

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MISSIONS CURRICULUM



WE ARE PLEASED TO PARTNER WITH YOUR CHURCH TO PROVIDE THIS VBS/SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE FOR CHILDREN, TO TEACH THE IMPORTANCE OF LIVING LIFE ON MISSION

LESSON #1

- Key Question: How does faith grow?
- Key Verse: "Then Jesus said, "What is God's kingdom like? What can I compare it with? God's kingdom is like the seed of the mustard plant. A man plants this seed in his garden. The seed grows and becomes a tree. The wild birds build nests on its branches." (Luke 13:18-19)
- The Parable of the Mustard Seed Video
- Activity: Plant mustard seeds in small cups (to water throughout the week), sharing that believing that Jesus loves us and saved us is like a mustard seed that starts out super tiny but grows in our hearts when we feed it.

LESSON #2

- Key Questions: What is the Good News? Why should we share it with others?
- God's Story: The Good News Video
- Key Verse: "Then Jesus came to them and said, "All power in heaven and on earth is given to me. So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything that I have told you. You can be sure that I will be with you always. I will continue with you until the end of the world." (Matthew 28:18-19)
- Activity: Kids water their plants and then they practice telling each other the Good News: "(Name of classmate), God loves you and me, and He sent Jesus to save us. Yay!" Leaders can model this before kids go around sharing the Good News with each person in the class.

LESSON #3

- Key Questions: What are missions? Do you know any examples of missions organizations?
- About Mustard Seed International Video (Explain: Mustard Seed International is just one of many organizations that is sharing the Good News with children around the world. You may hear people speaking Indonesian, which sounds different than English.)
- Activity:
 - 1. Kids water their plants and remind each other that "God loves you and me, and He sent Jesus to save us. Yay!"
 - 2. Show the children a large world map, pointing out where [home city] is and where Indonesia is. Each kid will touch [home city] and then drag his/her finger to Indonesia. Talk about the fact that there are 17,500 islands in Indonesia, which makes it REALLY hard to get food, water, and education to many people. Ask them to talk about how children in Indonesia are similar to and different from them. Talk about the fact that Indonesia is FAR away, but there are kids just like them who have never been able to go school or hear about Jesus, because no one has helped them.

LESSON #4

- Key Question: What is it like for kids to go to school in Indonesia?
- Every Child is Worthy MSI Video (Talk about how a lot of teachers at regular Indonesian schools don't even show up or can be harsh with their students. Talk about how kids have to walk a LONG way to school, but Mustard Seed International is building schools and water wells closer to kids' villages so they don't have to walk so far and training Christian teachers who love the children and teach them about God's love for them.)
- Activity:
 - 1. Kids water their plants and remind each other that "God loves you and me, and He sent Jesus to save us. Yay!"
 - Kindergarteners Praying MSI Video (Ask the kids if they think it would be fun to be friends with these kids from Indonesia. Say, "These kids were praying; let's pray too!"
 - 3. Prayer with class: "Dear God, we think you are AMAZING! Thank you for sending Jesus to save us, and help us to tell everyone about Jesus. Thank you that our friends in Indonesia can learn about you too. Please help us to pray for our friends in Indonesia and help them to get a good education and to learn about Jesus. Amen."

LESSON #5

- Key Question: What was Jesus' mission? How can we join Jesus in His mission?
- Key Verse: "The Scripture says, 'Anyone who asks the Lord for help will be saved.' But before people can trust in the Lord for help, they must believe in Him. And before they can believe in the Lord, they must hear about Him. And for them to hear about the Lord, someone must tell them. And before someone can go and tell them, he must be sent. It is written, "How beautiful is the person who comes to bring good news." (Romans 10:13-15)
- Activity:
 - 1. Kids water their plants and remind each other that "God loves you and me, and He sent Jesus to save us. Yay!"
 - 2. Ask the kids what they can do to help. (They can pray, and they can give of their time and money... allowance money, birthday money, etc.) Have them write letters or draw pictures to children in Indonesia to let them know how much God loves them.
 - 3. Encourage the children to take their plants home and continue to water them. As they water them, they can pray for children around the world to hear the Good News about Jesus.