

Alignment with the Lord's Way

Experience aligning yourself with the Lord by untangling different types of yarn or string.

Materials Needed

- open space for creating yarn tangles
- 15-30 feet (5-10 meters) gold or red yarn or ribbon to represent the Lord's way
- 25-50 feet (7-17 meters) yarn, ribbon or string in different colors to represent each person's way
- tape that can be safely removed from walls or furniture



Preparation for Activity

1. Clear space in a room. Create “the Lord’s way” by taping one end of the red or gold yarn or ribbon to a worship center, copy of the Word or a window at approximately waist height. Stretch the yarn from one side of the room to another and fasten to a wall or furniture, etc.
2. Create “each person’s way” by fastening one end of other lengths of yarn near an end of “the Lord’s way” yarn. Then wind the yarn around the room, over and under pieces of furniture, etc. Tape the other end to a wall or piece of furniture away from “the Lord’s way”.

Directions for Students

1. Introduce the activity by reviewing Joshua’s question to the angel, “Are You for us or for our adversaries?” The angel answered, “No, but as the Commander of the army of the Lord I have now come.” The angel did not say he was for Joshua or his enemies. He was there to represent and fight for the Lord. For Joshua and the children of Israel to take the land of Canaan they would follow the Lord’s commands. They would need to *align* themselves with the Lord. (Align means to “line up”. The Israelites had to *make their actions line up with* what the Lord told them to do.)
2. We need to *align* our lives with the Lord’s way too. That is how we can find happiness and eventually enter our own promised land—heaven.
3. Run your hand along each piece of yarn. Which one is easiest to follow? Which one is most difficult? The straight red (or gold) yarn stands for the Lord’s way. The other pieces of yarn represent ways people can stray from the Lord’s way and get all tangled up.
4. We are going to align all of the tangled ways with the Lord’s way. Leave the Lord’s way in place. Untape one end of each piece of yarn, and unwind it back to where it is fastened. Then re-align it with the yarn representing the Lord’s way. Stretch it out straight and re-tape the end.