

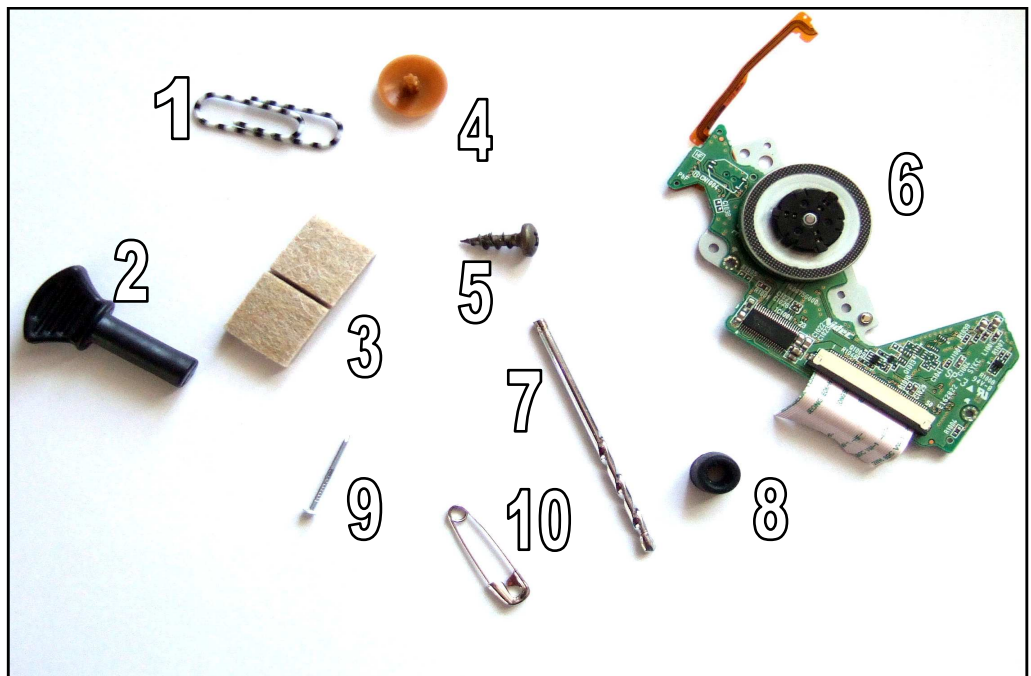
Bible Lesson— Useless Junk? or Made with a Purpose?

This is an object lesson to show that God created people with a purpose in life.

Every year over 3 million people ask Google "What is the meaning of life?" Unfortunately, many people ask this question as a skeptic. That is, they don't think this question can be answered. They believe that there is no such things as truth, purpose or meaning. This lesson will help your students see that God has designed and created us with a purpose.

Materials:

1. Find a few objects in your house that all have a specific purpose. Choose some objects that have a very simple purpose and others that are more complex. You can also just print page 2 if you don't have a junk drawer in your house.
2. Pencil for each student.
3. Print pages 3, 4 and 5 and give three worksheets for each student. Give each student **two** copies of the worksheet "My Purpose" and **one** copy of the worksheet "Bible Verses that tell our Purpose"



Activity

1. Give each student in your class one of the objects and one worksheet titled "My Purpose".
2. Ask the students to answer the questions on the "My Purpose" worksheet from the point of view of the object. Show the paper clip worksheet as an example.
3. Give each student the worksheet "Bible Verses that tell our Purpose" These verses teach that...
 - A. The purpose of my life is **to be saved**. This purpose must be fulfilled in order for God to perform the other works in your life. (1 Timothy 2:3-4)
 - B. The purpose of my life is **to glorify God**. This is the most basic reason for our existence. All other purposes come from this purpose. (1 Corinthians 10:31)
 - C. The purpose of my life is **to do good works**. Notice that the good works do not saved, but are a natural consequence of being saved. (Ephesians 2:8-10).

- D. The purpose of my life is to **present myself completely to do God's will**. (Romans 12:1-2)
- E. The purpose of my life is to **worship God**. (John 4:23)

After teaching the preceding verses, give the students another copy of the worksheet "My Purpose" and ask them to complete the questions for themselves.

Each question on the paper is meant to start a discussion about the verses.

About this Lesson:

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Objects with a purpose



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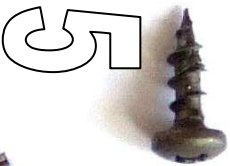
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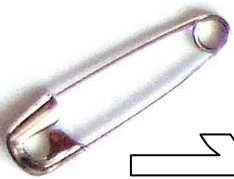
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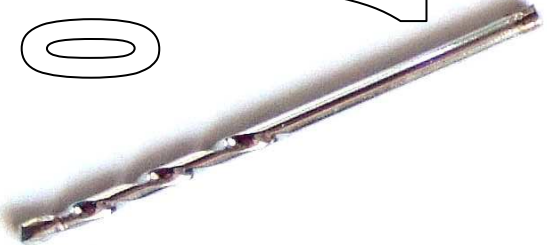


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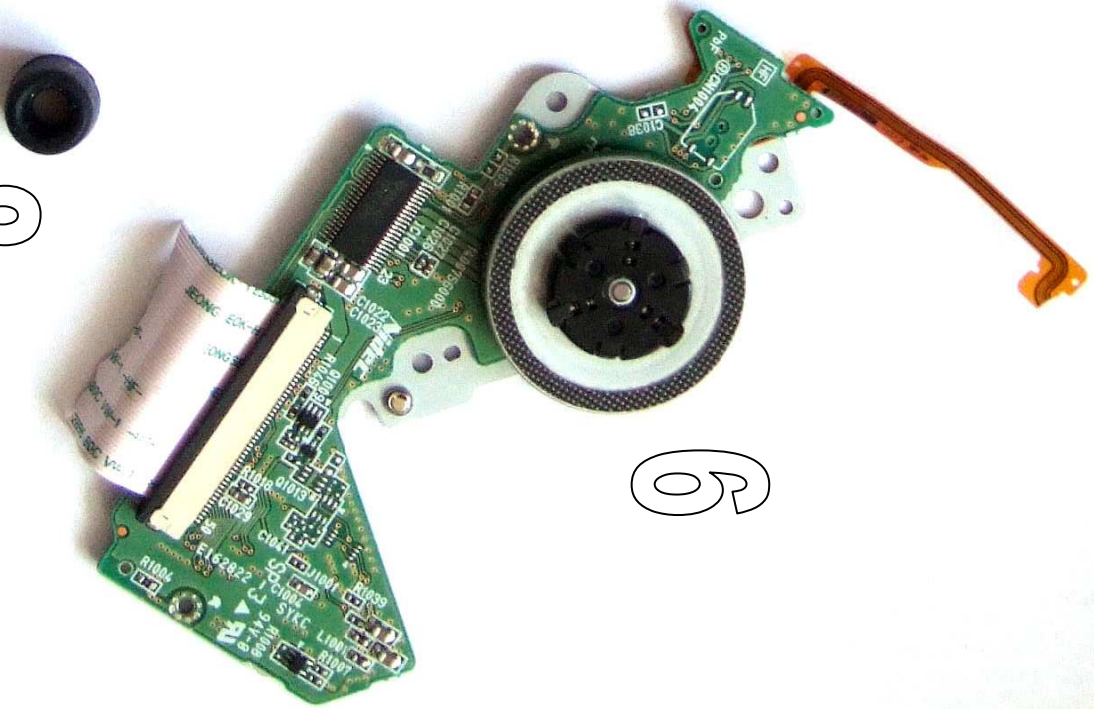


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My Purpose



1. My name is _____.

Paper Clip

2. My purpose in life is to _____.

hold things together

3. The person who designed me _____.

wanted to organize his office

4. Although it is not supposed to be _____.

my purpose, I can be used to _____.

hurt people

5. I am happiest when _____.

I hold together important documents.

6. I am sad when _____.

I get lost in the bottom of the drawer.

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4. _____ **Romans 12:1-2** I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (2) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.
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