

World Missions 3

Nations - rich and poor

God is a Loving Provider

Spiritual Awareness: God wants us to share his provision

God has provided enough food for the whole world, but greed and selfishness prevent many from receiving their share. The Christian response to this is a generous heart. God wants us to share what we have with those in need.

God is love, and wants us to share His love with others. He has told us to preach the Gospel to all cultures. God loves all people equally, regardless of colour, race or belief system.

Our response to 'God is a Loving Provider'

Because God is a Loving Provider I will...

- Love God
- Love others
- Forgive others
- Be kind and patient with others
- Help others
- Thank God for the things He provides
- Thank my parents for the things they provide
- Share with others the things that God has provided.

Supporting devotional resource

Themes for Christian Studies 7, (Provider): God expects us to share His provision

Themes for Christian Studies 2, (Love): God is kind to all people

Themes for Christian Studies 7, (Love): Our love for God

Biblical references

Bible stories and passages

John 6:1-14 The boy who shared his lunch with Jesus.

Matthew 25:35-40 I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink.

Mark 12:41-44 The widow's gift.

Luke 7:36-50 The woman with the jar of perfume. She gave all she had.

Luke 10:38-42 Mary's love for Jesus

John 12:1-8 The precious ointment

Verses

Proverbs 22:9 Be generous and share your food with the poor.

Isaiah 58:7-11 Share your food with the hungry.

Luke 6:38 Give and it shall be given.

Psalms 112:5; Proverbs 11:25 Be generous.

Proverbs 3:9-10 Honour God with your money

Matthew 7:7 God gives to those who ask.
Matthew 10:8 Freely you have received, freely give.
2 Corinthians 9:7-9 God loves a person who gives happily.
2 Corinthians 8:7 Generosity
Mark 16:15-18 The Great Commission
1 John 4:16 God is love.
Luke 4:8 Jesus came to bring good news to the poor.

Key Questions

What do we need to live a comfortable life?
Do we have more than what we need?
How do we get the things we need?
What would happen to our country if there were a major catastrophe such as flood or drought?
Can you name any countries where this has happened?
How can these people get the things they need?
What does God want me to do?
How can I give to people in need?
How can rich countries help poor countries?
Does God love rich people more than poor people?
Does God love Christians more than non-Christians?
How can I share God's love with others?

Outcomes

Students will

Knowledge

- Compare and contrast our own resources with those of a selected nation.
- Compare consumption of energy, food and resources of wealthy and poor nations
- Become familiar with organizations that can promote the sharing of resources, and hence support needy countries

Skills

- Locate countries and places on a world map
- Ask questions about the quality of life in other countries
- Research
- Record findings

Values

- show generosity towards others
- show compassion
- learn that it is possible to make do with less

Activities

- Research and present information on another nation.
- Mark countries and cities on a world map.
- Invite voluntary aid organizations.

- Set up a display, depicting different lifestyle and culture another nation. Compare feelings, thoughts, impressions, diets, resources, health and educational standards.
- Play a game with dried beans. Each group, representing a country, starts with the same amount of beans. Place pieces of paper labeled as famine, flood, war or other disaster, into a 'hat'. Groups lose beans as disasters strike, e.g. flood - lose 5 beans.
- Discuss ways of giving to people who lack resources.

Assessment

1. Present information on one country where there are many people in great need. Explain the problems and suggest some ways in which this country could be helped.
2. What have I learned from the study other nations...
 - about God?
 - about doing what God wants me to do?
 - about sharing what I have?

Additional Beacon Media Resource

Visual Language Unit: Our neighbours – See Beacon Media Primary Units of Study

Excellent resource: Johnstone, Patrick, *Operation World*,
<http://www.operationworld.org/>