

Curriculum Ideas: World Missions

About

Use these curriculum ideas to develop a series of lessons for kids that will help them dig deeper into the stories and heart behind the books in the **Do Great Things for God** series. These lessons are perfect for homeschool, missions weeks, and Sunday school. You can choose the length of the curriculum based on the number of books you'd like to include. We pray these ideas will help kids rejoice in God's faithfulness throughout history and in their own lives too.

Length

Two to seven lessons, depending on how many biographies you'd like to cover. Plan for one lesson per biography and one review lesson at the end.

Memory Verse

Matthew 28:19-20

Prepare

1. Choose four to six books to include in your lessons. Plan for one lesson per book and one review lesson. Make sure you order any books you'd like to include but don't already have. The books listed below work well for World Missions:



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2. For each book you plan to include, print out the corresponding Worksheets and Family Projects.
3. Be sure to have extra sheets of blank paper on hand for each lesson.
4. For the Review Lesson, print out the Personal Timeline.

Lesson Plan for Each Biography

1. Practise the memory verse.
2. Ask a question about missions (e.g. What is a missionary? What does a missionary do? Have you heard any stories about missionaries?).
3. Read one of the true stories out loud.
4. Give each child a sheet of paper and ask them to write or draw what they remember from the story.
5. Hand out worksheets (divide by age group: 4-7s, 8-11s).
6. Complete the Family Activity listed at the bottom of the worksheet.
7. Complete the Family Project, a separate research-based printout, associated with the biography you chose. These projects will help kids think about how they can support and pray for missionaries, the church, and unbelievers around the world. You can complete the Family Projects in a few different ways:
 - Complete the project all at once, taking about an hour of time.
 - Do one section per day for a week to reinforce the story over time.
 - To add to the level of engagement, you might try a recipe from the country you're researching, celebrate cultural traditions, or learn some words in the language.

Review Lesson

1. Practise the memory verse. Bonus points to anyone who also memorized the verse for each book.
2. Arrange the books in order based on when they happened in history, or add these women to a history timeline you already have.
3. Draw or locate on a map each country you learned about, recalling a favourite fact about each one from each storybook and each family project.
4. Pray together for the countries you've learned about and those who are continuing in missions there. Pray for the church and for unbelievers there.
5. Ask, "What have you learned about God's work through missions?"
6. Explain that mission work is for every Christian, everywhere. You've been learning about missions around the world. How can you participate in mission work? Are there ways you serve in missions where you live? Are there missionaries from your church you can support and pray for, or write letters or emails to?
7. Finish with the personal timeline, encouraging kids again to consider what they can do to serve God now, just like the people whose stories they learned about served him too.