



ACTIVITY 1

Build a Compass

God asked Abraham to take his family and move from the land they lived and to go to a land that God set aside for him. Even though Abraham did not know where he was going, he trusted God and God directed Abraham and his family to their new home.

In this activity you will help the children build a compass and show them how it works to tell direction.

Explain how Abraham trusted God's direction and his faith was increased because of it.

Materials

- Magnet
- Needle
- Paper
- A bowl of water
- Scissors

Directions

1. Rub one end of the needle on one side of the magnet 30 times (the north pole if your magnet is labeled). Always rub in the same direction.
2. Flip the magnet over and rub the other end of the needle on this other side 30 times. Again, rub in the same direction.
3. Cut a circle about 2 inches in diameter out of the paper.
4. Carefully thread the needle through the paper circle twice, but not all the way through, so that the needle lays flat on the paper.
5. Place the paper and needle on the surface of the water. Both ends of the needle should be above the floating paper circle.
6. Be sure to position the sundial with the "12" pointing north to determine the current time.
7. Watch it slowly rotate and then stop.
8. Check the directions with a compass. One end of the needle (the one that you rubbed on the north pole of the magnet) should point to north and the other south.
9. Label the circle with the corresponding N (north) and S (south) directions.



After the Activity

Remind the children that trusting God builds our faith.