



Group Leader: What to Know

2 Timothy 2:15 NIV "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."



This four week session is about missionaries:

- Please make sure to look over each page before you present it
- If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail rachel@worldrenewal.org
- If you know someone who is or has been a missionary, they would be an amazing resource to bring in and share this!
- The three graphics (the first one is used twice) on this page are available in high resolution, screen size to put up on the big screen/TV, or you can use the handouts for the kids to take home: however works best for your group
- The YouTube channel Pioneers-USA has a Missionary explainer series playlist, onemissionkids.org, and alifeoverseas.org are great resources

I'm a Missionary.

 What my friends think I do.	 What my mom thinks I do.	 What society thinks I do.
 What my supporters think I do.	 What I think I do.	 What I REALLY do.

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Get to know Missionaries: What They Do

Isaiah 52:7 NIV "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!""



What do missionaries do?

A Missionary goes and shares the good news:

- Go: missionaries go far away, or sometimes nearby: wherever God calls them to go
- Share: Missions is about sharing what God has already given us. We share through our words, and our actions
- The good news: The good news is the Gospel! It is that Jesus came, lived, died and rose again to give us a new life now and forever
- You can remember what a missionary does by connecting each word to a finger on your hand (see the picture)
- Where a missionary goes and what a missionary specifically does to share the good news is different for each one

Pray For:

- Missionaries around the world
- The people God is calling to be missionaries but they don't want to
- The people God is calling to be missionaries that do want to go, but have problems in the way
- God to show you what He wants you to do about missions
- The places that don't have any missionaries yet

Questions to talk about:

- Why does being a missionary mean going somewhere? Why can't they just stay where they are?
- Can a missionary share something they don't have? Why is it important for missionaries to be close to Jesus?
- Are all missionaries pastors? Why or why not?
- Do missionaries do anything besides tell people about Jesus? Why or why not?
- What do you think it would be like to be a missionary?
- Why do we need missionaries?
- What is the good news?
- Do you know any missionaries?

Something Extra: If you'd like to learn more, check out the website Onemissionkids.org

Get to know Missionaries: How to be One

Romans 12:1NIV "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship."

There are many ways to become a missionary:

- **It is God that calls missionaries.** He might call you to be one and share the good news with your friend. That is important, and is the same way someone obeys God to be a career missionary. The important thing about it is obeying God, no matter what He calls you to do
- Most people today think of missionaries as people who have it as their job. There are many ways to be trained and sent as a career missionary, but most of the time it means people and churches from their home give money so their main work can be to go and share the good news with others
- There are also "tent-makers," which are missionaries that go somewhere to share the good news, but do it through a different job, like a doctor or a businessperson

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Questions to talk about:

- What is a missionary?
- How does someone become a missionary?
- What is the difference between God calling you to be a missionary, and being a career missionary?
- What is the different between a career missionary and a tent-maker missionary?
- Why is money such a big deal for missionaries?
- Does God call everyone to be missionaries, but only some people listen?
- Is being a missionary better than not being one? Does God think missionaries are more important than other people?

Something Extra: a free printable book about missionaries: truthforkids.com/mission-booklet

Get to know Missionaries: The Best Parts

Pslams 34:8 NIV "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him."

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The best parts about being a missionary:

- Gaining new friends and family, because you grow so close they feel like family
- New food! So many new adventures!
- New everything! Maybe you learn a new language, but certainly a new culture and way of doing things
- Doing what you really love to do: because when God calls you to do something, He gives you a great big heart for it
- Seeing God do amazing things: you will have so many stories
- Learning how big God's family is: you'll find it is not about bringing Jesus to a new place, but about discovering how He is already there and working

Pray For:

- Missionaries around the world
- The places that don't have missionaries yet
- People who are getting ready to be missionaries right now
- People who have been missionaries for a long time
- Missionary kids and the special struggles they have
- Flexibility and patience for missionaries

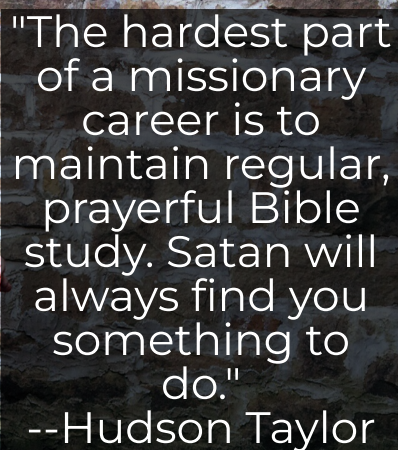
Questions to talk about:

- What is a missionary?
- How does someone become a missionary?
- What does a Missionary do? What does a missionary kid do?
- What do you think it is like to be a missionary?
- If you could be a missionary somewhere, where would you want to go? What would you want to do?
- What do you think it is like to live in another country?
- What do you think would be the best thing about being a missionary?
- What do you think would be the hardest thing about being a missionary?

Something Extra: ALifeOverseas.com is the best online missionary resource- for those interested, or already abroad

Get to know Missionaries: The Hard Parts

Pslams 86:7 NIV "When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me."



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The hard parts about being a missionary:

- So much leaving. Leaving home, friends, family, and having other missionaries leave you
- New food! So many new things you don't like!
- New everything! Maybe you learn a new language, but certainly a new culture and way of doing things. It's hard
- Failing. You mess up a lot
- Seeing how broken the world is, everywhere
- Learning that it isn't about you: you can't even save yourself, let alone anyone else. Thank goodness that isn't your job!
- Money. Trusting God to provide, and asking other people to partner with you and to trust you to use it wisely

Pray For:

- Missionaries around the world
- Flexibility and patience for missionaries
- Time and energy to always put God first
- God to show you what He wants you to do about missions
- The places that don't have missionaries yet
- The special challenges that missionary kids have

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- If you could be a missionary somewhere, where would you want to go? What would you want to do?
- What do you think would be the hardest thing about being a missionary?
- What would be hard about being a missionary kid?
- What do you think it is like to be somewhere where everything is different?
- Have you ever moved to a new home? What was it like?

Something Extra: The YouTube channel Kids enjoying Jesus has a great video called "What is a Missionary?"