Activity tie-in: Mapping
Object: Paper Map
Bible Verse: Jeremiah 29:11 " For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, ' plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Lesson- Danger of mapping you own life, and not trusting that God has your life mapped out for you own good.

Introduction Ideas:

- You might talk about the time you thought you had it all figured out in grade school, who you were going to be friends with, what sports you were playing, and how much fun you would have. But obviously high school was different then you thought.
- You might ask the students about a time they have ever planned something and it went right or wrong.
- You could have the student's draw of the fastest way home only with there eyes closed.
- You might as the students what the point of a map is?
- You might ask a student to tell about a time they were lost.

Lesson Suggestions

- Explain that life is not always easy and that we need a map to get around. God not only provides us a map in his word, but he assures us that he has us on the right path at all times.
- Object Lesson: Use the paper map and highlight the best route available to illustrate how God is the best route available.
- Quote and apply the Bible verse: Jeremiah 29:11, " For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, ' plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Questions for Interactive Lesson

- When you quote the Bible verse, you could ask the students to make the application:
    - "Do we try to make our own map of life sometimes?"
        - Yes we do, and that can get us into trouble.
- How is the Bible like a map to us?
        - It shows us how to live a Godly life. One that God wants us to live.
- Who is the best mapmaker?
    - God our heavenly father is the best mapmaker. He has promised to lead us on the best path all the way to heaven.

Closing Prayer

Dear Jesus, we sometimes make our own maps and plans. Help us to remember that everything we do should be according to the map of you word, and finally help us to trust in your promise that you will lead us to heaven safely. Amen.