

MB Mission Presents
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INTRODUCTION

The Goal

We hope that you will find this material fun and engaging as it introduces children not only to the amazing beauty and diversity of different nations around the world but also helps them understand God's heart for all people. Students will have the opportunity to learn about specific countries, meet missionaries and their children who live in those countries and hear stories about how God is at work today.

The Format

Each unit focuses on one country and contains four lessons (making it possible to feature one country per month for weekly programs). Each lesson is designed for a single 45-50 minute session, though more resources are provided if the sessions are longer. These resources allow for maximum flexibility so that the lessons can be adapted for use with a variety of programs, whether Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, or a Weekly Kids Club. As well, where there is overlap in teaching material from one unit to the next, alternate Scriptures and activities are always suggested to provide for interesting variety and easy adaptation.

The Objectives

The overarching objective is that children will gain an understanding of God's heart for all peoples by being exposed to different cultures and actively participating in listening prayer and study of the Scriptures.

1. Students will gain an understanding of God's heart through
 - recognizing the biblical responsibility to love their neighbors
 - accepting God's invitation to share Jesus with others
2. Students will become familiar with different cultures through
 - engaging their senses on a cross-cultural journey
 - meeting MB missionaries and learning about their lives in those countries
3. Students will participate in God's mission through
 - listening prayer and intercession
 - identifying mission opportunities for their family, school, or group



The Structure



Ages 5-12

The curriculum is designed for children aged 5-12 (Kindergarten through Grade 7). The suggested activities can be chosen based on the age of the children. By adding age-appropriate activities, the lessons can easily be adapted for older students as well. The first and fourth lessons may be more effective in smaller groups. The second and third lessons would probably work best with larger groups, to maximize the amount of preparation needed.

Possibilities with Lessons Two and Three

These lessons are designed to simulate journeys to countries outside of North America. This part of the unit can be as simple or as elaborate as you would like. We have laid it out quite simply, but more could be done to simulate aspects of international travel, such as providing the children with passports and having them go through an immigration checkpoint to enter the country. After the first lesson, you may want to invite students to pack a suitcase with things they would need for a missionary journey, and actually get them to bring it for their trip the following week. These suitcases/bags could be checked for appropriate materials at the immigration/customs checkpoint especially if the country is designated as a restricted area. The passports could be used for multiple units. If you are only doing one unit, the passport could be as simple as one folded piece of paper on which they could receive a stamp or sticker and also record what they are observing and learning.

Resources

There are many good quality activities and worksheets available for free online for educational use. We have provided links to these sources, allowing you the freedom to choose and to adapt the material as needed. We will do our best to update these links regularly.

Restricted Areas and Communication

We encourage you to communicate directly with MB Mission workers, especially for lesson four. However, since this type of work may be sensitive in certain countries, we ask that you send all communication through the MB Mission office. These will then be forwarded in an appropriate manner. This aspect can also become a sharing point with students, who are used to complete freedom in sharing faith.

Contact

We would value and encourage your feedback on this curriculum. How can it be improved? What worked for you and what didn't? Any questions or comments can be sent to:

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