

OBJECT LESSONS

1. **Reading Glasses** These magnify - They make things bigger. Psalm 34:3 says “Oh magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together.” As Christians, we are to magnify the Lord. Do we make people see God? Am I magnifying Jesus or myself? Do I take the credit for things or do I turn praise of others toward God? Psalm 150:6 says “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.” I Cor. 10:31 says “...do all to the glory of God.” When you see reading glasses remember that you are to magnify Jesus just as reading glasses magnify the words on a page.
2. **Vitamins** These are a supplement to your regular diet. They give you the extra boost that your system needs to stay healthy and strong because we don't get enough vitamins from what we eat. The Awana Key Verse is 1 Tim 2:15 “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” This means you are supposed to read your Bible on your own – to study. You need to supplement the diet you get from Awana and Sunday School and Church with your own studying. So, why not get up 5 minutes early each morning and read a verse or two and read it to understand it. Eat and digest each word. Then when you go to breakfast and take your vitamin you'll remember that you've supplemented your spiritual diet too.
3. **Coupon** A coupon has value, it's like a gift to save you money, but it has to be redeemed before it expires. If it's expired it is useless and you might as well just toss it into the fire. Did you know that your life has an expiration date? It does. Everybody is going to die sometime – that's your expiration date. It's not printed on us, but God knows when it is. He knows everything. Hebrews 9:27 says “It is appointed unto man once to die and then the judgment.” That means that once you've died God is going to say to you something like “come on in to heaven, you accepted my gift of Jesus dying on the cross for your sins, you're redeemed, welcome home.”, or “your chance to accept my gift has expired, I gave you the opportunity but you didn't take the time to get redeemed. You made the choice to go to hell.” But right now you are still alive. The choice is yours. Romans 3:23 tells us “all have sinned.” And all means ALL. Romans 6:23 says “the wages (or payment) of sin is death” eternal separation from God forever in a place called hell. But, John 3:16 tells us that “God so loved the world (that's you) that He gave (that's the gift) His only begotten Son (that's Jesus) that whosoever (that's you again) believeth in Him (that's Jesus again) should not perish (that's go to hell) but have everlasting life (that's live with God forever in Heaven). The choice is yours. Come talk to me or your leader if you are making that choice tonight.
4. **Soap** There are many different types of soap. Some are good for babies and some are good for dirty hands that have been working in the dirt or are greasy from working on the car. They all clean, but none of them clean enough. Jeremiah 2:22 says “Though you wash...and use much soap, yet your iniquity (sin) is marked before me. You just can't clean up enough to get yourself into heaven. Titus 3:5 tells us “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but the washing of regeneration.” You see we need to trust that Jesus death on the cross was payment enough for our sins. It's not about what we do, but about what Jesus has already done. You need to trust Jesus, not yourself. Acts 16:31 says “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved. The choice is yours.

5. **Greeting Card** We all like to get cards and to be remembered don't we? It makes us feel good. But, what if for your birthday you got a sympathy card – a card you send when somebody has died. Or, what if someone very special to you died and you were lonely and you got a card that said "Congratulations". That just wouldn't be kind would it? Proverbs 15:23 says "A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word spoken in due season, how good it is!" This means that what we say must be right for the time. So next time you see a greeting card, think about your words are they right for the time
6. **Knife** A knife can cut things like meat or it can smooth butter on bread. It's okay to cut meat that we're having for supper, but sometimes knives are used to cut and hurt people too. Just like the knife, our mouth can cut or it can smooth. I remember a song I learned as a little child... Oh be careful little mouth what you say, Oh be careful little mouth what you say, For the Father up above, is looking down in love, Oh be careful little mouth what you say. See, someone can cut you off with their words, or can smooth over a hurt and encourage you with their words. God knew that would happen and he told us about that in James 3:10 "Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren these things ought not to be so." So when we see a knife let's remember our words are to smooth and encourage one another.
7. **DVD** This is a visual. Something you see. Is there anything wrong with watching a DVD? Yes/No/Maybe If your parents have told you to do your homework and you haven't then is it wrong? If you are having family night and watching a family DVD is it wrong? What if you're at your friend's house for an overnight and you're not sure if the rating of the DVD is for someone your age is it wrong? Psalm 20:11-12 says "Even a child is known by his deeds. Whether what he does is pure and right. The hearing ear and the seeing eye, The Lord has made them both." A good way to know if it's right or wrong is to say to yourself. "Would I invite Jesus to watch this with me right now, or would I invite Jesus to watch this with me at all?" Or "Would I be ashamed if Jesus came in as I was watching this?" If you wouldn't watch it with Jesus, you shouldn't watch it because He is already right with you.
8. **Watch** Watches tell time, day and date. They might have a timer or stop watch built in or an alarm. They might even tell you the time in another time zone or country. I've even seen a watch with a calculator, radio, or tiny tv. Even with all the things a watch tells us it basically is to tell us the time. But there is one time that no watch can tell. Matthew 24:36 Says "But of the day and hour, no one knows, not even the angels, but my Father only." None of us know when Jesus will return to take all the Christians to heaven to live with Him. Not even the angels know, but God knows. It could be tonight. Are you ready? Have you admitted to God that you are a sinner (Rom.3:23)? Do you believe that Jesus died on the cross, was buried, and rose again the third day for your sins (1 Cor 15:3-4)? Have you made the choice to believe that Jesus payment was enough (Acts 16:31)? You don't have to wait. You can take time right now to accept Jesus' free gift of salvation. Please, don't wait, we don't know the day or the hour.
9. **Wooden Spoon** What do you think of what you see a wooden spoon. Some kids might say punishment, but I think of stirring. A wooden spoon is great for stirring things up. Cake batter, cookie mixing, chocolate milk, lots of things need stirring up. Have you ever heard someone say stop stirring up trouble? Did you know the Bible talks about stirring up too? In Hebrews 10:24 it says "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works." You see God doesn't want us to stir up trouble, he wants us to stir up love and good

works in each other. He wants us to encourage one another. So, next time you see a wooden spoon think about being an encourager to someone.

10. **Nail Polish** I like to paint my fingernails. Sometimes it just makes me feel happy to paint my fingernails. I try to do a very neat job and then they can look lovely, but what if I'm sloppy and get the polish on my hands. It wouldn't look very nice then. Or what if I don't protect the table with a towel and I spill the nail polish. That would be a bad mess that maybe would leave a stain. That wouldn't be good at all. Those potentially messy situations make me think of a Bible verse in 1 Cor 14:40 "Let all things be done decently and in order." You see, I need to do my nail polish decently and in order, neatly and protecting the area using. You might say that doesn't apply to nail polish. To that I reply sure it does. Does the verse in 1 Cor 14:40 say "Let all things, except nail polishing, be done decently and in order.?" NO! There are no exceptions! All means all!! So the next time you see nail polish remember that ALL things – everything – is to be done decently and in order.
11. **Dental Floss** Do you ever brush your teeth and not floss and later on realize that there is something stuck between your teeth. Sometime it can even start to hurt. You did a good thing by brushing, but you didn't go the extra distance to floss and do a really complete job. That reminds me of a Biblical principle of going the extra mile. You know, serving and doing more than you've been asked to do or more than is even expected of you. Matthew 5:38-41 talks about that. "You have heard that it was said 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. If anyone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak also. And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two." You see here a soldier could demand anyone to carry his burden and go with him one mile even though it was out of their way. Jesus said go two miles with him. Could you imagine his surprise! Well, Jesus gives us that example to show us to be willing to do more than what's expected or asked of you. Are you willing to be that kind of friend?
12. **Sun Lotion** Is for protection and varying degrees of protection. You wouldn't use an spf 8 and stay out in the bright sun all afternoon. You would need a higher spf of 25 or 35 or even more to prevent getting burned. Sometimes you might even need a hat or umbrella to protect you from the sun. This reminds me of the armor of God. Ephesians 6:11 Tells us to "put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." If you've accepted Jesus as your Savior from sin you have the helmet of salvation. That protects your head. But you need the belt of truth to protect you from the lies of Satan– so, we need to learn what is true from God's word and then be truthful ourselves. Then the Breastplate of Righteousness – doing what's right protects your heart, just like the armor of the breastplate protected the soldier's heart. And your feet need to be protected. We need shoes that show the good news of God's peace. We can be sure footed and stable in the battle. We must also take the armor of the shield of faith to keep Satan's darts of doubt from getting through to harm us. Finally to be ready we must take up the Sword of the Spirit. Our only form of offence. We don't want to just stand there protected and let the enemy beat on us. We need the Sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God (Eph 6:17b). What is the Sword of the Spirit? It's the Bible. We need to be memorizing/really learning the verses from God's Word so the Holy Spirit can bring them back to our memory to fight off the attacks of Satan with Bible verses.

13. **Duct Tape** This is a very strong tape. (Take two volunteers – two friends – duct tape two of their legs together -around their jeans- NOT ON Bare Skin-) Prov. 18:24b tells us that “there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. These two friends are “stuck together” really close. But the Bible says that there is a friend who sticks even closer than this or even closer than your own family. That friend is Jesus. When you admit you’re a sinner and believe that He died on the cross for you and make the choice to accept Him as a gift from God to you so you’ll be able to live with him in heaven. Jesus will stick with you forever. Heb 13:5c says “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”
14. **Wallet** I’ve seen a plaque that says “A Daddy is someone who carries pictures in his wallet where he used to carry money. Why would a Daddy or a parent or grandparent carry pictures? Because no matter where you are they have a picture of you because they love you. Do you have a special nick name that only Mom or Dad or one of your grandparents call you. It’s your own special “pet name” and you know that when you’re called that name it’s because you’re loved? Well, God has a special name for us according to Rev. 2:17.
15. **Potholder** There are different kinds of potholders. Flat ones, mit style, small, large, and fancy. Some may be stained, others given as a gift. But it really doesn’t matter what they look like as long as they do what they were meant to do – Protect. Potholders remind me of us and God. You see often times we look at how things look on the outside, and maybe wouldn’t want to use a stained potholder in front of company. But God doesn’t look at how we look on the outside. 1 Sam. 16:7 says “Man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart.” God was ready to appoint a new king for His people and Samuel was to go get the new king. Samuel, God’s prophet, looked at the outsides of all the boys in one family and thought each one would make a good king. But when the youngest was brought in Samuel saw a shepherd boy, but God saw a KING. So learn to look past how someone looks on the outside the obvious – and look at their real personality. God can use anyone any shape, color, size. Just like we can use any potholder – it doesn’t need to be “special”.
16. **Socks** Unmatched or matched. Unless it’s crazy sock night you wouldn’t wear mismatched socks. That’s just goofy. People might even think something bad about you. You know that’s kind of what it’s like if we hang around with the wrong friends. God warns us about that in 2 Cor 6:14 “Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness?” Our best friends should be others that are Christians. We need to be friendly with kids that don’t know Jesus, so we can let them know about Jesus, but our best friends need to be ones that match with our beliefs – like a matched pair of socks. So when you look at different socks think about your friends, are they matched or mismatched to you?
17. **Little Picture Frame** A picture frame can hold a certificate, a painting, a picture of a special friend, or a picture of your family. Just like that picture frame you have many abilities, many things that you can do even though you’re young or “LITTLE” I Tim 4:12 says “Let no man despise your youth.” That can apply to two different things. First don’t do things that will make others think badly of you. And second don’t let others convince you that you can’t do something for God just because you’re young. Often times children can reach their parents or grandparents with the good news of Jesus dying for them when adults can’t. Never think I’m too young. God can use you anytime!

18. **Hair Clip** Hair clips can be used to keep hair in place, to allow freedom of movement, to allow us to see, or just for decoration. There is nothing wrong with wanting to look nice, but the Bible warns us in 1 Peter 3:3-4 “Do not let your adornment be **merely** outward – arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel – rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.” So be more concerned about how you look on the inside than on the outside.
19. **Can of condensed soup** You wouldn’t want to eat soup straight out of the can. This soup needs to be mixed with water to make it palatable, or taste good. If you ate it out of the can and not heated up you would want to spit it out or get away from it. You wouldn’t want any more. Sometimes we can be like Condensed soup when we are talking to people about needing to get saved. If I walk up to you and say (angrily) “You’re a sinner and you’re going to go to hell when you die!” That would be true if you haven’t accepted Jesus, but would you want to listen to me any more? Probably not just like eating that condensed soup. But if I follow what the Bible says in Colossians 4:6 “Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.” I could tell you with love that both you and I are sinners God tells us that in Rom 3:23 and that because of our sin yours and mine, we both deserve to go to hell Rom 6:23. But God loved us so much that even though we’re sinners He gave his Son, Jesus, to die for us. Romans 5:8. I have made the choice to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and now I’m saved Acts 16:31, but you need to make that decision for yourself. I can’t do it for you. Would you like to do that now? I’ve now made it palatable easy to take in, so now you could make that decision too.
20. **Hammer** I can take a hammer and hammer two pieces of wood together, but if a woodcrafter takes a hammer he could make something beautiful with the hammer and wood. If I try to do things in my own strength I won’t be able to accomplish much, but if I allow God to use me to do things in His strength it will be able to be accomplished. Phil 4:13 tells us “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” If God wants you to do something ask Him for the strength to do it, just ask and let the master craftsman work through you.
21. **Blanket** Did you have a blanket as a baby? A special blanket? Some of you may still have it. Have you ever seen a little child walking around holding on to his blanket? Have you seen him get upset when he doesn’t have it or someone takes it from him? You understand and may even feel sorry for the poor little child. Now what if you saw that same behavior in one of your male Awana leaders. That just wouldn’t be right would it? Why? He’s grown up past that. He doesn’t need a baby blanket anymore. The Bible tells us we are to grow up as Christians too. 1 Cor 13:11 says “When I was a child, I spoke as a child; I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.” Each of us that have accepted Jesus as Savior were once babies in Christ, but if you’ve been a Christian for a year or two or more you need to grow up some. You need to apply what you memorize and put away “childish things”.
22. **Cooking Pot** This pot keeps the ingredients together. If I’m making soup and I take water, turkey broth, meat, vegetables, spices and noodles and put them on the stove outside of the pot will I be able to make soup? No I’ll make a mess. But, if I put them all in the pot they’ll stay together and I’ll have soup after a while. Well, what holds the pot together or for that

matter what holds the water together? The water is made of 2 molecules of hydrogen and 1 molecule of oxygen. What holds those molecules together to make the water be water? Did you ever think about that? Colossians 1:17 gives us the answer. “And He (Jesus) is before all things and in Him all things consist (hold together).” Jesus holds everything together. Without Him everything falls apart and separates. If he just loosened His grip on the planets they’d all go out of orbit. If he just loosened His grip on the water we’d have hydrogen and oxygen, but no water. Next time you see a cooking pot thank Jesus that He holds all things together.

23. **Remote Control** When you have the remote control do you ever say or think “I have the power!” or “I’m in control!” What if your brother or sister wants to watch something other than what you are watching. Do you let the “power control you”? Or what if mom or dad want to watch the news do you submit to their authority or do you let the “power control you”? 1 John 3:17-18 says “but whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.” Are you willing to be meek, which is power under control? Are you willing to do what’s best for others rather than yourself? That’s the example that Jesus gave us. He was all powerful and he could have come off the cross, but He was willing to do what was best for us and stay on the cross so we could have eternal life with Him in heaven. Since Jesus was willing to do that for you are you willing to think of others and do what is best for them?
24. **Mouse** This could be a computer mouse, but I was thinking about a real mouse (maybe someone could bring in a pet mouse). If you thought you heard a mouse running in your walls at night, but never saw it do you need to do anything? It’s only a little mouse so you don’t need to set a trap. Well after a while this little mouse has babies and now you have lots of mice running in your walls, but you still don’t see them, so you don’t need to do anything – right? Well, you still don’t set a trap even though you think you probably should. Now you come home and turn on the light switch and the lights don’t come on. Instead you think you smell smoke, but you don’t see any, so you don’t worry about it. Pretty soon though the fire department has to come out to put out the fire because the wall is on fire. You see the little mouse and her babies chewed the electrical wiring and the fire started as a result. If you had taken care of the little mouse the fire would never have happened. It’s like sin. Luke 12:2-3 says “For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known. Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.” Right now you’re thinking of something that you think no one knows about. Well, you’re wrong. God already knows about it! Others will know about it before too long. Take care of those “little sins” before they get out of control like the fire.
25. **Bookmark** says I’m coming back. When I’m reading a book I put a bookmark in there because I’m going to come back to it again and read it some more. When Jesus was here on earth He told His disciples in John 14 2-3 “In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if (since) I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” Jesus keeps His promises. He tells us also in Rev 3:4 and Rev 22:7 & 20 “I am coming quickly (suddenly)”. When you see a bookmark remember that Jesus is coming back. Are you ready? Have you accepted Jesus gift of salvation?

26. **Toilet Paper** Ephesians 5:20 says “Giving thanks always for all things.” Have you ever thanked God for toilet paper? You laugh, but the Bible doesn’t say give thanks always for all things except toilet paper. It says to give thanks for ALL things. That includes toilet paper and everything else. So lets think and list some of the things that we’re thankful for that we usually don’t take time to thank God for. Whenever you see toilet paper take time to thank God for something.
27. **Phonebook** (Read some names from the phone book. Choose some that maybe sound silly. Maybe include some of your clubber’s parents names. Or assign each child a name from the phone book.) God loves everyone - all the people we’ve named from this phone book God loves. Matthew 10:30 says “But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.” That’s not just your hairs but every person in this phone book. If God cares and knows how many hairs are on everyone’s head does he care about every person? John 3:16 says “For God so loved the **world** that He **gave** His only begotten son that **whosoever** believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” That means that God loves every person in that phone book. And that all of them need to hear the message of John 3:16. He loves you too and wants you to know about His gift of Jesus for you.
28. **Placemat** A placemat shows where you belong at the family table. The placemat serves as a buffer between the hot plate of food and the table. It reminds me (actually my daughter) of parents. The placemat is the parent. They show you that you belong and they serve as a buffer between us and everybody else. They protect us from the heat of the world. God gave us parents as a blessing. Proverbs 17:6b says “The **glory** of children is their father.” Remember to thank God for your Parents.
29. **Camera** This could be broken up and done as several lessons about the love of God. The Camera produces an image of us.
 Gen 1:26 says “Let us make man in our own image...” Originally man was made perfect without sin, in the image of God, but sin scars that image and because of that we are not perfect. However, when we accept God’s gift of Salvation through Jesus Christ His Son, God gives us the image of Jesus. So, if we have the image of Jesus our actions should reflect the image of Him also.
 1 Cor. 13:4-8 tells us of God’s type of love and we can apply that to how we are to love.
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God’s kind of love is willing to wait patiently and kindly for others.
(your name) takes turns patiently with out getting upset.

God’s kind of love doesn’t get jealous of others because of who they are or what they have.
(your name) doesn’t get jealous of a friends new clothes or games etc...

God’s kind of love doesn’t brag or think it’s better than others
(your name) doesn’t show off or act as if others don’t matter

God’s kind of love is not rude

(your name) is polite and respectful to parents, teachers and friends.

God's kind of love puts other people first

(your name) lets someone else have the biggest piece of dessert

God's kind of love doesn't get angry easily and want to get even

(your name) doesn't call people names or hit etc... to get back at them

God's kind of love doesn't keep track of wrong things others do

(your name) doesn't stay angry at someone for what he did

God's kind of love doesn't look for and think about the bad in others
but looks for and thinks about the good.

(your name) looks for good in someone that others say is bad

God's kind of love protects and defends others

(your name) stands up for someone whom others pick on

God's kind of love trusts and has confidence in others

(your name) believes that God can change difficult people

God's kind of love expects good things for others

(your name) encourages others to do and be their best

God's kind of love keeps on loving without complaining or quitting

(your name) chooses to love others even when they disappoint

God's kind of love never lets down and never stops loving

(your name) refuses to give up on someone, no matter what.