

World Missions 2

Missionaries who serve with humility and sacrifice

God is a Humble Servant

Spiritual Awareness: Spreading the Good News

We are instructed to go into all the world, preaching the Good News to the nations. For some, this can mean going across the street, but for many, it means going to another nation. Taking the Gospel message is not easy, but God promises to be with us.

Our response to 'God is a Humble Servant'

Because God is a humble servant I will...

- follow the example of Jesus, the greatest servant
- be willing to help others
- consider the needs of others
- put others before myself
- let others go first
- not boast
- not think of myself as being more important than everyone else
- admit when I am wrong
- allow others to help me

Supporting devotional resource

Themes for Christian Studies 6, (Servant): Spreading the Good News

Themes for Christian Studies 7, (Servant): Jesus, the sacrificial servant

Information on global missions

Operation World, 2^{1st} Century Edition, by Patrick Johnstone & Jason Mandryk

<http://www.operationworld.org>

Biblical references

Matthew 28:16-20 - Go and make disciples of all nations...I am with you always.

Mark 16:15-18 - Go into all the world and preach the Good News...and these signs will accompany those who believe.

John 14:12 - You will do greater things.

Acts 8:26-40 - Philip shares the Good News with an Ethiopian.

Acts 16:6-15 - A call from Macedonia.

Acts 19:23-41 - Trouble at Ephesus

Acts 7:51-60 - Stephen gives his life for Jesus.

2 Timothy 1:11-12 - Paul made sacrifices to serve.

Hebrews 13:15-16; 1 Peter 2:5 - Sacrifices we can make.

Ephesians 5:2 - Jesus gave Himself up for us.

Revelation 2:10 - Faithfulness to the end

Matthew 5:14 - Christians are lights to the world.

Luke 12:35-47 - Faithfulness in serving Jesus.

Matthew 16:24 - Take up your cross.

Key Questions

What do missionaries do?

Who can be a missionary?

What difficulties do missionaries face?

What is sacrifice?

Why could we say that missionaries serve in a sacrificial way?

Was Jesus a missionary?

Why could we say that Jesus made the greatest sacrifice?

How did Jesus serve when He was on earth?

What is a faithful servant?

How can we be faithful servants?

What can we learn about serving from the lives of early Christian missionaries?

Outcomes

Students will

Knowledge

- study the biographies of famous missionaries
- develop an awareness of the work of missionaries today
- pray for missionaries and cultures in need of the Gospel
- identify countries on the world map
- gain an understanding of the geography and culture of countries where missionaries are working

Skills

- research, record and summarize information
- develop mapping skills

Values

- appreciate of the courage and humility of missionaries
- be willing to serve others
- ask God to show each one how they can be of service to Him

Activities

- Define the term 'missionary'.
- Discuss the work of a missionary. Discuss the link between meeting practical needs and sharing the gospel.
- List the types of work a missionary can do, e.g. offering medical aid, feeding the hungry, sharing the gospel through art, music, drama.
- Read the biographies of famous missionaries.
- See *Themes for Christian Studies 6, (Servant)*, for stories of William Booth, Hudson Taylor and Jim Eliot.
- Use *Operation World* to gain information on geography, people, economy, politics, religion and prayer needs of different countries.
- Pray for nations and find them on a world map.
- Present a project or class talk on a country where missionaries are working today.
- Compare the differences in sharing the Gospel, past and present.
- Identify problems encountered by missionaries.

- Identify needs of particular nations.
- Invite speakers and watch videos of missionary work.
- Discuss ways of being a missionary in our own nation.

Assessment

1. Present a short talk or create wall story about one significant missionary.
2. What have I learned from the study of missionaries...
 - about God?
 - about doing what God wants me to do?
 - about the Bible?