



# **MISSIONS**

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## Memory Verses

### Week 1

#### **ACTS 1:8**

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

### Week 2

#### **2 CORINTHIANS 9:7-8**

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.



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## Lesson 1: What is a Missionary?

Passage

**ACTS 1:8, MATTHEW 28:19-20**

Main Point

God has called his followers to share his message of love (the gospel) throughout the entire world!

Intro

God calls some people to be missionaries. Missionaries are Christians who leave their hometown to go out and share the gospel of Jesus to those who don't know. Only some of us will be called to do missionary work in this way. However, all of us can play a role in what God is doing across the world!

Supporting  
Points

### WHY DOES GOD CALL MISSIONARIES?

God calls missionaries because God's message of love and forgiveness is for everyone! Includes people who are different than us:

- Different language, country, amount of money, clothing, food, etc.

### WHERE DOES GOD CALL MISSIONARIES TO GO?

Some missionaries share the gospel in their home country; usually in a different city or state than where they once lived.

Other missionaries move to another country to share the gospel.

### WHAT DO MISSIONARIES DO?

Missionaries meet physical needs and share the gospel

- Physical needs include food, water, shelter, medicine, clothing, etc.

Missionaries make disciples. These disciples share the gospel with other people who need to hear it.

Antithesis

Without missionaries, God's message of love wouldn't be spread throughout the entire world, and many physical needs would not be met.

Application

Learn about how the gospel is spreading across the world, get to know a missionary.

*(NOTE: share information about a missionary with the class! Information on Dwell missionaries can be found at <https://dwellcc.org/missions>.)*

Discussion

- God loves all different kinds of people. How can being different be a good thing?
- Imagine you and your family sold everything and moved to a different country. How would you be feeling? What fears might you have? What would you be excited about?
- What is a physical need? What kinds of physical needs do you see around you?
- What would happen if nobody became a missionary?
- Do you know any missionaries? What is something interesting you know about them?
- What is one thing you want to learn about missionaries and/or God's mission?



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## Lesson 1: What is a Missionary?

**Craft**

**Meaning**

**Supplies**

**Instructions**

**Image**

### PAPER PLATE EARTH

God has called his followers to share his message of love (the gospel) throughout the entire world!

Paper plate, earth template, scissors, markers

1. Cut out the earth template
2. Place the template on the paper plate and trace with a black marker
3. Color in the land and water







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## Lesson 2: How can I help God's mission?

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### **MATTHEW 25:34-40, 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7-8**

God wants us to play a part in providing for people all around the world and sharing His message of love (the gospel)

In this passage, Jesus rewards people who are kind to those in need. He says that when we do something kind for others, we are actually doing it for Him! Today we will learn about how we can help missionaries meet physical needs and share and God's message of love (the gospel) throughout the world.

Missionaries help people from all over the world learn about God's love and meet physical needs. There are 2 ways we can help support missionaries.

#### **1. GIVE TO A MISSIONARY**

Our money, talents, time, and possessions can be used for God's mission. Missionaries often help very poor people and meet their needs.

- i.e. food, water, shelter, medicine, and clothing (Matthew 25:34-40)
- Even if you don't have much to give, God wants us to give generously! (2 Corinthians 9:7)  
When we are generous, God will bless us and meet our needs. (2 Corinthians 9:8)

#### **2. PRAY FOR A MISSIONARY**

When we pray, we are asking God to work in another place than where we live. What kinds of things should we pray for?

- That new people will hear about Jesus and accept his forgiveness
- That new believers in Jesus will share God's message with others
- People's physical needs will be met
- Protection for missionaries

Not getting to participate in God's amazing mission to show the world his love

Give (or ask a parent about giving) to a missionary, pray for God's message to be spread across the world, get to know a missionary share information about a missionary! (*NOTE: Information on Dwell missionaries can be found at <https://dwellcc.org/missions>.)*)

- Why is it important to be generous?
- Why do you think God rewards kindness and generosity?
- How could you be generous to someone in your life?
- Have you ever prayed for a missionary before? What was that like?
- Praying is just talking to God. What other things can we talk to God about?





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## Lesson 2: How can I help God's mission?

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### MISSIONARY MAGNET

Put this prayer request magnet on your fridge so you can always remember to pray for God's mission to be spread across the world!

Missionary prayer requests, card stock, markers, glue, magnet stickers

1. Choose a missionary prayer request
2. Glue the missionary prayer request to the card stock
3. Stick a magnet on the back of the card stock
4. Decorate your magnet
5. Put your magnet on the fridge

