

WESN
West East South North
Worship Evangelize Serve No

This is a lesson used for preschoolers. The lesson was combined with building stick horses.

Number of Kids: 4 (only four for safety) One or both of the parents are required to stay and help with the craft and as a safety spotter when the child was on the horse.
Time: 2 hours
Material provided: Four wood horse heads with a wood handle, and crafts for decorating the wood horses.

Briefly explain to the kids the meaning of WESN. We will plan to teach the horse to follow us going West, East, South and North (WESN). Before God even brings you into this world he has made plans for you (*Jeremiah 1:5, Ephesians 2:10, Proverbs 19:21*). Do you know what those plans are? You will never know this unless you seek Jesus Christ. One overall plan that God has for all his children who receive his Son is milk to solid food. (*1Peter 2:2*). As a new Christian there is much you don't understand. As a result you must grow and the only way to do that is like a baby craving milk, you must crave God's word. God wants us to go WESN also. Unlike the horse however, God's WESN for you is **Worship, Evangelize** (tell others about Christ), **Serve**, and **No** to all those things which will keep you from doing God's plan.

While three children with parents work on decorating and naming their horse I put the fourth child on the horse and with the parent's help, I go more into the WESN lesson. Approximately 15 to 20 minutes is spent on the horse so as to give me time to explain the lesson and for the other children to finish their horse decorating.

After all the kids have been on the horse and finished their stick horses I mount on the horse and the children mount on their wood horses and we go through the WESN lesson by me asking them questions.

It proved to be a lot of fun and the feedback from their mothers was they really enjoyed the class and they were still having fun with their stick horses weeks later. The impact of this can be long lasting as I was loaned a stick horse to pattern by from a lady who has had the horse since she was a child.