BFSU D-2

We Are the Ones Turning

the lesson's song — sing it, then say what it means

SONG

Verse 1

They say the sun comes up at dawn,
They say it sets and then it's gone.
But watch it careful, watch it slow —
The sun's not going anywhere. Oh no!

Chorus

Rotation! Axis! Sunrise! Sunset!
One whole turn and one whole day.
Rotation! Axis! Sunrise! Sunset!
The sun is not going anywhere — we are the ones turning away!

Verse 2

Round and round on a line through the poles,
No real axle, no squeaks, no holes.
Just the steady way the whole world goes,
Twenty-four hours from your head to your toes.

(Chorus)

Verse 3

We turn toward the east, so that's where it shows,
And out in the west is where it goes.
Opposite sides, and it's always the same —
Sunrise and sunset, that's the game.

Verse 4

Somebody's breakfast is somebody's night,
Somebody's dark is somebody's light.
All at once on the turning ball,
One sun shining on us all.

(Chorus ×2)

Tag (spoken, kids): "Rotation... axis... sunrise... SUNSET!"

How to use it. Play the recording once while everyone just listens. Play it again and join in on the chorus only — that is the part carrying the lesson. By the third time most children have the chorus. Then close the binder and ask what the words actually mean; a child who can sing it and explain it has the idea for good.