



MISSION LESSON

DAY 1: WHAT IS A MISSIONARY?

BIBLE VERSE:

Matthew 28:19 - "Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

THINGS YOU MIGHT USE:

- Bible
- Basket
- Gift for each child: candy, sticker, small toy, etc.

To begin the lesson, have your students sit in two groups. Have one group at the table with you, and another group facing the wall or at another table with an activity. Provide a basket with gifts in it. Give each student at the table a gift. As you give each child a gift, tell them, "Jesus loves you." Let the children talk about the gifts until someone asks about the children in the other group. Explain to them that you have a gift for them, also.

Ask, "How can we get the gift to the other students?" Lead them to the answer that they should take them a gift. Have each student take a gift to a friend by the wall and tell them, "Jesus loves you."

Explain to them that by going and telling someone that Jesus loves them, they are being a missionary.

When all of the students have a gift, you may change places and play again so that every student gets to be the "missionary."

* Keep in mind that giving the gift is an action and only part of the responsibility of the missionary. **How you give is equally important.** How did Jesus give? What was his observable behavior, attitude, or level of compassion? Be aware of how you give your gift. If you are modeling Christ, you will give from a heart of compassion with an awareness of all God has given you.

ASK: WHAT IS A MISSIONARY?

In the dictionary, you will find the definition of the word "missionary" to be, "a person sent on a religious mission." In the Bible, Matthew 28:19, Jesus tells all of His followers to go and make disciples. **He is the gift.** This means if you know Jesus, it is your job to take the gift to other people who do not know about Jesus, and tell them that He loves them.

What is a missionary? Anyone who tells others about Jesus.

Where should you be a missionary? Everywhere you go.

ASK: WHAT IS A MEDICAL MISSIONARY?

Baptist Medical Missions International is a group of doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and others who go to visit a pastor or missionary. Typically, this occurs in a poor area to provide free healthcare to people that can not afford to go to the doctor. Just like our friend we met today in the video, Simadian, many of the children have never been to the doctor.

Can you remember how many times you have been to the doctor? It is recommended that you go every year for a check up. Many people cannot afford that. Your offering will allow children, just like Simadian, to be able to go to the doctor and get vitamins to help her stay healthy. Your giving will help our Medical Missionaries do their job AND buy vitamins and other medicines needed by the children from our clinics.

Can you help me send children to the doctor? That is a **BIG DEAL!**

We call it Children Helping Children. Yes! You can help us!

Please bring your offering for Baptist Medical Missions International with you tomorrow. You will help children all over the world get healthy and stay healthy.

REMEMBER...

Whether you are young or older, Jesus wants all of us in our daily walk to be missionaries. Our lives should be marked by serving and giving! Look for ways and be ready and available for God to use **YOU** as his missionary!

