

# TIE IT DOWN

## SCRIPTURE:

*As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, (Ephesians 4: 14-15)*

## MATERIALS LIST:

- (1) Bungee Tie-Down Strap
- (1) Ratchet Tie-Down Set
- (1) Suit case

## MAIN MESSAGE:

There will be plenty of opportunities in this world to jump on the bandwagon of false beliefs. It is very important we are "tied-down" to God and the truth revealed through the Word, otherwise, we run the risk of being tossed about.

## SONG: "Give Me the Bible"

## LESSON:

Loading up the family vehicle for a trip across the country is always fun (if you've ever done this, you will notice the sarcasm). Trying to find the room for the suitcases containing enough clothes for a 2-month excursion, the one containing what seems like every shoe in the house, and the individual bags that everyone in the family has with their own special items in them for the trip creates a situation that, at times, even a master puzzle solver would struggle. Once you add a baby stroller and a cooler of food for meals to the mix, you barely have any room for the actual people that are to go with all of the stuff. That's where you have to start thinking outside of the vehicle - like outside on the roof.

Growing up, I enjoyed watching shows like the Beverly Hillbillies. I always thought it was funny that once Jed shot his gun and the oil came bubbling out of the ground, and the family got their money and started off to Beverly Hills, that they drove off in the same old truck, overflowing with all their possessions. For the life of me, I do not know why they didn't get another vehicle, possibly one that could have better held all their stuff. However, I learned something very valuable from ol' Jed - if you're going to travel with stuff outside of the vehicle, you had better tie it all down or else you'll risk some of it flying off.

In our culture, there are always going to be teachings that, while they might sound good, fall short of the truth of God's Word. Whether it is in the area of marriage, character, morality, and even various religious beliefs, we must be tied very tightly to the vehicle so that we are not blown away by the wind of strange doctrines nor the trickery of men and thus find ourselves separated from the grace of God which is only found through Christ Jesus.

Show your children how a bungee cord can tie items down. Show them how to use the ratchet tie-down for the top of the car. Discuss what would happen if the car top carrier were on top of the car, but not strapped down. What damage could happen not only to your stuff, but to others who might get hit by the flying item? How can your family be securely fashioned to Christ and the healthy doctrine found within the Bible? How can you determine what is healthy doctrine and what is craftiness of men?

**PRAYER:** Help our family be securely tied to You that the false teaching in the world will not blow us away.