Following Directions*

Main Point: Teach your child that God has given us the Bible as a “life map” and that it is wise for us to obey its directions (2 Timothy 3:16–17).

Preparation: You’ll need to pick a special destination to take your children and then create a map or print directions off the computer to that location. You’ll also need your car and a Bible.

Suggested Age: Elementary/Pre-teen

Estimated Time: 15–30 minutes

Step One:
Tell your kids that you have planned an exciting outing to someplace special. You may or may not choose to reveal the destination, but make it a place you know they enjoy such as a favorite restaurant, ice-cream shop, mini-golf course, bowling alley, movie theater, etc. Give your kids the map that has step-by-step directions to that location.

Step Two:
Once you are in the car, assign a child to help you navigate. As the child tells you which direction to turn, ignore her instructions. Tell her that you know what you are doing and you don’t need to heed the map. Your child will likely become very frustrated with you, insisting that you follow the directions so that you don’t get lost. After several turns, stop the car and admit that you are lost. Give the kids a chance to scold you for failing to follow the map. Ask them what you should do next.

Step Three:
Your kids will likely say to go back to the start and follow the directions. This time, do as they say. Upon arriving at the special location, read 2 Timothy 3:16–17 and share that God gave us the Bible as a life map, and those who are wise obey its directions. Then go and have some fun together!


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