

## THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

### LIVE the Mission

#### 1 ACTIVITY CHOICE (10 minutes)

##### OPTION 1: MEDICAL MISSIONS THEATER



Before the session, use a permanent marker to write Pray for the McDonalds on the wrappers of adhesive bandages. Prepare one per kid. Choose a volunteer to draw a "Medical Missions Theater" card and act out the medical treatment on the card. The rest of the group will try to guess the treatment. When someone guesses correctly, he becomes the next actor. Ask the kids to name things that might be difficult about moving from their home to another country.

**SAY** When God called Moses to go to Egypt, Moses made excuses because he was afraid. It probably wasn't easy for the McDonalds to leave their life in the US, but they chose to obey God and use their medical training to reach people in Tanzania with the gospel. **”**

Give each kid a bandage and encourage them to use it as a reminder to pray for the McDonalds at home.

##### OPTION 2: EXCUSES, EXCUSES



Invite the kids to sit in a circle. Select a kid to start the game by asking the kid to his right to do something. It can be a silly request, an impossible favor, or something more realistic. She must come up with an excuse as to why she cannot accomplish the task, and pass the request to the kid on her right, who will also come up with an excuse. If a kid cannot think of an excuse, the round ends, and it becomes the next kid's turn to make a new request.

**SAY** God commanded Moses to go and speak to Pharaoh, telling him to let the Israelites go free. But instead of trusting God, Moses came up with excuse after excuse.

Some commands, like the command to share the gospel, are for all believers, but we don't always do a good job obeying God. What are some excuses you might make to avoid obeying God? Can you think of any ways to help yourself stop making excuses to obey God more completely and joyfully each day? **”**

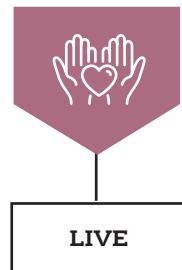
#### 2 REFLECTION AND PRAYER (5 minutes)

Distribute a sheet of paper and pencil to each kid. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Who can I tell about this story?

Be sure to send the sheets home with the kids along with the activity pages so parents can continue to discuss the Bible story with their kids.

If time remains, take prayer requests or allow kids to complete the Bible story coloring page. Pray for your group.



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Form two or more teams of kids. Give each team a bucket of play money or plastic coins. Give each kid a cup and challenge kids to use their cups to take the money from their team's bucket to another team's bucket. Set a timer for three minutes. At the end of that time, the team with the least amount of play money in their bucket wins. Open your Bible and read aloud Acts 20:35.

**SAY** Through the sacrifice of lambs, God gave His people two incredible gifts: protection from the tenth plague and freedom from Egypt. God's generosity can inspire us to live generously too. Giving to missions is a great way to support missionaries. The church in Alabama raised enough money to build a new wing on the hospital in Africa by giving generously.

Encourage kids to place their cups in their rooms to collect money for missions. Pray and ask God to help the kids be cheerful givers.

##### OPTION 2: PLAGUE CHARADES



Write each plague on a separate index card. Invite the kids to take turns drawing a card and acting out the plague depicted on the card. Play until each kid has had a chance to act out at least one plague.

**SAY** The plagues were a judgment on Egypt. Egypt worshiped many false gods and had treated the Israelites, God's chosen people, very harshly. But it is important to remember that Israel wasn't a nation of perfect people either. God spared them from judgment not because they were good and righteous, but because they trusted Him and obeyed His instructions regarding the lamb.

We are also sinners who can only be saved by faith in God. When God saves a person, it is because she has faith in Jesus, trusting that God will keep his promise to save sinners, not because she is righteous or does enough good things. **Does God keep His promises? Yes, God always keeps His promises because He is faithful.**

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