

COMPASS ACTIVITY



Parents, we all need help to guide our children into a life with Christ. Gardeners and farmers use a planting calendar or almanac to know when to plant their seeds. Travelers use a compass to find direction. God's Word guides us in teaching our children godly values (guiding principles), such as love, compassion, and kindness. Scripture provides clear direction to show our children how to become more like Jesus. This compass activity serves as a visual reminder of your family's journey through life with Christ.

NEEDED ITEMS:

- The compass from your activity bag
- These directions
- A Bible or phone to look up Scripture verses
- A phone to take a family picture

HOW TO PLAY:

- Begin by standing on the sidewalk in front of your house
- Use your compass to tell you which way to go
- Take a picture at the beginning and end of your adventure
- Take turns choosing the number of steps each time you change direction. (for example, 5, 10 steps, or even more for a longer adventure). Set your step limit by the distance you want to walk
- Take turns reading a scripture verse at each stop, and count how many values you can find in the verse
- Choose how many scriptures you want to read. The game is over when the family is tired. You may even choose to finish the game at home

OPTIONAL FUN ACTIVITY:

When you look at your compass and the scripture verse, try this light-hearted cheer. Don't be afraid to be silly on this walk.

- Before you look at the compass for direction, ask the family, "Do you want to know which way to go?" They respond with, "Show me the way!"
- As you stop to read the scripture for direction, ask the family, "Do you want to know which way to go?" They will respond with, "Show me the way!"

1. Find East on your compass. Choose how many steps to take in that direction, then walk. **Stop and read Philippians 4:8.** Count how many values you find.
2. Find South on your compass. Choose how many steps to take in that direction, then walk. **Stop and read Galatians 5:22-23.** Count how many values you find.
3. Find West on your compass. Choose how many steps to take in that direction, then walk. **Stop and read Micah 6:8.** Count how many values you find.
4. Find East on your compass. Choose how many steps to take in that direction, then walk. **Stop and read Colossians 3:12-14.** Count how many values you find.
5. Find North on your compass. Choose how many steps to take in that direction, then walk. **Stop and read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.** Count how many values you find.
6. Find West on your compass. Choose how many steps to take in that direction, then walk. **Stop and read James 3:17.** Count how many values you find.
7. Find South on your compass. Choose how many steps to take in that direction, then walk. **Stop and read Proverbs 10:9.** Count how many values you find.
8. Find East on your compass. Choose how many steps to take in that direction, then walk. **Stop and read 2 Peter 1:5-8.** Count how many values you find.
9. Find South on your compass. Choose how many steps to take in that direction, then walk. **Stop and read Ephesians 4:32.** Count how many values you find.

Stop and take a picture of where your family ended up at the end of this activity.

Now that you have read some of the values (guiding principles) that are in scripture, you are ready to play the Values Card Game found in your Resource Bag. You will discover valuable (pun intended) information about each person in your family and learn how they prioritize different values.



You can find YouTube song versions of the scripture passages on the Recommended Materials page on your Growing Families website. Play these songs throughout the month.

