

GOD'S BIG MISSION

A Family Devotional Guide about Missions

Parents: This family devotional is meant to help your children understand and engage with God's global mission in a clear and meaningful way. Each day provides a Bible verse, a devotion, discussion questions, an activity, and a prayer prompt to guide your family. Try using this guide during breakfast, bedtime, or any quiet moment together. Worksheets for preschoolers through teens are also included. Our hope is that this devotional time will strengthen the faith of your children and grow their understanding of lostness around the world. Thank you for leading your family through this journey!

Day 1: God Loves the Whole World



Bible Verses: Genesis 12:1–3; Revelation 7:9



Devotional:

Did you know that God loves every person in every country? A long time ago, God told a man named Abraham that He would bless the whole world through him. And in the last book of the Bible, we see people from all over the world worshiping God together! God wants everyone to know Him, and He wants us to help share His love.



Talk About It:

- Why do you think God loves people from every country?
- What are some ways we can show God's love to others?
- Have you ever met someone who speaks a different language?



Activity:

Pick a country on a globe or map. Learn one fun fact about it and pray that people there will know Jesus.



Prayer:

"God, thank You for loving everyone. Help me care about people from all over the world like You do."

Day 2: Some People Don't Know about Jesus



Bible Verses: Romans 10:13–15



Devotional:

There are people all over the world who have never heard about Jesus. They are lost and separated from Him because of their sin. They don't know how much He loves them or that they can have a relationship with Him. They can't trust in Jesus if they haven't heard about Him.



Talk About It:

- What does it mean to be lost and not know Jesus?
- Why is it important to tell others about Him?
- How can we help people learn about Jesus?



Activity:

Visit peoplegroups.org to find out about a group of people who don't know Jesus yet. Pray that someone will go and tell them.



Prayer:

"God, please help people who don't know Jesus yet. Send someone to tell them how much You love them."

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Day 3: Jesus Saves Us



Bible Verses: John 3:16; Colossians 1:13–14



Devotional:

Jesus came to earth to save us from sin and bring us close to God. He lived a perfect life, died on a cross and was buried, came back from the grave three days later, and then went to heaven where He is waiting for those who turn from their sin and follow Him. That's the best news ever—and it's what missionaries share with people around the world!



Talk About It:

- What did Jesus do to save us?
- Why do you think Jesus loves you so much?
- Who can you tell about Jesus?



Activity:

Draw a picture or write a short story about what Jesus has done for you. Share it with someone in your family.



Prayer:

"Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to save me. Help me tell others about Your love."

Day 4: We Can Help Others Follow Jesus



Bible Verses: Matthew 28: 18–20



Devotional:

Jesus told His friends to go and help others follow Him. That's called making disciples. If you are a follower of Jesus, you can help others follow Him too. As you learn more about Jesus, you can help others learn more about Him too.



Talk About It:

- What is a disciple?
- How can you help someone learn about Jesus?
- Who do you know that you can pray for?



Activity:

Think of one friend you can pray for this week. Ask God to help them know Jesus better.



Prayer:

"God, help me grow as your disciple. Show me how to help others follow Jesus."

IMB missionaries go to places where people don't know about Jesus. They tell them the good news., help them follow Jesus, start churches, train leaders, and encourage them to grow and do these same things in their community and in other places. We call this the *missionary task*. To learn more about it, visit imb.org.

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Day 5: You Can Be Part of God's Mission



Bible Verses: Acts 1:8; Isaiah 6:8



Devotional:

God has a big mission—to tell the whole world about Jesus! And guess what? You're invited to be part of it. You can pray, give, go, or tell others right where you are. When you say, "Here I am, God," He will use you in amazing ways!



Talk About It:

- What does it mean to be part of God's mission?
- What can you do to help others know Jesus?
- How can your family help missionaries?



Activity:

Make a list of ways your family can help with missions by praying, giving, or telling others.



Prayer:

"God, I want to be part of Your mission. Show me ways I can pray, give, and tell others about You."

Additional Activities:

1. Pray for a different country each week using a world map.
2. Write a letter or draw a picture to encourage a missionary.
3. Learn how to say "Jesus loves you" in three different languages.
4. Host a family prayer night focused on unreached people groups.
5. Read a missionary biography as a family and discuss what you learned.
6. Make a care package for a missionary family.
7. Create a prayer jar with names of missionaries and countries.
8. Cook a meal from another culture and pray for that country.
9. Memorize a Bible verse about missions (e.g., Matthew 28:19-20).
10. Donate to a church or IMB missions project as a family.

Thank you for spending time as a family learning about God's heart for the world and how you can be part of His mission. This is just the beginning! There are many ways your family can continue to grow in understanding and action. To discover more about how you can pray, give, go, and send, visit imb.org. There you'll find stories, resources, and opportunities to help your family take the next step in sharing Jesus with the nations—starting right where you are.