

CHILDRENS RESOURCES

Global Interaction has produced some material for children's workers to use during May Mission Month.

The following pages will give you an overview to the themes and the activities.

There are various individual and group ideas for different ages.

SUMMARY

In the Bible in Luke 10 Jesus sees a crowd of people and has compassion on them. He wants to help all of them but there are so many.

Jesus sends His followers in pairs to share his love, healing and acceptance.

He asks us to join this adventure and to pray for more workers to help.



Week One – The Harvest is Plentiful

Luke 10:2-3 (NIV) “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.”

KEY MESSAGE

As Jesus and His disciples walked through a town they saw crowds of people. Jesus compared the huge numbers of people to a harvest. A harvest is the time when crops are ready to be gathered in. Jesus helped the disciples to notice all the people who needed to be helped, cared for and who needed to be taught about God.

Jesus sent the disciples to go to the people and to share God’s love, gathering them into His wonderful Kingdom. However it wasn’t going to be easy - there was only 72 of them, the adventure was dangerous and they may be treated unkindly.

In our towns there are also many people who need to hear and experience God’s love. Jesus also asks us to tell others about His love and to pray that God will send more people to tell others.

MEMORY VERSE

Luke 10:2 (NIV) The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

ACTIVITIES

Harvest Collection

Wolf and Sheep

Mazes

PRAYER

Thank you Jesus that you care for all people. Please help me to be a good worker sharing your love with all the people I know. I ask that you will encourage others to join in the harvest adventure.

TAKE HOME

Where is your harvest? (E.g. family, school, sports clubs)

Share some ideas with your family about how you can be God’s special worker this week.

Join in with the prayer campaign and set an alarm every day at 10:02 to pray for more workers.



Week Two – Travel Lightly

Luke 10:4 (NIV) “Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.”

KEY MESSAGE

Jesus tells his disciples to travel lightly. This is because the trip was urgent and they must not be held back or distracted by anything. Arriving in a new place without their baggage meant that they could make good friendships with the local people. Also they were to learn to rely on God to provide all they needed.

MEMORY VERSE

Luke 10:4 (The Message) “Travel light... and no extra luggage.”

ACTIVITIES

Stuffing a suitcase

Bag race

Who you are

PRAYER

Thank you God that you provide air so that I can breathe, water so I can be refreshed and food so that I am healthy. Help me to stay focused on sharing your love with my friends and being the best friend I can.

TAKE HOME

Spend some time in prayer thanking God for the way He has created you and provides for you.

What do you need to let go of that stops you from making good friendships or knowing God more? Do you need to forgive someone? Do you need to stop watching so much TV? Are you scared of anything?

What ways can you become a better friend? What can you do that would show your friends that Jesus loves them?



Week Three – Person of Peace

Luke 10:5-8 (NIV) “When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves their wages. Do not move around from house to house. When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you.

KEY MESSAGE

Jesus sends the disciples into the town to tell the Good News about the Kingdom of God. But like our lives, they were surrounded by lots of people, so Jesus gives instructions to look for a ‘person of peace’, someone who welcomes you into their life.

The disciples were from the Jewish community and they followed strict rules on what they could/could not eat. Jesus tells them to eat what they are offered. When you get to spend time with people they may do things differently to you so this requires us to be flexible and respect them as we share Jesus’ love.

MEMORY VERSE

Luke 10:7 (NIV) “Do not move around from house to house.”

ACTIVITIES

Stay or go?

What are you looking for?

Another way

PRAYER

Jesus thank you for loving me. Please help me to share your love with people in a kind, respectful and peaceful way.

TAKE HOME

Is there someone you would like to get to know more? Could you spend some more time with them – maybe eat some lunch together?

Try doing/eating something different this week!



Week Four – Sharing the Kingdom of God

Luke 10:9-11 (NIV) “Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.’”

KEY MESSAGE

SAY: We are to tell people about Jesus and the love, peace, hope and joy He offers.

DO: We are also to show people that we follow Jesus by our actions.

We need to continue to do this all throughout our lives.

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 6:10 “Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

ACTIVITIES

Kingdom Cards

Kingdom Characters

Do it again

PRAYER

Thank you God that your love, peace, hope and joy is for all people. Help me to share it with my words and actions.

TAKE HOME

Remind yourself of this phrase - If at first you don't succeed – try, try again!

Collect stamps or coins to support a cross-cultural worker or project which is helping to share Jesus through words and actions all across the world.



Week Five – Being Part of the Solution

Luke 10:2-3, 16 (NIV) “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go...Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

KEY MESSAGE

The problem is that there aren't enough people sharing the Good News of Jesus with the people on the earth. How can we be part of the solution? We need to be a worker so that when people meet us they get to meet Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 5:16 “Let your good deeds shine out for all to see”

ACTIVITIES

Copycat

Problem Solver

Bright Light

PRAYER

Thank you God for creating a beautiful world and wonderful people. Please help me to make good decisions so that I can help this world be a better place.

TAKE HOME

This week try and copy one of Jesus' characteristics such as being kind or fair.

