it up and make burgers to order. For 40 years this popular fast food chain advertised its burgers using a slogan that became a popular jingle. This clip is 24 years old; listen closely to the way the burgers are advertised.

Show the following video [0:30]:

Burger King "Have It Your Way" Commercial 1998

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBEgegon4qo>

- **What is the slogan or motto that repeats in this jingle?** (“Have it your way.”)
- **Other than a food order, when do people like to have something “their way”?** (Answers will vary but may include: all the time; when deciding what to do; when they want to be first; when they want to play a certain position on a sports team; when they do not want to listen to someone else give them instructions or orders, etc.)

For a while, the Burger King slogan “Have it Your Way” was used, but it changed to their new motto in 2014. “Be Your Way” gives the impression that you, the customer, are king.

- **Why do people want to be their own king and have things their own way?** (Answers will vary.)
- **Having or doing things our way could mean not following the rules or advice of authority figures. Who are some authority figures who tell us what to do?** (Answers

might include: parents, teachers, crossing guards, coaches, band directors, bus drivers, property owners, police officers, government leaders, God, etc.)

➤ **What do you think the world would be like if every person insisted on having his or her own way?** (Answers will vary; no one would follow rules or instructions, so there would be chaos; there would be a lot of fighting; nothing would get done; there would be a lot of mistakes; there would be more crime; there would be more traffic accidents, etc.)

➤ **Have you ever argued or fought with a sibling or friend over having your way versus their way? Share an example.** (Answers will vary. Be prepared to share your own experience.)

➤ **When has wanting or getting your way backfired on you?** (Answers will vary. Students may recount a time when their selfishness caused a friend to give up and go home, or their parents to decide not to gift them with something after all.)

As much as we want to be independent and make our own plans and decisions, having it our way or being our own way, has some serious flaws. As we look at today's lesson, we will see through Moses' life that there is a much better way than our own way.

Resources:

Burger King scrapping 'Have It Your Way' slogan

<https://www.cnn.com/2014/05/19/burger-king-scrapping-have-it-your-way-slogan.html>

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

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Materials:

- Internet access
- Whiteboard and marker (or screenshared document)
- Old CDs
- Black acrylic paint
- Liquid dish soap
- Sponge brush applicators (1 per student)
- Plastic cups
- Hair dryer
- Blunt objects to carve slogans (coins, keys, blunt scissors, etc.)
- Yarn or cording
- Scissors
- Optional: Large plastic bags to protect surfaces, paper towels and baby wipes for clean up

Alternate option: If you don't do the doodle disc option, you can divide students into groups to share about ways they might struggle with wanting to do things their own way in the upcoming school year. Then, invite students to pray for each other to resist temptation and live God's way. (This can also be done as a large group if your class is meeting online.)

Before class, view the video tutorial describing how to recycle old CDs into Pretty Doodle Discs. If time is an issue (or to minimize clean up), pre-paint and dry the shiny, hologram side of enough old CDs so that each student has one.

Pretty Doodle Discs

<https://www.momsandcrafters.com/upcycle-old-cds/>

Sometimes, having it “our way” isn't always the best way. Having his own way did not work well for Moses and having our way—unless it aligns with God's way—will not work well for us either. Doing things God's way will always be what is best for us, for others, and for fulfilling God's purposes. Our way can backfire. God's way will not.

➤ **As the new school year begins and you are faced with new friends and new challenges, what are some situations in which you may need to make a decision about doing things your way or choosing God's way?** (Answers will vary but may include: Peer pressure to do something questionable, the manner in responding to a teacher or parent in front of one's peers, following your parents' instructions even when they can't see what you're doing, etc.)

➤ **What slogan or motto might you use to remind yourself and to tell others that doing things God's way is always best?** (Some examples if your students get stuck: Have It God's Way; Only God's Way; Choose God's Way; Follow God; God's Way Not My Way; God's Way is Best; One Way—God's Way, etc.)

Write the slogans on the board as your preteens call them out.

Distribute supplies. (NOTE: If you opted to pre-paint the hologram side of the CDs, skip this paragraph and go to the next.) Place small plastic cups containing a small amount of black acrylic paint and liquid dish soap within reach of 2-3 students (make sure each student has their own sponge brush). Allow them to paint the shiny, hologram side of their old CD and then dry it with a hair dryer. Dispose of the paint and sponge brushes and clean up with paper towels and baby wipes before moving on to the next step.

Come up with your own slogan or use one that is on the board. Create a simple logo for the slogan. As you list the following examples, write them on the board. **You might want to use acronyms, like the block letters "CGW" for "Choose God's Way," or you may get even more creative by writing "My Way," crossing out the "My" and replacing it with "God's."** Another idea is to write "God's Way" across the top of the CD, and write "My Way" on the bottom portion. This would mean God's way above my way. These are just a few ideas. This is your project and will serve as your reminder, so you decide your slogan and your logo.

Show your students how to use a blunt object (a coin, key, blunt scissors, etc.) to carve out their slogan/logo allowing the colorful CD surface to show through the dried black paint. Hand out lengths of yarn or cord to thread through the center hole as a hanger. **Decide where you want to place your disc this week to remind yourself to pause and remember to do things God's way.** Students might want to hang it in their room or locker.

Close in a prayer asking God not only to remind us to follow Him and do things His way, but also to help us want His way.

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