

POINTS TO PONDER

After reading each page with family, friends, or students, take the time to discuss what Peter learned about following his inner compass. Use the questions below to seed the discussion.

University of Notre Dame – Inner Compass

- Peter’s mother told him to always follow his inner compass and it would guide him. What is our inner compass?
- What are other names for our inner compass?
- How does our inner compass guide us?
- Do all our thoughts come from our inner compass?

Soldier Field – Fear

- Why was Peter afraid of Major Stink?
- Are you afraid of anything? Why?
- What did Peter realize that made his fear go away?
- What replaced Peter’s fear?
- Can our inner compass always make our fear go away?

Shedd Aquarium – Patience

- Why did Peter become impatient with Professor Owl?
- Why are we sometimes impatient?
- Who are we thinking about when we are impatient? When we are patient?
- How does our inner compass help us to be patient?

Buckingham Fountain – Inspiration

- How did Peter figure out the Loop was not a dangerous place for birds?
- How long do you typically ponder before ideas come to you?
- How can you tell a good idea from a bad idea?
- Where might bad ideas come from?

Cloud Gate (“The Bean”) – Anger

- Why was Peter angry with Chuck when he played dead?
- What can cause us to become angry?
- What is the opposite of anger?
- How can our inner compass help us from becoming angry?

Chicago River – Talents

- Why did Peter want to be like Sammy?
- Have you ever wanted to be like someone else? Why?
- What talents do you have?
- Why is it important to develop and use our talents?
- How can our inner compass help us find our talents?

Navy Pier – Hope

- How did Peter regain his hope after speaking with Ensign Egret?
- What might cause us to become discouraged?
- What do you do to restore your hope when you are discouraged?
- How can we avoid becoming discouraged?

Ohio Street Beach – Forgiveness

- How did Peter feel after pecking Mr. Turtle for criticizing his mother?
- How do you feel when someone has wronged you? How do you feel after you have forgiven that person?
- When you do not forgive someone, who suffers more: the other person or you?
- How does our inner compass help us forgive?

Magnificent Mile – Vanity

- Why did Peter want a gold ankle bracelet?
- Is it bad to want to look good?
- Besides physical appearance, how do we try to make ourselves look good?
- How do we know if we are trying to look good for the wrong reasons?

Art Institute of Chicago – Mistakes

- How did Peter know that he had made a mistake when he laughed at Mr. Squirrel?
- When someone is upset by our actions, how do we know if we are at fault? Does it matter whose fault it is?
- How can our inner compass help us fix our mistakes?
- Can we ever get to a point where we make no more mistakes? Why?

The ‘L’ – Service

- Why didn’t Peter want to help Chip get the bun on the sidewalk?
- Why do we sometimes not want to help other people?
- Given that we have limited resources and time, how do we know if we should stop and help someone in need?
- Have you ever felt impressed to contact someone only to find out they needed to talk to you? Where did the impression come from?

Flamingo – Judging

- How did Peter misjudge Miss Butterfly?
- Have you caught yourself misjudging someone?
- What can be the effects of misjudging people?
- How can our inner compass help us to avoid misjudging people?

Willis Tower – Inner Compass

- Peter’s grandfather told him that following his inner compass was the only way to find true happiness. Why is that a true statement?
- Peter’s grandfather also told him that it gets harder to follow our inner compass when we get older. Why does that happen? Does it happen to everyone?
- How can we practice following our inner compass? How can we tell if we are getting better at following it?