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Title: Compass, A Reliable Guide

Theme: God’s word will always point us in the right direction..

Object: Various magnetic needle compasses. Double horseshoe magnet to pull apart.

Text: **Psalm 119:105 KJV** Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

This is a very well known and important verse of scripture.

It says that the Bible is like a lamp that lights up our path in the dark.

If we are trying to find our way to our heavenly home, we need a light to show us the path through the darkness of this world in which we live.

The Bible says that it is the lamp that will show us how to safely arrive in our heavenly home.

In science class in school, we have been studying about magnetism for the last couple of weeks.

Magnetism is really cool. How many would like to see a magnet.

[Show double horseshoe magnet. Allow them to pull one horseshoe apart. Explain North and South poles of magnet. Show attraction and repulsion.]

What we see here is a force of attraction between two magnets.

Did you know that the earth has a magnetic field? It has a magnetic field with a north pole and a south pole.

Have you ever heard of the north pole?

The earth is like a giant magnet with a north pole and a south pole.

So hundreds of years ago people discovered that they could use what is called a compass to always point in the same direction.

[Show compasses, explain how they work. The needle the compass is magnetized so it lines up with the magnetic field of the earth. One end of the needle always points north and the other end always points south.]

Compasses were particularly useful to the captain of a ship that was trying to sail his ship to a particular part of the world.

The compass would help him keep the ship on the right path so he could get to the place he wanted to go.

What if you went for a hike in the woods and got lost?

Do you think a compass could help you find your bay back home?

If you know you went north to go into the woods, what direction would you want to go to find your house?

The thing you don’t want to do is keep walking around in a circle in the woods and never find your way home.

Many people today are wandering around in a world of sin.

They don’t know that God has given us “a compass” to help us find our way to our heavenly home with Jesus.

The compass that God has given us is the Bible that tells us how we can find Jesus and be saved in His kingdom.

Listen to this verse that the apostle Paul wrote to his young Christian friend Timothy.

2 Timothy 3:15 NLT - You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.

How many want to trust the Bible as their guide in life so that we can receive the salvation that comes by trusting Jesus?