Activity Tie-in: Mapping
Object: various types of maps, printed directions from Mapquest or a maps app on a phone
Bible Passage: Proverbs 15:24 “The path of life leads upward for the wise to keep him from going down to the grave”
Lesson: The map of God’s Word leads us to our destination of heaven

Introduction Ideas

- Explain the job of a cartographer and how different types of maps are made to show various parts of an area (streets, counties, elevation, etc.)
- You could ask the students about a time when they or their parents got lost trying to reach a destination
- Develop an activity where the students develop graph paper maps with various locations and then provide detailed directions to get from one point to another

Lesson Suggestions

- Have the students trade partners with someone else to see if they can follow the specific directions of locating a place
- Object lesson: use a street or state map to show that a layout of an area and how places are connected with lots of different routes. Use the directions to show that there is a specific way to get from one place to another
- Quote and apply the passage Proverbs 15:24 “The path of life leads upward for the wise to keep him from going to the grave

Questions for Interactive Lesson

- Have the students make the application to the following:
    - How does the Bible act as a map for our destination to heaven?
        - It details what God has promised and what Jesus has done for our salvation. It tells us exactly how to live according to his commands.
    - What happens when we stray from the directions that God has given us?
        - We give in to the devil’s temptation and go down the path of sin instead. If we continue down this path of rejecting God’s command, we may lose our faith and be eternally condemned to hell.
        - You could also refer to Proverbs 4:11-15, where the author warns us to avoid the way of the wicked and to stay on the path that God guides us on.

Closing Prayer
Lord, thank you for providing us with your Word that we may have the directions to eternal life. Help us stay on the path that you have marked for us so that we do not make a wrong turn down the road of temptation and sin. Continue to bless our journey through this life that we may reach our final destination of heaven. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.