

WHICH WAY IS UP?

Theme: Keeping focused on God

Scripture: John 14:6

Props: A compass and a square flashcard
with an arrow drawn on it



I have a mystery object to show you today. *(Show compass.)* Does anyone know what that is? It's a compass. It has a little needle in it, and that needle always points north. So it helps you know what direction you're going in so you won't get lost. Looking at that compass, which way is north?

Well, I got to thinking: we need to have a compass right here inside...*(Point to chest.)*...that keeps us pointed in the right direction. And who should that compass always be pointed at Jesus is a good answer. And Jesus said he came to point the way to the Father – God. Here it is in John 14:6: “Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” How can we keep our personal compass pointing toward God? What are some of the things we can do to keep going in the right direction?

Let's say this is your personal compass...*(Show flashcard, pointing up.)* As long as you're praying and learning about the Bible and listening in Sunday School and in church, your compass will always point in the right direction. But if you don't pray every day or don't learn about the Bible or if something else gets to be more important than God, then...*(Turn arrow sideways.)*...Uh-oh! Sidetracked! And you'll continue to go in the wrong direction. Then pretty soon you'll be going in the totally opposite direction from what you should be...*(Turn arrow downward.)* Is that the direction we want to go in? No!

But if you get back on track with your praying and your Bible study, pretty soon your compass will start pointing in the right direction again...*(Turn arrow up again.)*

So make sure your personal compass is pointing in the right direction or you could get really lost!

That's something we should pray about: Our Father, help us to always keep our personal compass pointing to you and so that we might never get spiritually lost. We ask in the name of your Son, who shows us the way to you, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Song: “Lead Me, Lord” or “He Leadeth Me”