

DIG IT

Lesson #2

DIRECTION: Follow God's Direction for Your Life

The purpose of this lesson plan is to:

- Create a fun and interactive learning experience
- Provide teaching options in addition to the Leader Q Card
- Creatively revisit the Bible story featured in the teaching video
- Give kids an opportunity to further explore the application point

PROGRAM

Activity	Length of Segment	Running Time
Q Card: Discussion	15 minutes	Start-15 minutes
Picture: Bible Story	5 minutes	15-20 minutes
Play: Learning Activity	10 minutes	20-30 minutes
Plan: Group Commitment	5 minutes	30-35 minutes
Prayer: Prayer Cards	5 minutes	35-45 minutes

PREP

You will need:

- Game Prizes (optional)
- Story Costumes or Props (optional)
- Prayer Cards (1 per kid)
- MAP Books (1 per kid)

PICTURE

(The Bible Story)

In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to review the Bible verses presented earlier in the teaching video. The object is to paint a picture that kids will understand and remember. When reading the verses, remember you are painting a picture for your viewers. Have fun and explore your creativity. Here are some ideas to make your storytelling more memorable:

- Ask the kids to act out the story as you read it aloud
- The characters in the story are: Peter, other apostles, the crowd

Acts 2:37-42 NLT
3,000 People Believe and are Baptized

Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, and to your children, and even to the Gentiles—all who have been called by the Lord our God." Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!"

Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

PLAY
(Learning Activity)

In this portion of your class time you will lead your class in a fun and exciting activity that will help your kids apply the Bible lesson to their everyday lives.

"Directions"

HOW TO START:

- **Divide kids into 4 teams**

HOW TO PLAY:

- **Say, "This game is called "Directions." This game will help us learn more about following God's direction in our lives.**
- **Begin Round #1. One player from each team stands up to compete in the first round.**
- **Begin reading through the list of Round #1 directions to the players (see below).**
- **Read quickly to challenge them. If all kids complete the directions successfully, repeat the directions quicker, or scramble them up each time.**
- **You may try adding one direction each time like the game "Simon." (Ex: sit down/sit down, stand up/sit down, stand up, jump 2 times, etc.)**
- **Players who do not complete the directions successfully are out.**
- **The last player standing earns a question for his/her team.**
- **Read him/her a question (see questions below).**
- **The player then earns 100 points for his/her team.**
- **Repeat all steps for the remaining 4 rounds.**

PLAY OPTIONS:

- **Hand out game prizes (optional).**
- **Add a bonus round: Each team follows the bonus round directions all together.**
- **Repeat the directions for each team individually.**
- **The team who follows the directions most successfully earns an extra question and 100 points for their team.**

DIRECTIONS:

Round #1

**Sit down
Stand up
Sit down
Stand up
Touch your head
Touch your nose
Touch your head
Sit down**

Round #2

**Hop on one leg
Jump two times
High-five a friend
Jump three times
Skip around in a circle
Make a funny face
Jump four times
Rub your tummy**

Round #3

**Whistle a tune
Clap your hands
Stomp your feet
Clap your hands
Whistle a tune
Do the hula
Stomp your feet
Sit down**

Round #4

**Walk backwards
Touch your toes
Pat your head
Touch your knees
Touch your toes
Walk forwards
Pat your head
Pat your head and stomp your feet**

Round #5

Blink your eyes
Nod your head
Stand on one leg
Nod your head
Blink your eyes
Close your eyes
Open your eyes
Nod your head and blink your eyes

Bonus Round: Whole team

Shake your neighbor's hand
Pat your neighbor's back
Sing Jingle Bells
Spin around
Sit down
Stand up
Wiggle your whole body
Stand on one leg
Sit down
Stand up
Sit down
Sit down
Sit down
Spin around
Touch your head

GAME QUESTIONS:

- **Round #1:**
Jesus gives us the direction to love our neighbors, even our enemies. Why do you think God wants us to love our enemies?
- **Round #2:**
The Bible gives us the direction to obey our parents. When is it hard for you to obey your parents?
- **Round #3:**
The Bible gives us the direction to tell the truth. Why do you think it is important for people to tell the truth?
- **Round #4:**
The Bible directs us to spend time praying. Why do you think God wants us to spend time talking to Him?
- **Round #5:**
Jesus gives us the direction to be the light of the world. Why do you think it is important for us to shine brightly to the whole world? How can we do that?
- **Bonus Round:**
Why do you think we should follow God's directions?

PLAN

(Group Commitment)

In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to lead your group to make a commitment. You may select any ONE of the options provided or your group may create its own. Encourage the kids to write their commitments on their Prayer Cards so you can be praying for them during the week.

Commitment Options:

- **Make a list of silly directions and play the directions game with some people in your family.**
- **Think of all the different directions God gives us. Pray and ask God to help you follow Him in every choice you make.**
- **Ask an older Christian about a time when he/she followed God's direction. Ask him/her what happened.**

PRAYER

In this portion of your class time, have your kids fill out the Prayer Card. Take the cards home and pray for your kids throughout the week. End your time together by praying for your group commitment.

Hand out prayer cards

- **Ask kids to fill in their commitments in the space provided**
- **Ask kids to fill in their prayer requests in the space provided**
- **Collect cards so you can take them home and pray for your kids**
- **Close in prayer**

God, thank you for giving us direction for our lives. Help us to read the Bible and pray about the choices we make. We want to follow you. Help us to learn about the directions you have given to us so we will know the right things to do. And then help us to be strong and do them. Please help us to remember to complete the things we have committed to do this week. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Remember to...

- **Hand out the MAP Books**
- **Remind the kids to complete them and bring them back next week!**

LIVE IT

God gives us direction for our lives in a couple of different ways. He has given us the Bible. He gives us direction through answered prayer and sometimes we even get direction from God when we are here at church. God has a direction for your life and even if it seems scary, He knows what He's doing and we can trust Him.

PRAYER

Dear God, I want to follow your direction for my life...

"Show me the path where I should walk, O LORD; point out the right road for me to follow."
—Psalms 25:4

MAX MEMORIZED THIS VERSE.
Now it's your turn! Check the box to the right when you finish.

YES, I, _____ your name here

Parent's Signature _____

have completed this week's M.A.P. book!

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MISSION ACTION PLAN

DIGGING UP FACTS

FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS



SUMMER SLAM!

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LEARN IT

God is always trustworthy, so you can follow His direction for your life. ✕

LOOK UP

Look up Acts 2:37-42

Peter was willing to follow God's direction because he knew he could trust God. Follow Peter's story by connecting the sentences in the right order.

peter preached to the crowd **START HERE**

Peter preached for a long time.

Peter told the people to turn from their sins and to turn to God

3,000 people believed what Peter said and were baptized in the name of Jesus.

The believers devoted themselves to learning, sharing meals, and praying.

The people asked Peter what they could do to know Jesus.

LINK IT

Following God's direction can be tough, but we can trust God. Think about a time when it was tough to follow God's direction. Make your own map by drawing pictures of your story in the boxes below.

START

END

“God’s di_ction is li_e pro_ection.”

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Dig further!

Help Sir Bottomly pick the correct letters to complete today's Compass Point.

Summer Slam
Digging Up Facts from the Book of Acts
Episode #2 Lesson Outline

Theme: Follow God's direction for your life

LEARN IT

God tells us in the Bible how we are supposed to live for Him. If we follow His direction for our lives, we will always be okay.

Peter was an eyewitness to Jesus' burial and resurrection, and he told other people about Jesus. Many of those people wanted to follow God's direction for their lives just like Peter. That day, 3,000 people invited Jesus to be the leader of their lives. Peter was willing to follow God's direction because he knew he could trust God.

Review: Acts 2:37-42

LINK IT

Following God's direction can be tough, but we can trust God. Following His direction can keep us from getting hurt or lost.

LIVE IT

God gave us the Bible so we could follow His direction. We can also pray every day and ask Jesus to be the Lord of our lives, and ask Him to help us follow God's direction.

COMPASS POINT

"God's direction is life protection."

MEMORY MAX

"Show me the path where I should walk, O LORD; point out the right road for me to follow." —Psalm 25:4



Why is it important to follow God's direction for your life?

DISCUSS with the group a time when they received directions from their mom or dad and they followed them, what happened? Discuss with the group a time when they received directions from their mom or dad and they didn't follow them, what happened?

ASK: "What are some of God's directions that you find hard to follow?"

Why is it important to follow ALL of God's directions for your life?

Look up **Matthew 4:19**.

ASK: "If we know that God knows what He is doing, and that we can trust Him, why do you think that we try to pick and choose which of His directions we're willing to follow?"

BRAINSTORM the things you already know that God has asked you to do. What are some ways you can help each other follow God's directions more?

What is God's direction?

ASK: "How do you learn what God's direction is for your life?"

REVIEW this week's **Memory Max** (with the hand motions) "Show me the path where I should walk, O LORD; point out the right road for me to follow." — **Psalms 25:4**

GO FOR IT! Ask your group to make a commitment to **LIVE OUT** a changed life by praying to follow God's direction every day. Talk about their willingness to follow all of God's directions in the Bible because they believe in Jesus, and want to live like Him.

Pass out the prayer cards and ask your group to write down the prayer commitment they made, so you can pray for them this week.



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