

Activity Tie-In: Orienteering

Object - Compass

Bible Verse - John 14:6

Lesson - The Bible is our compass

Introduction Ideas

- You could talk about how a compass is obviously used to find the right direction to help you get to where you're going
- If you have stories about how you have gotten lost before and how a compass could have/did help you, now would be a good time to share them. Or you could ask students to share any time this has happened to them.
- You could then have an activity where students are shown which direction is North, blindfolded, and then spun three times in a circle and asked to point which way is North. (You could also repeat it, only showing them North beforehand, but then after spinning them ask them to show East, West, or South.)
- Alternatively, you could divide the students into groups. After showing them which way is North, you call out a direction. Everyone in their group must turn the correct way or that group is out.

Lesson Suggestions

- You might mention how if the compass sometimes pointed North, but also other times pointed East, West, or South, it would be unreliable and we would undoubtedly get lost
- You could then talk about how we might try and use our feelings or what's popular to guide our life and what we do.
- Read John 14:6 “Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

Questions for Interactive Lesson

- You could ask questions like:
 - “What things in life would we try to use as our guide?”
 - Our friends are doing something so we should too, otherwise we won’t be cool
 - “How is the Bible our compass?”
 - The popular answer will be that it shows us how to live a good life and tells us what is right and wrong. The Bible is our compass in that it shows us “True North”, which is Jesus Christ. We aren’t saved by following the guidelines and being a good person. Ephesians 2:8,9 “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

Closing Prayer

Dear Jesus, help us to constantly check our compass by going back to your Word. As we journey through life, keep our hearts centered on you, as you are the way and the truth and the life. Only through you will we find our way home to our Father in heaven. Amen