



EARTH FLIGHT

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Missionary Adventures for Children

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MISSIONARY ADVENTURES FOR CHILDREN

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DEDICATION

What a teacher! Carol taught in the Valley Grove School District near Franklin-Oil City, Pennsylvania. Every child in the area longed to have Miss Coon in grade 4. She was quiet and gentle yet her love for the Lord was well known in the community. Carol was an active member in the Reno United Methodist Church. This tiny church along Western Pennsylvania's Allegheny River was her life. She taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and led a Youth Club with enthusiasm and creativity. Then, in 1992, Carol died of cancer at the age of 46.

In 1981 Carol and I led a Vacation Bible School planning meeting. Much to our surprise the teachers did not want to have VBS the "old fashioned" way. We brainstormed a dream week which was so successful that our 30-40 students swelled to 100 and our 8-10 teachers became a staff of over 50. We literally pulled neighborhood children in the windows of the Reno Christian Education unit. That became the basis for CLOSE ENCOUNTERS MINISTRIES which I continued after my friendship with Carol became long distance.

Carol sent letters detailing another idea we discussed, RENO GOES INTERNATIONAL. It was another hit with the Reno children and staff. All these years the idea has remained in our desk drawers—and then Carol was called home to be with the Lord.

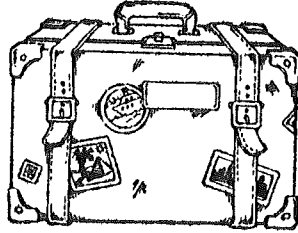
EARTH FLIGHT is filled with Carol's creativity mixed with my own efforts. It is with much joy and humble thanksgiving to the Lord of our creativity that I dedicate EARTH FLIGHT to the memory of my dear friend, Carol Coon.

**WELL DONE THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT.
ENTER INTO THE JOY OF YOUR MASTER.**

Matthew 25:21

Ellen





EARTH FLIGHT

EARTH FLIGHT is a five day Vacation Bible School for churches desiring an extraordinary summer event focusing on missions around the world. The missionary theme will capture the imaginations of your students and inspire your staff.

EARTH FLIGHT students spend forty five minutes in each of five Mission Stations on separate days. Expert tour guides treat the travelers to a variety of unique mission experiences. Visitors “jet” around the world to learn about sharing the gospel in foreign lands. Along the way everyone learns how to accept Christ as their Savior.

EARTH FLIGHT features 15 minute daily activities where students have the opportunity to experience typical mission adventures. Gather at EF AIRPORT TERMINAL for boarding. Eat at 747 EARTH FLIGHT AIR where snacks are served in a jet plane complete with in flight movie. Sing a collection of missionary songs at SKY CAP MUSIC. Visit the GLOBAL CHRISTIAN VILLAGE where students pack their travel kit for heaven. Hear a great story from the NAVIGATOR STORY TELLER. Play at WORLDWIDE GAMES.

EARTH FLIGHT provides preschool curriculum ideas for a young group named THE JET SET. Students (ages 4-5) participate in many of the same activities as older students with their special team of teachers. Suggestions are included for the Nursery arranging a safe, cheerful spot for babies of teachers and helpers.

EARTH FLIGHT is Christ centered and fun. The mission theme is a hook upon which to hang a memory and helps students understand the importance of crossing the line to salvation as they learn to know and honor the Lord.

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GENERAL PREPARATION

THE SUGGESTIONS IN THIS WORKBOOK ARE A GUIDELINE. Be creative! Build an exciting Vacation Bible School using EARTH FLIGHT Bible stories and activities. Teach God's Word from your perspective.

EARTH FLIGHT is a learning center based Vacation Bible School experience for preschool-grade six students. Involve grades 7-12 youth and college students as helpers.

STUDENT GROUPS ARE COLOR CODED. Students become mini missionaries. Individual groups display color coded name tags or hats. Students stay in the same group all week.

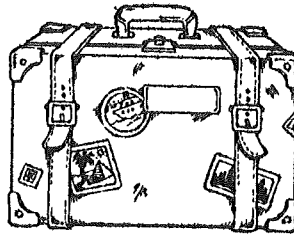
MISSION STATION TEACHERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO DECORATE AND PREPARE THE ACTIVITIES IN THEIR STATION. The mission station is repeated daily to a new group. As age levels change, adjust the teaching activities.

MISSION STATION TEACHERS ARE ASSIGNED A NEW STUDENT GROUP EACH DAY. Accompany the assigned group wherever they go. Students must have an adult with them at all times.

FIFTEEN MINUTE ACTIVITY TEACHERS SEE ALL STUDENTS EACH DAY. Student groups travel for music, snack or activity.

PURCHASE SUPPLIES AS NEEDED. Give supply bills to the director or ask for a check in advance. Look for sales, discounts for churches, catalog purchases and scrap materials from backyards. Use the church tax exemption number.





SKY PILOT LOGBOOK

What fun you are about to have! Fly your student to five nations where they learn about people, culture and lifestyles. Their task is to spread the gospel of Jesus. Each missionary teacher tells the story of a mighty missionary from God's Word. Create a Vacation Bible School experience your church will remember for years! Divided into reasonable tasks, this five day school is easily completed by a dedicated teaching team under the direction of the Sky Pilot. The church will sparkle with the excitement of mysterious travel and adventure for students, staff and the community.

THE SKY PILOT. Have fun dressing in costume. Wear navy blue slacks (or shorts), short sleeved pale blue shirt, sturdy shoes and hat. Become the official airline pilot flying missionaries to their destinations.

DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITY. This must be a team effort. Never apologize when asking for help. Trust the staff to carry out their tasks.

PRACTICE A POSITIVE APPROACH. Statements like "We can't do it", "We never did it this way", "There's no money", or "No one will teach" have no place in this program. If The Sky Pilot's attitude is right, even the grouchiest saint responds cheerfully.

PRAY! Pray for the staff, the students and the set up. Take each detail before the Lord and then-RELAX!

PLAN! Read this workbook and note areas requiring special attention. List details you will handle personally. Meet with the staff.



ADAPT! If it is necessary to adapt EARTH FLIGHT to accommodate your local church, avoid staff confusion by completing changes during preliminary planning.

SET UP. Give the team adequate time to set up their activity stations. Decorate during the week prior to Vacation Bible School making sure that everything is in place for opening day.

STAFF PRAYER. Pray together. Those who attend appreciate the “upward boost”. Plan a five minute session one half hour before the day begins.

PRESCHOOL ASSISTANCE. Furnish THE JET SET team copies of decorating ideas, teacher information and Mission Station lesson plans designed for older students. Speak to the activity teachers to be sure activities are appropriate for this age group. Eliminate complicated or frightening activities. Choose age appropriate craft projects from S&S arts and crafts catalog or create your own projects through a local craft store.

PURCHASE OR MAKE THANKS YOU GIFTS FOR ALL STAFF MEMBERS. There is nothing like appreciation to keep teachers coming back for more next year. Thank them privately and publicly.

CLEAN UP. When OPEN HOUSE is over, clean up begins. EARTH FLIGHT is not complete until the church is in perfect order. Encourage staff to remove their props immediately. Stay to help!





VISUAL CREATION OF EARTH FLIGHT

Design a simple yet colorful decor. When students and visitors attend EARTH FLIGHT, they should enter an imaginary world of individual nations. Discuss decoration at the beginning of the planning process. Follow EARTH FLIGHT suggestions or invent your own upbeat journey to the mission field. Teachers in individual activity areas decorate their rooms. Special decorating attention is given to THE AIRPORT TERMINAL Opening area.

SIGNS: Display large signs outside each station. Print memory verses on shapes representing each nation. If travel posters are available, use them in hallways or on doors. Assign a Gate Number to each nation and place that number above the door. Students departing for each nation are guided from THE AIRPORT TERMINAL by telling them from which gate their flight will leave.

FLAGS: If available, fly the flags of many nations all over the church. Place flags outside each station. Draw or purchase flags from the five featured nations.

THEME VERSE: Print the week's theme verse in as many spots as possible.
Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20

MAPS: Purchase large wall maps of the world to place in strategic locations. If the group decides to purchase Bibles to send around the world, keep track of the progress on a world map. (See OFFERING IDEAS SECTION for more ideas.)

PROPS: Bring stacks of luggage donated by church members to be placed in various locations. Use them in the AIRPORT TERMINAL, EF AIR SNACKS and hallways.



TAPES: Audio tapes with music from other nations may be piped into the church area. Play them quietly as background at the beginning of each day and at the end of the day.

PASSENGER LOUNGE: Create a passenger lounge with tables, chairs and Christian magazines. Allow students to sit in the lounge if there is time as they pass by during the day.

AIRPORT GIFT SHOP: Set up a small display of inexpensive items students can “purchase” by saying their memory verse for the day to the shop staff. Allow the students to choose one item each day. The gift shop may be visited before the opening, after the closing or during snack time.

Use the graphics included with the curriculum by making transparencies with your church copier and placing them on an overhead projector. Project the image onto large pieces of cardboard. Trace and color with marker or acrylic paint. Cut out the figures and attach to the walls.



OFFERING IDEAS

Here are a few ideas for giving Vacation Bible School offering to a worthy missions cause across the world. Adopt one of these projects or give to a favorite missionary from your church.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY
 1865 Broadway, New York, New York 10023
 Telephone 1-800-322-4253.

The mission of the American Bible Society is to provide the Holy Scriptures to every man, woman and child in a language and form each can readily understand and at a price each can easily afford. This purpose, undertaken without doctrinal note or comment and without profit, is a cause which all Christians and all churches are urged to support.

WORLD VISION
 PO Box 1131, Pasadena, California 91131-0005.
 For information call: 1-800-777-5777
 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Monday-Friday Pacific Time.

Contact this group before VBS week and arrange to have the picture of a specific child from one of the mission station countries that this group can help support. A full profile will accompany the picture and the students may write to the child and send pictures and drawings and cards. The suggested gift is @ \$24 per month totaling \$288 to sponsor one child for one year. Any amount would be appreciated by this hardworking dedicated group of Christians who search the world for children needing medical care, education and clothing in the name of Christ.



WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS
PO Box 2727, Huntington Beach, California 92647.
Telephone 714-969-4630.

Wycliffe's goal is to translate the Word of God for those who don't have it in their language so they can know God, trust Christ as their Savior and grow in their walk with God. They also provide materials to teach them to read so they can use the scriptures effectively. With a world population of over 52 billion and 6459 languages spoken, Wycliffe pioneers where the scriptures don't exist in the local language. No group is too small and no language too difficult. The missionaries live with the people to learn their language and culture.

PRIVATE MISSION ORGANIZATIONS: Ask your pastor about a mission society your local church supports. Obtain publicity material from them to tell their story to the students.

MISSIONARY OR MISSIONARY FAMILY: Adopt a foreign missionary or missionary family. All offering will be sent to them at the end of the week.

LOCAL MISSION EFFORT: Ask people from your local food bank, battered women's center, City Mission, Salvation Army, Good Will or other Christian organization to visit and explain their program.

CREATE YOUR OWN MISSION: Adopt a family or child in need through a local organization. Donate the offering and food items and clothing items to this family or child at the end of the week.





CHOOSING THE EARTH FLIGHT STAFF

*Staff choice will make or break EARTH FLIGHT.
Do Not be satisfied with “any warm body.”
Aim for the best people to fill each teaching spot.*

RECRUIT. Be aggressive. Approach people personally with a specific task. Explain the job fully—no sugar coating allowed!!!!

BULLETIN. Place a worship folder recruitment insert for 2-3 Sundays. Give people with specific requests their place immediately. Explain the insert during worship announcement time—in costume. Give this introductory effort the personal touch. (See Bulletin insert sample.)

PICK AND CHOOSE. For vacant positions, call people who will do a good job. The Lord will honor your attempt to have the best staff possible. Pray about staff choices and if someone says “no” assume there is another person waiting to fill that place. Use young teens, older teens, men, women and senior citizens as staff members.



MEETING WITH EARTH FLIGHT STAFF

PLAN ONE STAFF EVENING TO EXPLAIN EXACTLY WHAT WILL BE EXPECTED. Stress 100% attendance so no other meeting will be necessary.

SEAT STAFF ACCORDING TO WORK AREAS. Distribute lesson plans to each group. Build in “chatter” time to create excitement as teachers and helpers plan the week.

PREVIEW THE ENTIRE PROGRAM. The staff needs an overview of all events taking place throughout the church.

BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, ASSIGN CLASSROOMS, GIVE INSPIRATION. Be the person in charge, The Sky Pilot.

AFTER THE MEETING, THE DIRECTOR'S ATTENTION TURNS TO OTHER AREAS. Trust the staff to carry out their responsibilities.

THE TELEPHONE IS THE STAFF LIFELINE. Call the head of each work area to check progress. Take the opportunity to ask questions and check on how things are going.



EARTH FLIGHT VOLUNTEER!

List in order of priority three spots you are willing to fill for Vacation Bible School. The first people to give their request to The Sky Pilot Director will receive their top choice for an amazing adventure!

DAILY TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

-REGISTRATION. Name tags and student registration (LEAD/HELP)
-SKY CAP MUSIC. Praise/worship (LEAD/HELP)
-EF AIR SNACKS. Snacks in an airplane! (LEAD/MAKE/SERVE)
-WORLDWIDE GAMES. 15 minute game time (LEAD/HELP)
-GLOBAL CHRISTIAN VILLAGE. 15 minute salvation station (LEAD/HELP)
-THE JET SET. (Ages 4-5) Preschool team (LEAD/HELP)
-NURSERY STAFF. (Birth-3) I will babysit staff children. (LEAD/HELP)
-NAVIGATOR STORY TELLER. 15 minute story teller
-ART CREW. I will help make decorations.

MISSION STATION STAFF

-MISSION STATION #1: CHINA (LEAD/HELP)
-MISSION STATION #2: AFRICA (LEAD/HELP)
-MISSION STATION #3: THE ARCTIC (LEAD/HELP)
-MISSION STATION #4: PARADISE ISLAND (LEAD/HELP)
-MISSION STATION #5: NATIVE AMERICA (LEAD/HELP)

-I WILL DONATE SNACKS! Tell me what you need!
-I WILL GIVE A FINANCIAL DONATION. It will be worth it!
-I WILL PRAY FOR THE EARTH FLIGHT TEAM It is the most I can do!

MY NAME.....TELEPHONE.....

Take Off Dates:

Take Off Time:

FOR MORE INFORMATION TALK TO:



GROUPING THE STUDENTS

EARTH FLIGHT is broadly graded.

The goal when grouping students is to provide a preschool program and five Mission Station groups of approximately equal size.

THE NURSERY (BIRTH-AGE 3): The nursery is separate from the rest of EARTH FLIGHT. Two choices are apparent when planning nursery classes; Will we open this for the community or will we provide a nursery babysitting service for our teaching staff?

THE JET SET PRESCHOOL (AGES 4-5): Curriculum ideas give young students free time, short lessons based on older student lesson plans and optional involvement in daily activities.

COLOR CODE EACH STUDENT GROUP FOR EASY VISUAL IDENTIFICATION.



1. THE JET SET (AGES 4-5): WHITE
2. SOUL SEARCHERS (KINDERGARTEN): YELLOW
3. GOD SQUAD (GRADE 1): BLUE
4. GATE KEEPERS (GRADE 2): GREEN
5. FAITHFUL FEW (GRADES 3-4): ORANGE
6. FOLLOWERS OF THE WAY (GRADES 5-6): RED

Overlap ages in any group. If twenty students are in one group and five in another, switch some students regardless of grade. Keep neighborhood friends together for comfort. Visiting cousins appreciate joining their family members in an otherwise unfamiliar situation.

GROUPING OPTION FOR SMALL CHURCHES: With twenty or less total students and a few faithful teachers, consider running one EARTH FLIGHT Mission Station a day with all students in one group. The same teachers present a different Mission Station each day.



EARTH FLIGHT



Daily Schedule

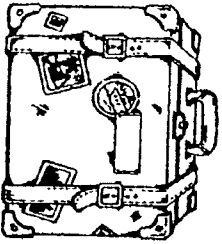


STUDENT GROUPS	9:00-9:15	9:15-9:30	9:30-9:45	9:45-10:00	10:00-10:15	10:15-10:30	10:30-10:45	10:45-11:00	11:00-11:15	11:15-11:30
WHITE THE JET SET ages 4-5	AIRPORT OPENING	HOME BASE ACTIVITIES	EF AIR SNACKS	WORLD WIDE GAMES	HOME BASE ACTIVITIES	NAVIGATOR STORY TELLER	GLOBAL CHRISTIAN VILLAGE	SKY CAP MUSIC	HOME BASE ACTIVITIES	INTO GOD'S WORLD CLOSING
YELLOW SOUL SEARCHERS Kindergarten	AIRPORT OPENING	W O R L D	K S H O P	EF AIR SNACKS	WORLD WIDE GAMES	SKY CAP MUSIC	NAVIGATOR STORY TELLER	GLOBAL CHRISTIAN VILLAGE	INTO GOD'S WORLD CLOSING	
BLUE THE GOD SQUAD Grade 1	AIRPORT OPENING	SKY CAP MUSIC	GLOBAL CHRISTIAN VILLAGE	W O R L D	K S H O P	EF AIR SNACKS	WORLD WIDE GAMES	NAVIGATOR STORY TELLER	INTO GOD'S WORLD CLOSING	
GREEN GATE KEEPERS Grade 2	AIRPORT OPENING	GLOBAL CHRISTIAN VILLAGE	SKY CAP MUSIC	NAVIGATOR STORY TELLER	W O R L D	K S H O P	EF AIR SNACKS	WORLD WIDE GAMES	INTO GOD'S WORLD CLOSING	
ORANGE FAITHFUL FEW Grade 3-4	AIRPORT OPENING	NAVIGATOR STORY TELLER	W O R L D	K S H O P	EF AIR SNACKS	WORLD WIDE GAMES	GLOBAL CHRISTIAN VILLAGE	SKY CAP MUSIC	INTO GOD'S WORLD CLOSING	
RED FOLLOWERS OF THE WAY Grade 5-6	AIRPORT OPENING	WORLD WIDE GAMES	NAVIGATOR STORY TELLER	EF AIR SNACKS	GLOBAL CHRISTIAN VILLAGE	SKY CAP MUSIC	W O R L D	K S H O P	INTO GOD'S WORLD CLOSING	

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GROUP ASSIGNMENTS

MISSION STATIONS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHINA	SOUL SEARCHERS	GOD SQUAD	FAITHFUL FEW	FOLLOWERSWAY	GATEKEEPERS
AFRICA	GOD SQUAD	SOUL SEARCHERS	FOLLOWERSWAY	GATEKEEPERS	FAITHFUL FEW
ARCTIC	GATEKEEPERS	FOLLOWERSWAY	SOUL SEARCHERS	FAITHFUL FEW	GOD SQUAD
NATIVE AMERICA	FAITHFUL FEW	GATEKEEPERS	GOD SQUAD	SOUL SEARCHERS	FOLLOWERSWAY
PARADISE ISLAND	FOLLOWERSWAY	FAITHFUL FEW	GATEKEEPERS	GOD SQUAD	SOUL SEARCHERS





REGISTRATION TEAM

This team makes name tags and runs the registration table the first day of EARTH FLIGHT. The job is too big for one person. If there is a tangle at registration, the first day of Vacation Bible School could be delayed as much as 30 minutes. Mark registration tables with colors, group names and grades of student groups. Students line up at the appropriate table to receive a name tag and travel cap (optional).

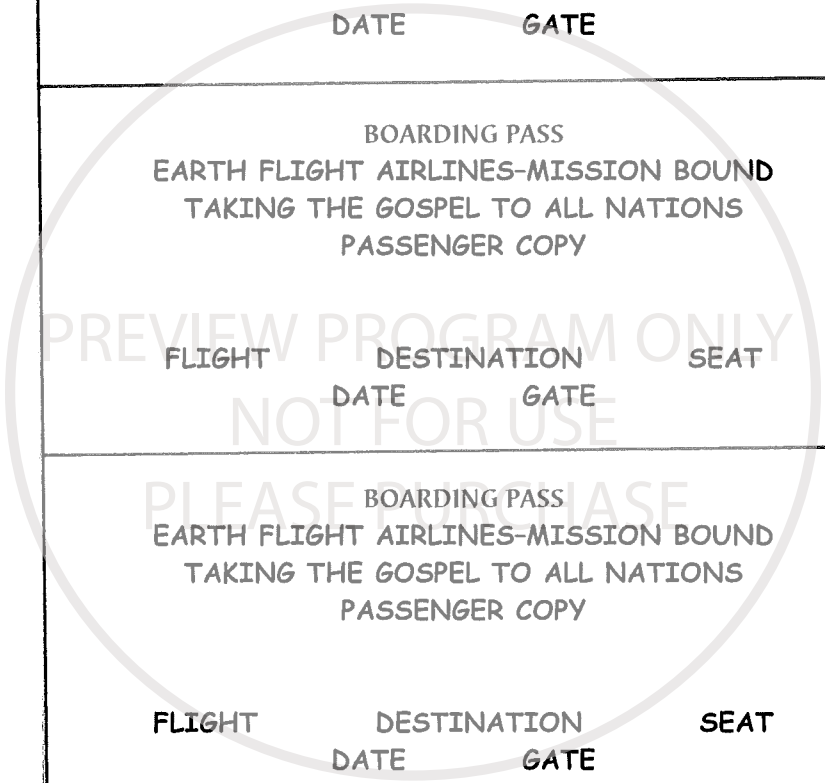
PRE REGISTRATION. A registration card simplifies the first day by having name tags prepared for pre registered students. Register through the church newsletter, bulletin and Sunday School take home forms. Telephone neighborhood families and visit nearby neighborhoods. Ask for name, grade or age, emergency telephone number and contact person. If cards are the basis for church growth, add address, parent names and specific information needed for the local church.

NAME TAGS give each EARTH FLIGHT group a name and color identity. Make tags in six colors. To preserve name tags, laminate or cover with clear contact paper. Pin tags to students using huge safety pins found in craft stores. Collect tags at day's end and give them to the next Mission Station teacher. Students pick up tags each day at the AIRPORT TERMINAL Opening and meet their new teacher at the same time.

TRAVEL CAP OPTION: S&S arts and crafts catalog offers Painters' Caps. Fabric caps to decorate with your favorite designs or slogans. Your own paints, markers and trims to make each one an inspiration. Caps only. One size fits all. SD9-CO9 \$18.99 per pack of 12, \$16.99 per pack, 6+ packs, \$15.99 per pack, 12+ packs. \$1.40 per hat. Prices may change. (Print student names with black fabric markers. Splatter group colors on sets of hats for easy identification.)



BOARDING PASS EARTH FLIGHT AIRLINES-MISSION BOUND TAKING THE GOSPEL TO ALL NATIONS PASSENGER COPY		
FLIGHT	DESTINATION DATE GATE	SEAT
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FLIGHT	DESTINATION DATE GATE	SEAT



PUBLICITY

...GETTING OUT THE WORD

Publicity is vital to Vacation Bible School.

Be clear and concise.

People must know WHAT is going on and WHEN it will be occurring.

CHURCH BULLETIN: Begin advertising for team members. Include reminders in the weekly bulletin until EARTH FLIGHT begins. Include registration forms.

CHURCH NEWSLETTER: Print quick, catchy announcements and include registration forms in the newsletter.

EARTH FLIGHT-MISSION BOUND!

TAKING THE GOSPEL TO ALL NATIONS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

WORSHIP SERVICE GREETERS: Greet people coming into church for worship. This is a great visual reminder that EARTH FLIGHT is about to happen.

LOCAL NEWSPAPERS: Take black and white photos of people in costume. Send an article several weeks before EARTH FLIGHT to insure publication.

COLORING CONTEST: Sponsor a coloring contest in the Sunday School. Choose one coloring book picture.

VISIT THE PULPIT: Wear the SKY PILOT uniform and visit the pastor during announcement time.



LOCAL TELEVISION: Ask the local television station to videotape a feature story. This is great publicity and encouragement. Do not assume a crew will NOT come. Call and ask!

DENOMINATION NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES: Does your denomination have a communication network? Send pictures and an article. You may be surprised to find your church featured in the next edition.

SIGNS AND POSTERS: These are the most common forms of publicity. Attach tear off sheets stating basic information

CHURCH SIGN: Install a large sign at the church announcing dates and times. Surround the sign with flags, streamers and balloons.

EARTH FLIGHT
A MISSION BOUND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
COME FOR TRAVEL, ADVENTURE, A WEEK IN THE WORD!
DATES: _____ TIME: _____



PHOTOGRAPHY

Pictures are a wonderful way to remember the work and the rewards of a bright, visual week of EARTH FLIGHT. Consider asking the church photographer to wear a white dress shirt and ties, slacks and fedora hat with a PRESS tag tucked into the hatband.

ENCOURAGE VISITORS to bring cameras. Amateur photographers stand at one side to take pictures and should not disrupt events.

ASSIGN A PHOTOGRAPHY CREW to take pictures for the church. Underwrite the cost of film and developing from Vacation Bible School resources.

35 MM COLOR PRINTS: Take staff and student pictures early in the week. Facial close ups are the most popular shots. Develop film at a fast developing center. Display photography at the OPEN HOUSE.

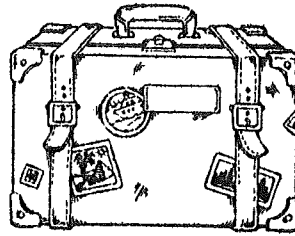
SLIDES: Coordinate slides with taped music. Assign someone knowledgeable in this type of film making. Be sure slides are ready for viewing at the end of the week.

VIDEO TAPE: Assign one person to videotape the events. Somethings can be staged for filming but it is fun to record as events are taking place.

SELLING PICTURES: Be prepared to quote a video price. Do you want to cover the cost of the tape or help defray Vacation Bible School costs? Prepare a sign up sheet including the cost. Display 35 MM prints. Provide sign up sheets along with the cost and size of print.

DISPLAYING PICTURES: Consider making a large display for viewing during Open House. Prints may be placed on a wall or bulletin board and video may be shown at the EF AIR SNACKS area.





EARTH FLIGHT COSTUMING

Keep the costuming for EARTH FLIGHT simple.

Those who wear costumes from other nations may borrow from others, rent or make their own version of a specific international style.

SKY PILOT: Add a military or pilot hat to blue shorts and shirt. Wear goggles and a long white scarf. Wear homemade Sky Pilot wings on one pocket.

EF AIR SNACKS: Kitchen helpers should wear outfits to resemble stewardesses. White blouse, skirt and low heels look nice. Wear a name tag on one pocket.

MISSION STATION LEADERS: Follow the suggestions for national costuming in the specific station lesson plan. Look at Halloween patterns in your local fabric shop for home made versions. If a costume rental store is nearby, call to see if they have items to help achieve the right effect.

ACTIVITY LEADERS: Wear comfortable clothing. If working with nursery or preschool students, wear clothing that can take a beating and be cool and comfortable at the same time. Funny hats are a hit with students and you may find caps to spark conversation without getting in your way as you work. Follow suggestions in the lesson plans.



THE OPENING-BOARDING ...AIRPORT TERMINAL

THE AIRPORT TERMINAL is a daily fifteen minute opening to introduce events, pray, make announcements, collect offering, spark enthusiasm and sing. Use the loudspeaker announcements to establish your character and prepare the students for each day's events. Do not attempt complicated teaching.

DIRECTOR: The Vacation Bible School Director is the Sky Pilot. Prepare the group for an amazing mission adventure. Dress in costume and be cheerful and organized.

DECORATE: Concentrate decorating efforts in the sanctuary or large meeting room. See the section on Decorating to get ideas flowing. Copy the following ideas or use your own imagination to create THE AIRPORT TERMINAL.

Backdrop: The Opening area represents the airport where student travelers board their flights to other lands. Place tables and chairs on the stage to represent ticket booths and waiting area. Add an end table and greenery for a finished look.

Signs: Place EARTH FLIGHT AIRLINES over the ticket agent's desk. Print the words to Matthew 28:19-20 and place on the wall or desk.

Airplane: See the pattern sample for the front of an airplane. Enlarge the pattern to represent a life sized airplane facing the students. Use plywood, cardboard, poster paint and a few men who know how to produce a fun look. Prop it up on the stage or nearby. Take pictures of students standing in front of it. Conduct the BOARDING activities each day from this spot.

Luggage: Stack suitcases and travel bags close to the ticket agent's desk.



BACKGROUND MUSIC: Consider using quiet Christian music as students enter. Do not overwhelm the group with volume. This should reflect a calm airport atmosphere.

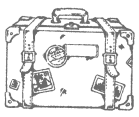
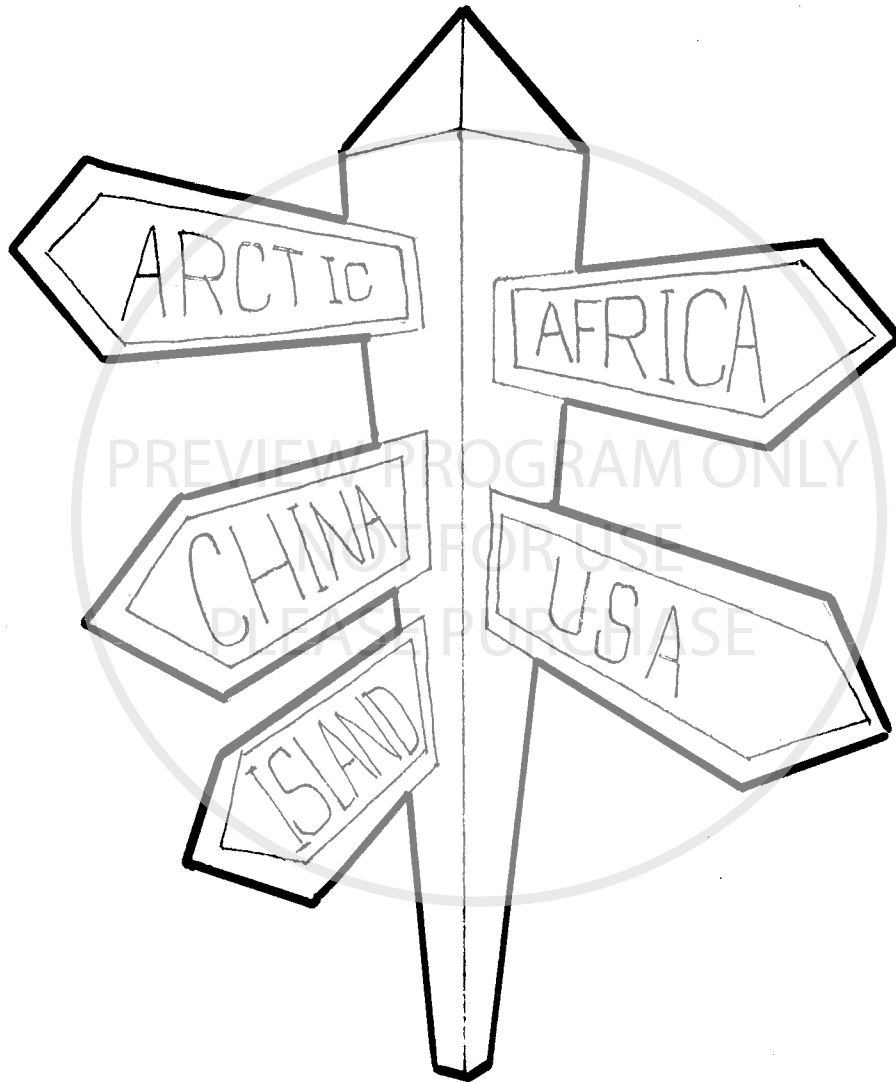
COLLECTING THE DAILY OFFERING: Collect the offering in a small overnight suitcase. Ask two students or teen leaders to hold the case as students enter the AIRPORT TERMINAL. Students may place their offering in the case before they find their seating area. Decide before Vacation Bible School begins where the offering will go. If a special cause is designated, be sure to let families know. If a contest between groups or boys vs. girls is desired, communicate this to the students.

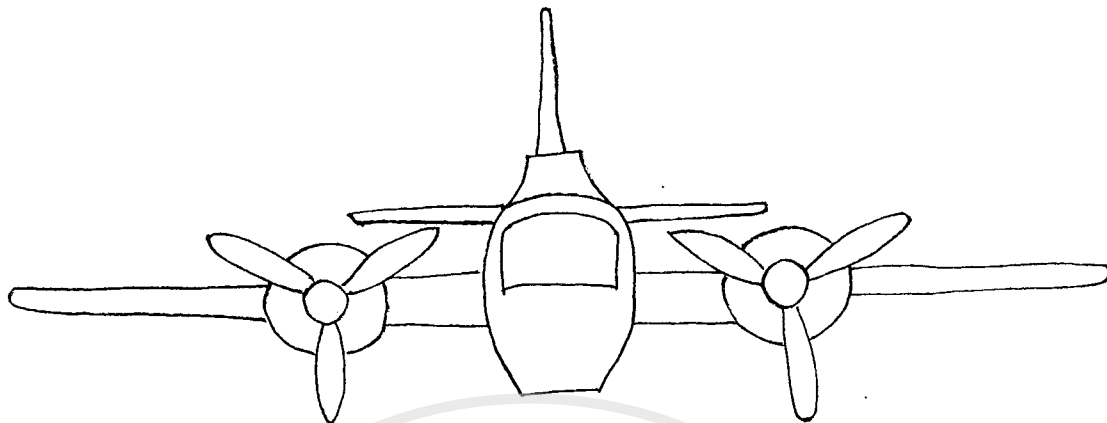
CHAIRS OR NO CHAIRS: If meeting in a gymnasium or family life center, consider allowing groups of students to sit on the floor. Mark the seating area for each group with balloons in group colors. Students will enjoy the different look and position.

WATCH THE TIME: Begin on time even if students and staff are still gathering. Plan to welcome the group, sing a few songs, make announcements and dismiss. End on time to ensure groups moving to their first activity on time.

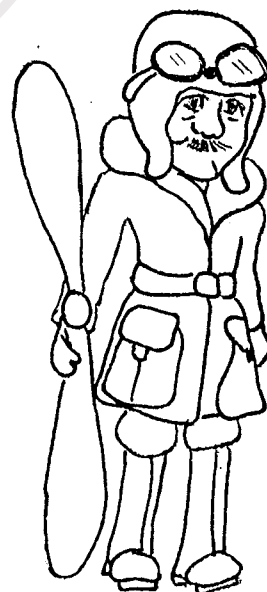
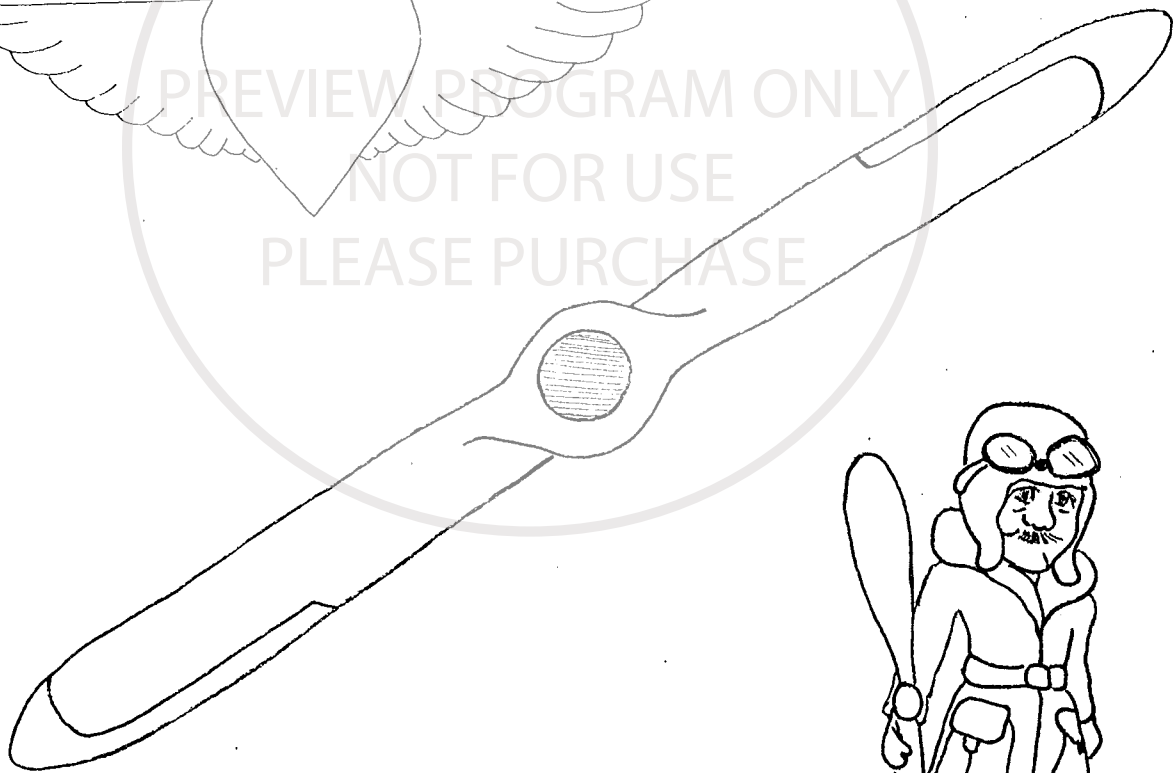
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LOUD SPEAKER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Make periodic announcements as students arrive. Make it sound as if they are in a real airport. The announcements should be stated calmly, short and to the point. Some announcements will be basic information and others may be scriptural truth given in small doses. Some of the announcements may be repeated each day. Use the following list as a guide. Develop some of your own ideas as well. Do this each day before the Opening beginning about 15 minutes before festivities begin. Cluster most of the announcements during the 1-2 minutes prior to beginning the day. Mix the messages.

EARTH FLIGHT 204 LEAVING FOR CHINA FROM GATE ONE IN 15 MINUTES. ALL PASSENGERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE THEIR BOARDING PASSES IN HAND AT THE GATE.

EARTH FLIGHT 67 TO THE ARCTIC HAS BEEN DELAYED DUE TO STRONG WIND AND ICE. CONTACT THE TICKET AGENT FOR NEW TIMES AND GATES.

ALL EARTH FLIGHT PASSENGERS MUST HAVE PASSPORTS TO GAIN ENTRY TO THEIR HOST COUNTRY.

EARTH FLIGHT AIRLINES WELCOMES YOU TO THE BOARDING AREA. BE SURE YOUR LUGGAGE IS TAGGED AND GIVEN TO ONE OF OUR SKY CAPS.

MRS. JONES, PLEASE FIND THE NEAREST TELEPHONE AND DIAL 2. YOUR LOST CHILDREN ARE SAFE WITH OUR STAFF.

ALL EARTH FLIGHT PASSENGERS ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND A



SPECIAL OPEN HOUSE FRIDAY EVENING AT 7:00 P.M. TELL ALL PARENTS AND BRING A FRIEND.

EARTH FLIGHT'S MONDAY OFFERING WILL BE GIVEN TO THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY FOR PURCHASE OF TEN CHINESE BIBLES.

TUESDAY'S EARTH FLIGHT OFFERING WILL GO WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS FOR THE TRANSLATION OF SCRIPTURE INTO THE IRIAN JAYAN LANGUAGE.

GOD'S WORD SAYS...."GO INTO ALL THE WORLD TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY LIVING CREATURE".

THE LORD HAS PROMISED YOUR SORROW HAS ENDED AND YOU CAN CELEBRATE.

THE LORD SAYS "I WILL BRING TOGETHER THE OUTCASTS, THEN THEY WILL BE PRAISED, INSTEAD OF DESPISED, IN EVERY COUNTRY ON EARTH".

THE LORD SAYS, "I WILL LEAD YOU HOME AND WITH YOUR OWN EYES YOU WILL SEE ME BLESS YOU. THEN YOU WILL BE FAMOUS EVERYWHERE ON THIS EARTH".

LISTEN TO THE WORDS OF GOD, "FROM ACROSS THE RIVERS OF ETHIOPIA, MY SCATTERED PEOPLE, MY TRUE WORSHIPERS, WILL BRING OFFERINGS TO ME".

JESUS HAS SENT HIS ORDERS, "GO TO THE PEOPLE OF ALL NATIONS AND MAKE THEM MY DISCIPLES. BAPTIZE THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND TEACH



THEM TO DO EVERYTHING I HAVE TOLD YOU. I WILL BE WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN UNTIL THE END OF THE WORLD.

JESUS REMINDS US, "I HAVE COME THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE LIFE, ABUNDANT AND FULL".

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.

SUCH A LARGE CROWD OF WITNESSES IS ALL AROUND US! SO WE MUST GET RID OF EVERYTHING THAT SLOWS US DOWN, ESPECIALLY THE SIN THAT JUST WON'T LET GO. AND WE MUST BE DETERMINED TO RUN THE RACE THAT IS AHEAD OF US. WE MUST KEEP OUR EYES ON JESUS, WHO LEADS US AND MAKES OUR FAITH COMPLETE.

NOW STAND UP STRAIGHT! STOP YOUR KNEES FROM SHAKING AND WALK A STRAIGHT PATH. FOLLOW THE COMMANDS OF THE LORD.

JESUS SAID, "DON'T BE WORRIED! HAVE FAITH IN GOD AND HAVE FAITH IN ME. THERE ARE MANY ROOMS IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE. I WOULDN'T TELL YOU THIS, UNLESS IT WAS TRUE. I AM GOING THERE TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR EACH OF YOU. AFTER I HAVE DONE THIS, I WILL COME BACK AND TAKE YOU WITH ME. THEN WE WILL BE TOGETHER. YOU KNOW THE WAY TO WHERE I AM GOING.

LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD: "WE NO LONGER HAVE FAITH IN JESUS JUST BECAUSE YOU TOLD US. WE HAVE HEARD HIM OURSELVES AND WE ARE CERTAIN HE IS THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD."





OPEN HOUSE

...GOING INTO GOD'S WORLD

Students and teachers show off the decorated mission stations, sing songs and recreate their crafts at an OPEN HOUSE. Families wander through EARTH FLIGHT areas, sampling snacks at EF AIR SNACKS and photographing this special event.

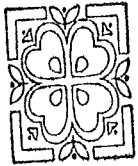
All costumed teachers and helpers are responsible to be in their work area during OPEN HOUSE. Choose the time for OPEN HOUSE to get a high percentage of parents, church members and friends. If the week ends on Friday, plan a Friday evening program. Do not eliminate students' last day of programming to present OPEN HOUSE. Some churches present the OPEN HOUSE during the Sunday School hour.

SAMPLE "GOING INTO GOD'S WORLD" SCHEDULE

- 7:00 P.M. -Welcome and Opening Prayer
- 7:02 P.M. -Sky Pilot introduces EARTH FLIGHT theme
- 7:07 P.M. -Students sing one or two songs from the week
- 7:10 P.M. -Students recite scripture verses
- 7:12 P.M. -Students sing more songs from the week
- 7:20 P.M. -Offering
- 7:25 P.M. -Teacher Appreciation
- 7:35 P.M. -Everyone sings one song/Close in prayer
- 7:30 P.M. -Group wanders through EARTH FLIGHT areas
- 8:30 P.M. -EARTH FLIGHT Staff begins clean up



NAVIGATOR STORY TIME



This fifteen minute segment provides rest time on a delightful story adventure. It is optional but students love the continued story premise and return each day to hear the next installment of the adventure. It is a simple activity to prepare for one person.

HOW DO I BECOME EARTH FLIGHT'S NAVIGATOR? The Navigator directs the pilot by reading charts and maps. He plots the course. Wear a pilot's cap and white scarf. If a flight jacket is available, wear it along with sunglasses.

HOW SHOULD I DECORATE? Decorate a small area to resemble the cockpit of an airplane. Even a small closet can be used. The Navigator sits at the controls in a swivel seat. Students sit opposite the controls on the floor so a hallway works if the closet opens to it. Draw a windshield on white posterboard. Add a homemade control panel with buttons, lights and gadgets using a cardboard box or plywood. Place two swivel chairs in front of the control panel as in a regular jet airplane cockpit.

WHAT IS THE NAVIGATOR'S STORY? There are many wonderful missionary adventure stories available. Use the story suggested or find your own continuing "missionary saga". If desired, a new missionary story may be told each day. It may be possible to ask a real, live missionary to visit for an interview. If so, seat the missionary in the pilot's seat and prepare questions before the day begins. Communicate with the missionary so that there are no surprises during story time.

DOCTOR IN THE PIGMY FOREST, The Ministry of Dr. Carl Becker
Bible Visual, Inc. Available through Close Encounters Ministries 1-888-CEM-LIFE. Price (may change) \$12.95 + s/h. Large pictures permit students to look in on the story action. Dr. Carl K. Becker was a missionary physician in the Belgian Congo, Africa for 47 years (1929-1976).

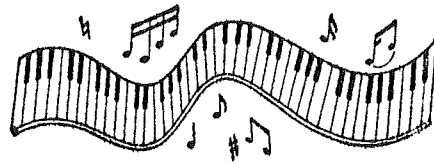


This humble man opened medical clinics and hospitals, helped organize a school for training nurses, did research on leprosy, served as field superintendent for AIM (Africa Inland Mission), and was loved and respected by Africans and missionaries alike. His life of simple faith carried him through the violent Simba rebellion after the Congo gained independence. The five chapter story shows God's power and deliverance to a man who trusted in Him.

WHO HEARS THE STORY? All EARTH FLIGHT student groups visit THE NAVIGATOR separately for fifteen minutes each day. Preschool JET SET kids are scheduled to visit but if the continuing story does not interest them, other stories may be substituted. It may be more desirable to choose five separate stories from the local Christian Book Store. Preschool teachers may choose to do something else with their group during this time. Talk with the team before Vacation Bible School begins.

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...SKY CAP MUSIC

SKY CAP MUSIC IS A FIFTEEN MINUTE DAILY MUSIC SESSION. Individual student groups sing Christian praise and worship choruses filled with messages of taking the gospel to a waiting world. Choose upbeat, happy songs in a contemporary style reflecting the mission theme.

DECORATION: Meet in the large group meeting room where the AIRPORT TERMINAL Opening has occurred. No additional decoration is needed. If a small music room is used, decorate using a few of these ideas: Place travel posters on the walls, scriptural messages printed on handmade earth shapes and musical notes.

COSTUME: Become the airport SKY CAP—the person who helps load luggage and directs passengers to their flights. Wear a uniform styled outfit. White blouse with tie, short jacket and dark slacks look nice. Wear a distinctive hat which can be funny or serious—your choice.

SONGS: Use the songs suggested or visit your local Christian Book Store for easy songs that fit EARTH FLIGHT'S mission theme. Songs from other lands, missionary songs and songs of commitment to the Lord fit well. The song book/tape suggestions listed are available through CLOSE ENCOUNTERS MINISTRIES, 1-888-CEM-LIFE.

SING A SONG OF SCRIPTURE, 100 SCRIPTURE SONGS FOR KIDS

Lillenas Publishing Co., Kansas City, MO. 64141. (Accompaniment tapes available).

Great Big Beautiful World, page 12

Teach me Lord, page 31

Volunteers, page 52

Sing Praises to the Lord, page 61

Trees of the Field

God Calls Us, page 98----this is a great theme song!

Servant Of All, page 100



Make Me A Servant, page 102
My Neighbor, page 118

**PICK A PACK OF PRAISE,
50 SONGS OF FUN AND FAITH FOR KIDS**
Lillenas Publishing Co, Kansas City, MO. 64141.

Heart to Change the World, page 27
My Hands Are the Hands, page 28

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**ULTIMATE PRAISE SONGBOOK FOR KIDS,
50 SONGS, HYMNS AND CHORUSES**
Arranged by Joseph Linn, Lillenas Publishing Co., Kansas City, MO. 64141.

What A Mighty God We Serve, page 5
Before The Rocks Cry Out, page 13
Instruments of Your Peace, page 31
God Answers Prayer, page 37
Actions Speak Louder Than Words, page 39
There Is A Redeemer, page 49





RECREATION

... WORLDWIDE GAMES

*WORLDWIDE GAMES is a 15 minute daily recreation activity.
Decide what games your recreation team feels most comfortable doing.*

DECORATION: Choose an indoor or outdoor area large enough for running, jumping, ball playing and circle games. If outdoors, select a grassy spot away from traffic. Fence off the area using rows of brightly colored pennants (available in Oriental Trading catalog).

EQUIPMENT: collect items needed for individual games before Vacation Bible School. Practice the games and adjust event rules for your group.

REWARDS: Award stickers to winning students and winning teams. At the end of each session, award stickers to everyone, including losing teams. Pieces of candy are popular prizes. Gather a variety of soft candies like Hershey kisses, Twizzlers, candy corn or other small treats that will not become lodged in small children's throats. (Be careful when choosing peanut based candies. Some children are allergic to them.)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Children around the world love to play games. Language doesn't matter when people gather to play with each other. Visit your local library for one of the many great books on games from around the world.

Here are a few suggestions to get you started.

WORLD WIDE SOCCER: Divide the group into two teams. Play a simple game of soccer where players attempt to kick the ball across their team goal without touching it with their hands. Keep score and award the winning team a prize.

FOOT RACES: Devise lengthy races that can be run, baby stepped, crawled, team of two with arms around each other, backwards, skipped or walked. Change the rules for each participant. Teams may compete against each other as a relay. Award students for silly



accomplishments like Best Walker, Best Complainer, Best Runner who talked the entire race.

WATER JUG RELAY: A hot summer day, kids and cool water are a great combination. Choose a fun water relay that insures students get wet (a little bit). Place buckets of water at the starting line. Two teams must compete to see how much water they can place into containers at the other end of the course. Decide what carriers will be used and what containers will hold the water. Suggestions: Tablespoons, plastic cups, sandwich bags, hands, holey plastic cups. The best place to play a water relay is near a water source for easy refills.

DODGE BALL: Play your favorite version of this popular game. Use large basketballs as the dodge balls.

CATCH THE DRAGON'S TAIL: The group lines up, one behind the other. Everyone puts their arms around the waist of the person in front of them. The last person in line tucks a handkerchief in the back of his belt. To work up steam, the dragon might let out a few roars. At the signal, the dragon begins chasing its own tail, the object being for the person at the head of the line to snatch the handkerchief. When the head finally captures the tail the head tucks in the handkerchief and becomes the new tail, while second from the front becomes the new head. Two dragons trying to catch each other's tails is formidable and also a great game. How about a whole field full of tail chasing dragons?

PARACHUTE GAMES: Purchase a game parachute or use a large bed sheet (or sew several bed sheets together for a huge chute). Take positions around the edge of the chute to play a variety of fun games. First you'll probably just want to play at flapping the chute together, letting it billow up, loft for a moment and then drift down on a cushion of air. See how well you can work together to bring the chute to its full expanse. Now lift the chute and all run to the center as you create a giant mushroom that envelopes you in its folds. Run to the outside again. This time, pull the chute up and over you and sit down on it.

Take positions around the edge and count off by three's so you are divided into three even groups. Get the chute rising and falling again and call for all number one's to run underneath and exchange places with another of their number on the other side. For a mad cap finale, have everyone run under and try to find a new space before the chute catches them.

Take turns lying under the chute while everyone else creates a mammoth people powered air conditioner for you. (This is great for leader rewards.) Toss some balls into the center of the chute and practice popping them into the air. Use two chutes to play a tossing game where one teams tosses a ball or water balloon or bean bag to the other team. That team must catch the item and toss it back. Award points for successful catches.





...747 EARTH FLIGHT SNACKS

Every great Vacation Bible School needs a memorable snack time. Make a fifteen minute stop to a flying restaurant complete with mini meal and in flight movie for students and staff of EARTH FLIGHT.

STEWARD/STEWARDESS COSTUMING: Staff dresses in white blouse or shirts with a bow tie or ribbon at the neck. Wear dark skirts/slacks and dress shoes. If a hat is desired, everyone should match.

DECORATING "THE JET": Set up the interior of a jet plane in a darkened hallway with 2-3 seats on each side separated by an aisle. If a hallway is not available, partition the plane off from the main part of the room using room dividers or full sized bulletin/chalk boards. At one end of the jet, set up a VCR for in flight movies. Serve the snacks from the back end of the jet.

SIGNS: Over the VCR print SEATBELTS ON and NO SMOKING WHILE IN FLIGHT. One white posterboard paint individual windows of the jet. (See the illustration.) Make as many pairs of windows as needed to seat students. Paint the window rims with silver paint. Paint light blue sky with wispy clouds. On each side of the jet paint the wings on one set of windows. Place these windows about halfway up the wall.

STEWARD JUMP SEATS: Place two chairs at the rear of the plane for the crew to relax during the in flight movie.

SERVING CART: Serve the snack from a wheeled cart rolled down the center aisle once the students are seated. Place all trays, snacks and beverages for the individual groups on the cart.

AIRPLANE SOUNDS: Purchase an audio tape of jet engines and airplane sounds. If none is available, send a teen to the airport with a tape recorder.



FLIGHT INSTRUCTIONS: Just as passengers are given safety messages on real airplane, give the safety message for EF Air. Here is a sample script:

Welcome to EARTH FLIGHT AIRLINES. We hope your voyage will be comfortable. Before we depart, pay close attention to our safety tips. Seat belts must be worn at all times during the flight. If we experience turbulence you will be grateful. We have the newest seat belt innovation. When I press this button, an invisible barrier will hold you in your seat. Please do not leave your seats for any reason. Please note the emergency exits. If there is an emergency, oxygen masks will drop from the ceiling. Breathe into them slowly.

As we journey toward our final destination we ask that you consider your final destiny. God has provided a place in heaven and all passengers are eligible for the using their frequent flyer miles. If you want to go to heaven, just ask God to forgive your sins. You will be made worthy in the twinkling of an eye and will receive your ticket when you ask Jesus into your heart. Sit back and enjoy today's in flight movie. The stewards will be with you soon to serve your EF Air mini meal. Thank you for flying EARTH FLIGHT AIRLINES.

IN FLIGHT MOVIES: Rent or borrow video tapes. There is a short time allotted for the movie. Allow students to watch while you serve the snacks, while they eat and while you collect trays. When the time comes to leave the plane, all passengers must file out. Don't worry if the video is not done.

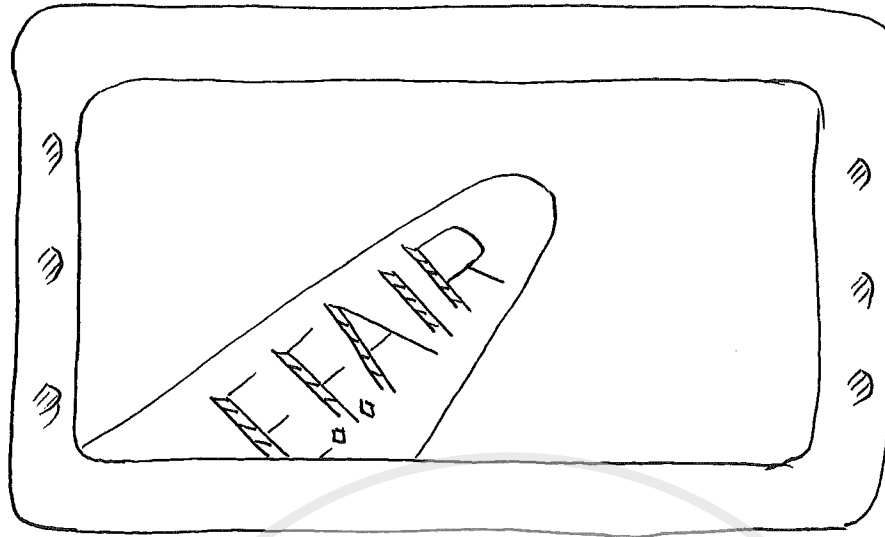


SERVING THE FOOD: Prepare all snacks in the church kitchen and transport them to the serving cart at the back of the jet. Provide trays for each student. Snack should be served on paper plates or in sandwich bags. Beverages may be served in juice boxes, bottle or paper cups. Younger students may eat their snack by kneeling on the floor and placing their tray on the chair seat if necessary.

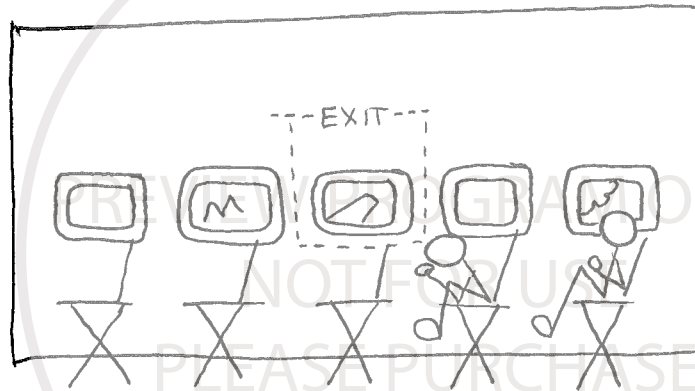
MINI MEAL MENUS: Serve foods from different nations each day. Announce what the food is and encourage each passenger to sample the new food. Use the recipes suggested or discover some wonderful foods from your own cookbook and local cooks. If you feel the original recipes are too complicated or time consuming, adjust or substitute an easier recipe from your personal collection. The goal is to serve foods that the students will enjoy and the staff will prepare quickly.

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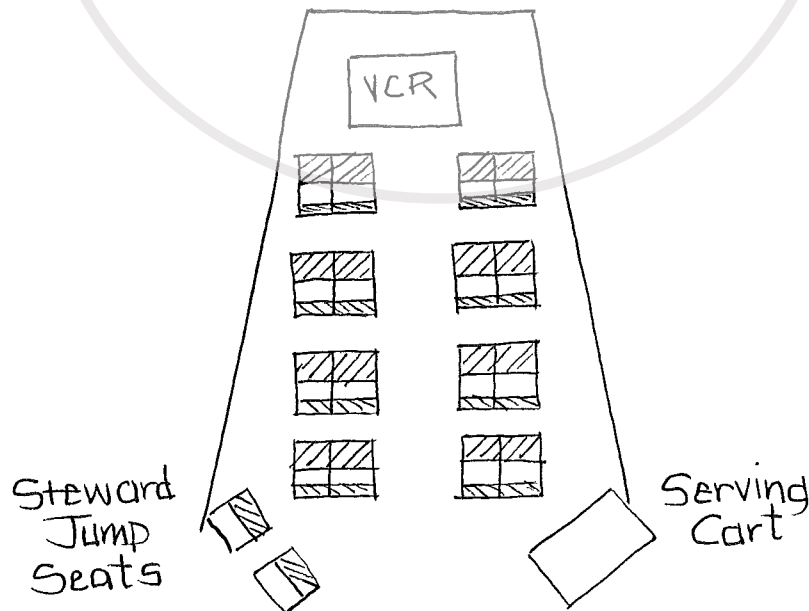




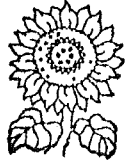
Enlarge individual windows -
Make as many as needed



Side View of Jet Windows and Seats



EARTH FLIGHT AIR RECIPES



*The snacks, while small, should resemble a lunch plate.
Make miniature portions which look like normal sized plates.
Styrofoam snack trays look like airline meals with separate sections.*

TACOS FROM MEXICO

Make one small taco for each student. Most young people like their food very plain so provide some options but allow them to choose their toppings.

Hamburger mixed with taco seasoning	Chopped lettuce
Chopped tomatoes	Shredded cheese
Sour cream	Taco shells (soft/hard)

Add celery and carrot sticks on the side.

CHICKEN FAJITAS FROM MEXICO

Precook deboned chicken in very small slices. Place a small amount of chicken in a taco shell (soft/hard). Top with chopped lettuce, shredded cheese, chopped tomatoes and sour cream. Keep it simple for young taste buds. Add potato chips on the side.

PIZZA FROM ITALY

Make cheese pizzas in the church kitchen. Cut into very small slices and add a small portion of tossed salad on the side.

BANANA SMOOTHIE FROM KENYA, AFRICA

This recipe will spoil if saved in the refrigerator for several days. Make just enough to serve that day. Four recipes make plenty for 30-40 people. Just give everyone a small amount in a small paper cup.

Slice bananas and mash with fork or blender. Blend bananas with the rest of the ingredients. Pour into cups. Add crushed ice if desired. Add a variety of fresh fruits on the side.

2 Bananas	1 Cup orange juice
1 Cup plain yogurt	4T. Honey



FOOD FROM THE NAVAHO NATION, USA

Native American food has always been close to nature. Nuts, berries, vegetables and fruit are staples. Buffalo and deer provided meat. Wild turkey and smaller game birds are a source for poultry.

INDIAN CORN PUDDING

Preheat oven—350 degrees. Separate eggs. Beat yolks lightly. Beat whites until stiff but not dry. Melt butter in saucepan. Add flour and stir quickly over medium heat to a smooth paste. Add milk and bring to a boil stirring constantly. Turn heat to low and add yolks, salt, pepper, corn. Mix well. Turn off heat. Using rubber spatula fold egg whites into corn mixture. Butter the baking dish and pour mixture. Bake 35 minutes or until lightly browned. Serve with toasted bread and butter.

2 eggs 1 Cup milk 1 t. salt $\frac{1}{2}$ t. pepper
 1/3 Cup flour 2 Cups corn 1/4 Cup butter 1 T. butter (to grease dish)

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FOOD FROM CHINA

Rice is served with every meal. Fish is a staple and vegetables are often steamed. Stir fry is a popular way of cooking Chinese food.

STIR FRY CHICKEN

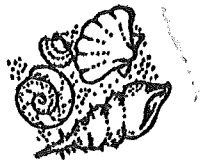
Place the following ingredients into a large wok or frying pan. Place olive oil in the pan to keep ingredients from sticking.

Cooked chicken cut in tiny pieces	Chopped celery
Chopped onion	Chopped water chestnuts
green peas	Chopped hard boiled eggs

Add any other ingredient you think students will enjoy.

Serve next to a small portion of white rice. Offer soy sauce to those who would like to try it. Serve with mandarin oranges on the side.





FOOD FROM THE ISLANDS

Use a variety of tropical fruits and vegetables to represent the fresh foods of island people.

FRUIT KABOBS

Assorted fresh fruits skewered on sticks. Cut the fruit into bite size pieces. Apples, grapes, oranges, pineapple, watermelon, strawberries, cherries, peaches, bananas.

FRUIT FIZZ

Choose a fruit juice like orange, cranberry, apple and add 7-Up or lemon lime soda. Serve with a small orange slice attached to the side of the cup. Add a colorful straw for a fun island drink.

FOOD FROM U.S.A.

Choose a few local favorites. Consider apple pie and ice cream, chocolate cake and cold milk, hamburgers and fries, vegetable soup topped with shredded cheese or any other delicious American treat.

BEVERAGES

All beverages should be cold and delicious. Change the beverage each day. Here are a few suggestions:

POP/SODA
ORANGE JUICE
KOOL AID
ICE WATER
MILK/CHOCOLATE MILK



THE GLOBAL CHRISTIAN VILLAGE



This fifteen minute activity center is a room where tour guides teach students what it means to be a Christian in our ever shrinking Global Village. Students pack their travel kits for their EARTH FLIGHT journey to heaven in a brightly decorated "village". Each day they add another item to their kit as they study a short lesson.

COSTUME AND CHARACTER: Tour guides should dress simply in white shirts and shorts. Wear look alike vests with buttons and small decorative pins (optional) on them. Become a person who is excited about being a Christian. The Global Christian Village is a wonderful salvation opportunity. Lesson plans guide the leaders through the daily activities.

DECORATION: Fill the room with maps of the earth, globes, words of welcome and *hello* in many languages. Make cardboard huts and fill in with trees, rocks and plants. Do not use every idea suggested. Pick the village ideas that fit your room. Make homemade items and bring items from home to fill the room. Print verses and attach to each item. Allow students to wander through the area looking at the verses.

PEACE DOVES

Matthew 10:34

John 14:27

Romans 15:33

"I did not come to bring peace...."

"Peace I leave you; My peace I give...."

"The God of peace be with you...."

TREES

Matthew 12:33

Isaiah 55:12

"A tree is known by its fruit...."

"The trees of the field clap their hands"

ROCKS

Psalms 19:14

Psalms 31:3

Matthew 16:18

"Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer...."

"Thou art my Rock and my fortress...."

"Upon this rock will I build my church."



ROOT

Ephesians 3:17

"...being rooted and grounded in love."

LEAF

Deuteronomy 31:6

"I will never 'leaf' you nor forsake you."

ROSE

Song of Solomon 2:1

"I am the Rose of Sharon."

MELODY

Ephesians 5:19

"Making melody in your hearts to the Lord..."

HOUSE

Psalms 23:6

"Dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Psalms 127:1

"Unless the Lord builds the house they

labor in vain"

John 14:2

"In my Father's house are many dwelling

places."

DOOR

Matthew 6:6

"When you have shut your door, pray."

John 10:9

"Jesus said, 'I am the Door...'"

EARTH

Exodus 9:29

"The earth is the Lord's..."

Numbers 14:21

"All the earth will be filled..."

Isaiah 66:1

"The earth is my footstool..."

FLOWER

Psalms 103:15

"As a flower of the field, so he..."

CLOUDS

I Thessalonians 4:17

"Caught up in the clouds to be with Him."

Revelation 1:7

"He is coming in the clouds."

Hebrews 12:1

"Since we have so great a cloud of witnesses..."



SKY

Psalm 36:5

"Faithfulness reaches to the skies..."

STARS

Psalm 147:4

"...counts the number of stars...."

2 Peter 1:19

"Star arises in your heart...."

Revelation 22:16

Jesus is "the bright morning star...."

SUN

Ephesians 4:26

"Let not the sun go down on your wrath."

Matthew 13:43

"Righteous shine forth at the sun...."

TABLE

I Corinthians 10:21

"Partake of the table of the Lord."

CORNERSTONE

Psalm 118:22

"Jesus is the Chief Cornerstone."

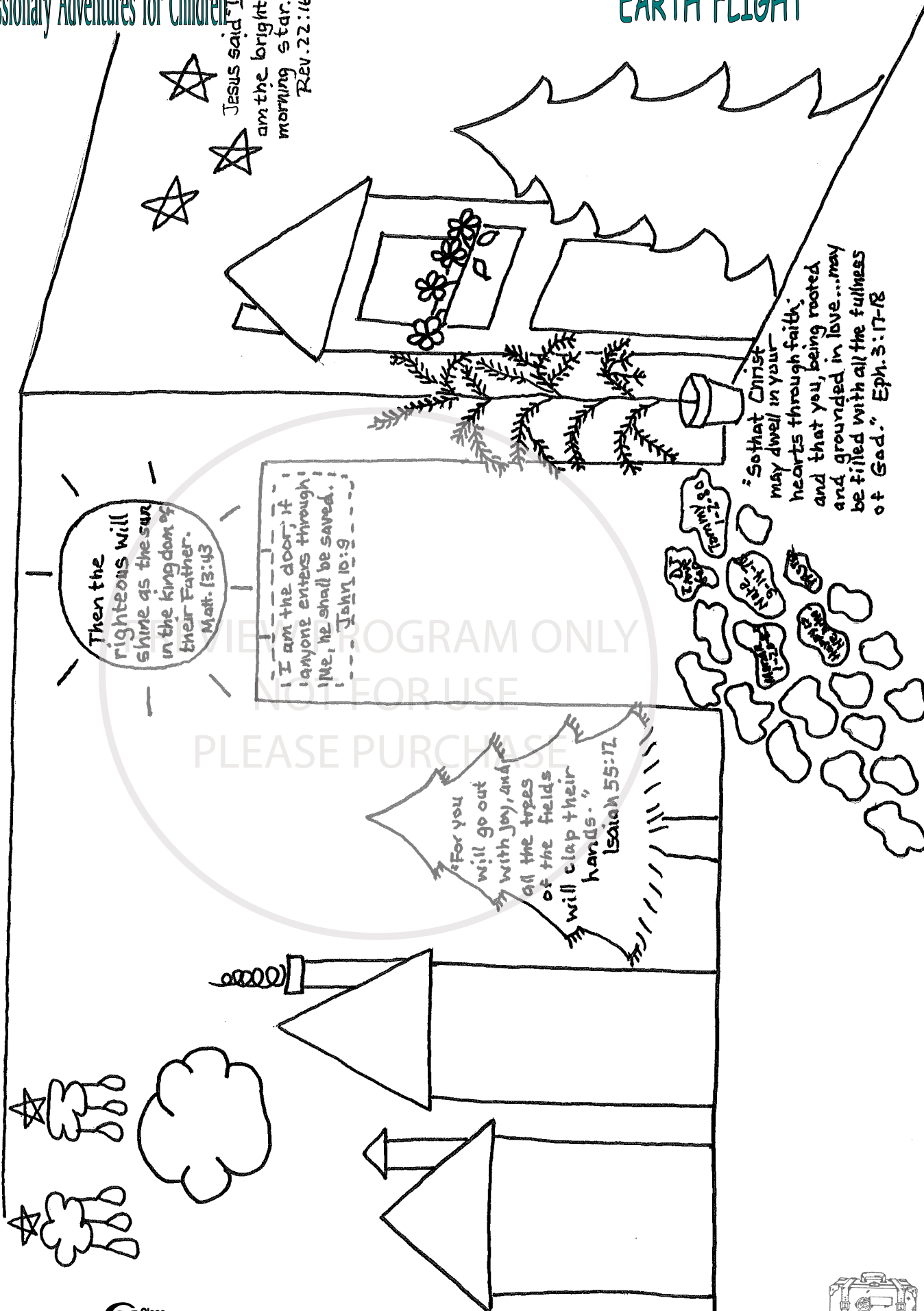
Use your Bible concordance to find other examples of scripture to match items in your Global village. Neatly print or type these verses in their entirety on white pieces of paper. Decorate each paper with glitter, stars, curling ribbon or other special effects. The cardboard box, poster board, brown paper bag, construction paper of all colors, acrylic or tempera paint and other inexpensive building materials will become your best friends as you prepare this unique spot.

THE TRAVEL KIT: Give each student a one gallon zip lock bag. This is the travel kit they fill each day. Keep each groups' kits separate for easy preparation. Purchase supplies from your local Christian Book Store, Oriental Trading Catalog or other resources.

- MONDAY: Paper Heart Name tag, Jesus Loves Me pencil or eraser or key chain or button or all of them.
- TUESDAY: Paper star with Romans 3:23 printed on it, soap, wash cloth
- WEDNESDAY: Small New Testament or Gospel of John
- THURSDAY: Yo-yo's, seed packets
- FRIDAY: Small notebooks, Save the Earth pins



THE GLOBAL CHRISTIAN VILLAGE



MONDAY IN THE GLOBAL CHRISTIAN VILLAGE

Welcome to the Global Christian Village where all people of the world learn how to conduct their EARTH FLIGHT journey to heaven. Each day we will add items to a travel kit for Christian living. This village has been built to remind us that God can be seen in all things. We must look around us to find reminders that He is our Creator and Lord.

FRIENDSHIP PATH

Supplies: Colorful construction paper cobblestones, markers, scissors, clear contact paper (optional), strong tape to attach “stones” to the floor of the hallway and room.

Let’s create a pathway to friendship for our village. Print your name, outline your hand, write your birth date and a short message on your friendship stone. We build this path to remember that we need each other. When we work together, we create a great effect upon the earth. The astronauts can see the Great Wall of China from outer space. Millions of Chinese people worked to build the longest wall in the world (@8000 miles). It still stands as a testament to their team work and their motivation to complete a job.

TRAVEL KIT ACTIVITY: Jesus Loves Me

Give each student a one gallon zip lock bag. This is the travel kit they fill each day. Keep each group’s kits separate for easy preparation.

Supplies: One red paper heart, markers, your choice of a “Jesus Love Me” pencil, eraser, key chain, button (or all of them).

God’s Word says that Jesus loves us. Some people do not really believe it! It is hard to believe we are lovable when we do so many things that are wrong. However, if the Bible says it, it must be true.

John 3:16 is called *The Gospel in a Nutshell*. If all the rest of the Bible disappeared and all we knew was John 3:16, we could still believe in Jesus and go to heaven. (Option: Place a rolled up piece of paper with the verse printed on it inside an empty walnut shell. Pull the walnut from a tree in the room, ask one student to open it and read the verse.) I know you know this verse.



Say it with me:

For God so love the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

As we begin our travel kit, write your name on one side of this red heart and John 3:16 on the other side of the heart. (The heart will serve as a name tag inside each kit for easy identification. Help non reading students print their names clearly.) Let's put something in the kit to remind us of God's love. As you put it inside, remember how much He loves you. We will fill our kits each day and by the end of the week you will be prepared to journey to heaven.

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PLEASE PURCHASE



TUESDAY IN THE GLOBAL CHRISTIAN VILLAGE

Welcome to the Global Christian Village. God wants you to remember Him in all you do. Take a look at the verses on some of the items in our village. Let's read a few and be reminded of Jesus.

STARS OF THE HEAVENS

Supplies: Paper for stars. See the illustration for folding stars. Glitter and glue.

Our village needs bright morning stars to fill the sky. Remember when the sun rises each morning, the stars do not disappear. We cannot see them because of the brightness of the sun but they are still there waiting to shine upon the earth each night.

Cut and fold the stars. Each student may neatly print the words JESUS—BRIGHT MORNING STAR on their star. Outline the words with glue and sprinkle glitter. Allow to dry. Tape the stars at the upper edge of the walls. Non reading students may make their star without words and outline their star with the glitter.

TRAVEL KIT ACTIVITY: *Get rid of the sin that keeps us from God.*

Supplies: Paper star with Romans 3:23 printed on it, decorative soap, and wash cloth square.

Yesterday we placed reminders of God's love in our travel kits. Even though God loves us, He hates sin that is part of our human lives. Sin is anything that separates us from God. The Bible says,

*For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.
Romans 3:23*

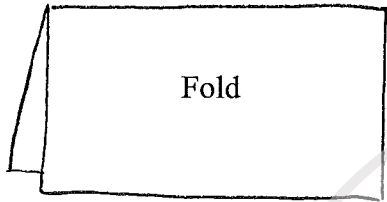
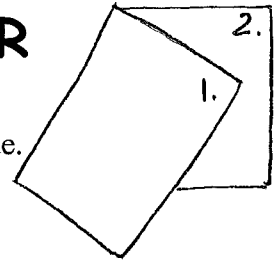
There is not one person who has lived a perfect life. We need to ask forgiveness and become clean. As you place your soap and washcloth inside the travel kit, be reminded that we must get rid of the sin that keeps us from God. There is a serious penalty for refusing to trust in Jesus. God's Word says:

*For the wages of sin is death,
but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23*

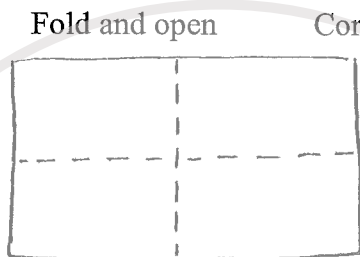


BRIGHT MORNING STAR

Supplies: 8 1/2" x 11" piece of white or yellow paper, glitter and glue.



Fold

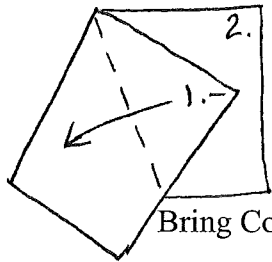


Fold and open

Corner one must meet center line at right

Fold Corner 1 back to the edge

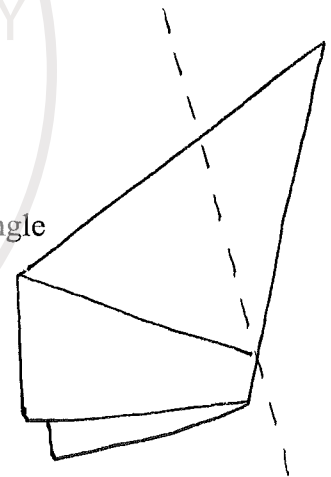
Bring Corner 2 to the left and fold



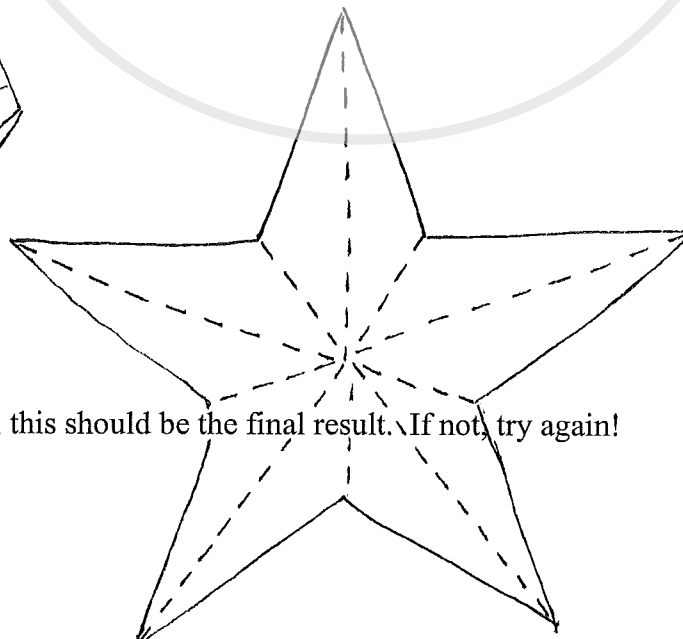
Bring Corner 2 back and fold



Cut star on this angle



If all goes well, this should be the final result. If not, try again!



BRIGHT MORNING STAR

This is an easy star pattern for younger students. Allow students to run a line of white glue around the edges and cover in glitter.



WEDNESDAY IN THE GLOBAL CHRISTIAN VILLAGE

By now you know your way around our village. When we become Christians, we learn our way around God's Word by reading it and hiding it in our hearts.

SALVATION FLOWERS

Supplies: Paper flower patterns. White glue to attach flower parts. Markers.

We will decorate the village today by placing growing flowers around the room. Draw a picture of your face in the center of your flower before gluing the petals to the center. We need to be reminded that we are the center of God's attention. He wants us to read His Word to get to know Him and He wants to get to know us as we pray.

The Bible says, "For whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13

Jesus is the only answer to our sin problem. He died on the Cross and rose from the grave for you and me. We must make the choice to accept Jesus by praying and asking Him to become the center of our lives.

"...if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

TRAVEL KIT ACTIVITY: Accept Jesus

Today we add to our travel kits the information that we must accept Jesus as our Savior and Lord.

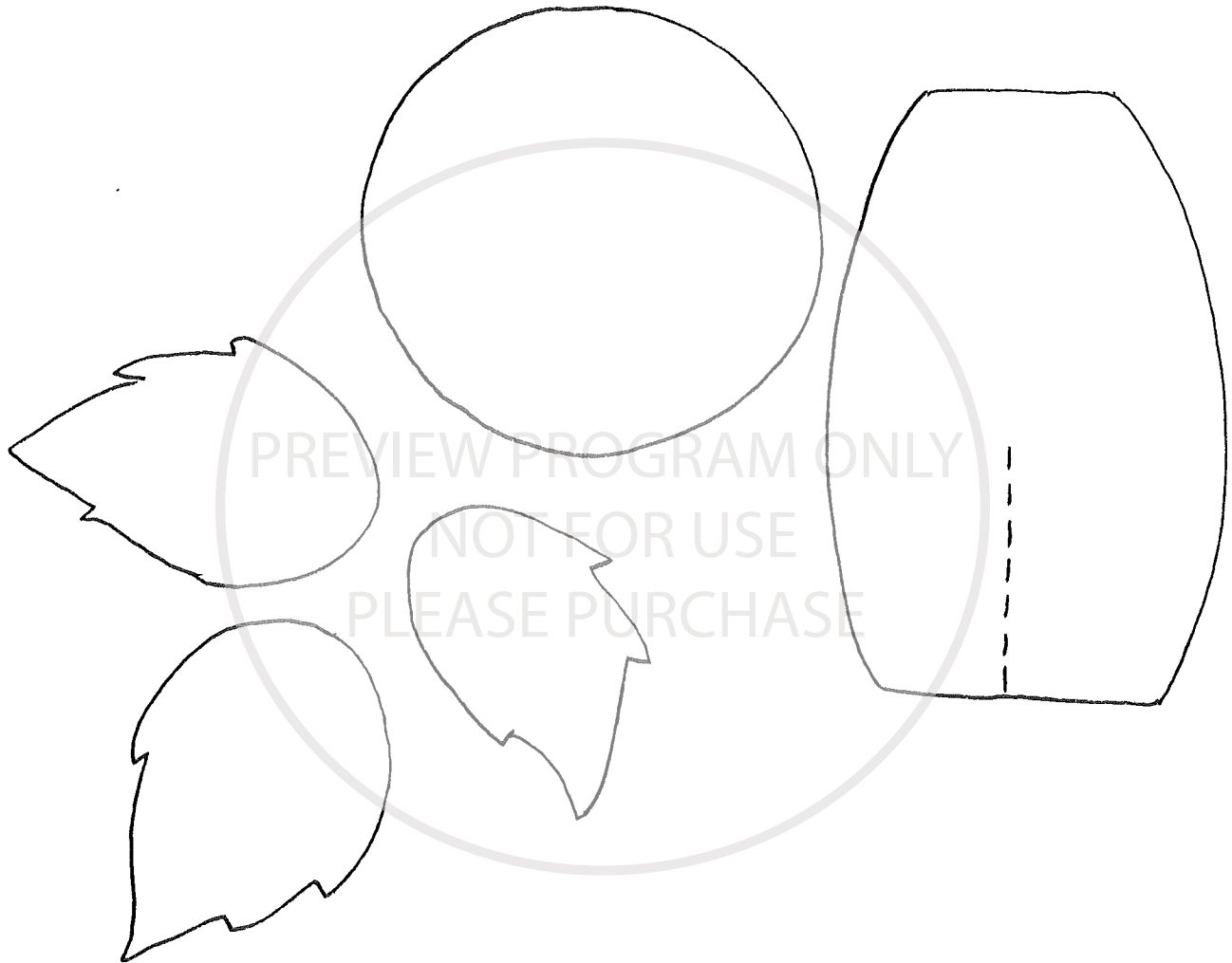
Supplies: Small New Testament or Gospel of John.

It isn't hard to become a Christian. When we admit that we are sinners and ask forgiveness for that sin, we can ask Jesus to fill the empty space in our life with Himself. He will come into us and become our Savior and Lord. Every travel kit needs the Word of God. Place this small part of God's Word into the kit and read it every day along your journey. Let's find John 3:16 and draw a box around it so we remember where it is.



SALVATION FLOWER PATTERN

Draw student face in the center of each flower.



Cut a small slit part way up each petal. Glue one side over the other for a 3 dimensional effect.



THURSDAY IN THE GLOBAL CHRISTIAN VILLAGE

It is very important to grow in the Lord once we have accepted Him as our Savior. We do that by going to church, spending time with other Christians, reading the Bible and praying.

GROWING LEAF

Supplies: Green construction paper, scissors, leaf patterns, markers, tape, bare twigs in a pot or bare paper tree trunk placed on one wall.

Each of us is going to help grow a bush in our village today. Cut your leaf, print your name on it and place it on the bush in the corner. An amazing thing is going to happen when we each add one leaf. Soon a beautiful bush will appear in all its' glory.

TRAVEL KIT ACTIVITY: Grow In Jesus

Our kits are filling up with important items for our EARTH FLIGHT journey to heaven. Today we add something to remind us to grow in the Lord.

Supplies: Flower or vegetable seed packets, yo-yo's.

Just as flowers grow, we grow too. As you play a seed packet inside your kit, remember to grow in the Lord. There is nothing more fun than learning how to work a yo-yo. See how the string grows as you let it go and the string brings the yo-yo back to you!

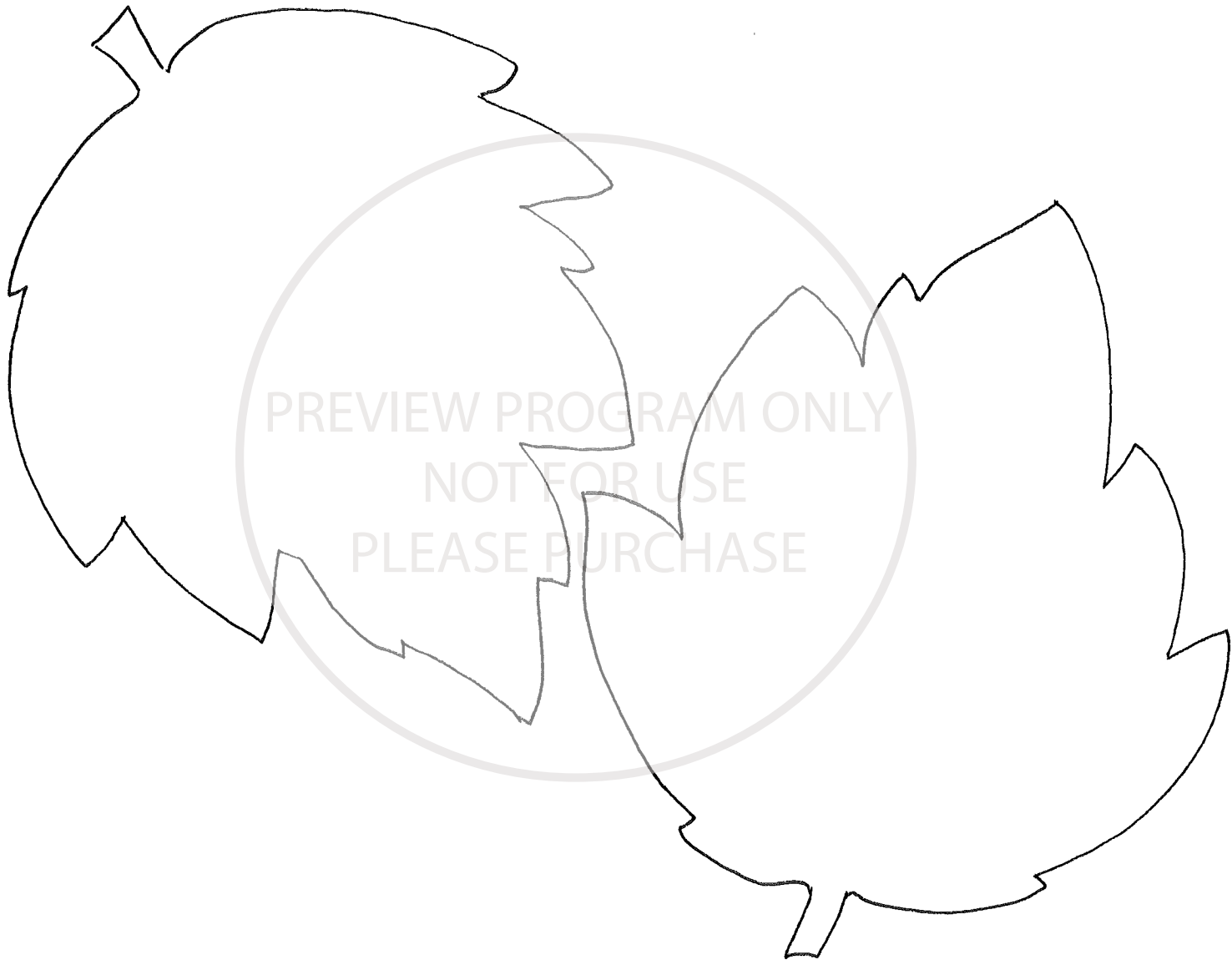
TO GROW IN THE LORD:

1. Read your Bible every day.
2. Talk to God every day.
3. Tell others about Christ.
4. Go to church.
5. Show love to other people.



LEAVES FOR THE GROWING BUSH

Make leaf patterns. Scatter patterns on work tables. Students trace and cut their own leaf to attach to the growing bush.



FRIDAY IN THE GLOBAL CHRISTIAN VILLAGE

Today is your last visit to our global village. Notice how much nicer you have left the village than when you found it. That is the way the Christian life should be. We should leave the earth better than we found it. Your names and faces are all over this village. Others will know you are Christians because your testimony remains behind you.

One of the jobs of the Christian is to be a missionary. Wherever we go, people need the Lord. We must tell them the good news of Jesus' love. It must spread across the earth like thundering storm clouds and rain drops.

CLOUDS AND RAIN DROPS

Supplies: light blue construction paper, cotton balls, glue, cloud patterns, rain drop patterns, yarn.

Students cut clouds, attach cotton balls and cut a few rain drops. Attach the clouds and rain drops to the upper portions of all walls.

TRAVEL KIT ACTIVITY: Tell The Good News of Jesus

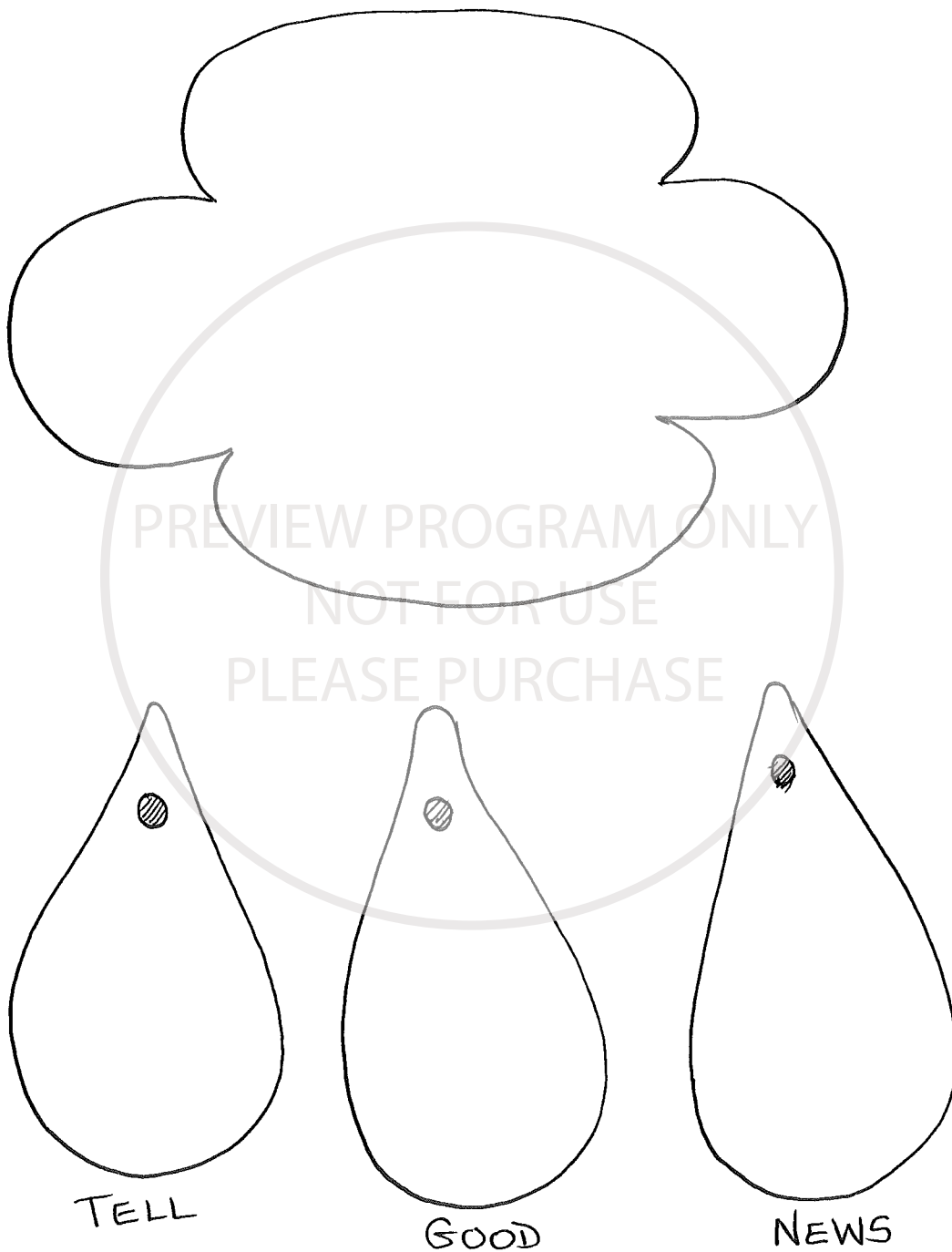
The last thing we will pop into our travel kits is a notebook to record all the good things God is doing in our lives, all the people we are going to tell good news to and all our answered prayers.

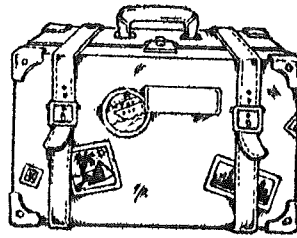
Supplies: Small notebooks, *Save the Earth* pins or bracelets.

We must save more than lakes, forests and animals of the earth. People must be saved. When you wear your pin/bracelet remember to tell the good news of Jesus!

REVIEW ALL THE INFORMATION FROM THE WEEK. GIVE THE STUDENTS THEIR TRAVEL KITS AT THE CLOSING.







MISSION STATION TIPS FOR EARTH FLIGHT TEACHERS

Each EARTH FLIGHT Mission Station represents a nation. Students hear stories of mighty missionaries who adventured into their world for Jesus regardless of danger or death. The good news of salvation is firmly and joyously proclaimed every day. Students enjoy a national activity, memorize a verse, hear a Bible story and complete a craft. Each day student groups visit a different station for 45 minutes. Bible Station teachers and helpers accompany their group of the day to all activities.

MISSION STATION #1: CHINA

MISSION STATION #2: AFRICA

MISSION STATION #3: NATIVE AMERICA

MISSION STATION #4: THE ARCTIC

MISSION STATION #5: PARADISE ISLAND

DECORATE: Follow the suggestions in the lesson plan or design decorations to create the specific theme within the Mission Station. Borrow appropriate items from church members, family and friends. Make some of the decorations from construction paper, poster board and cardboard. Use glitter and lighting to make the area different and exciting.



COSTUME AND CHARACTER: Follow instructions in specific lesson plans. Borrow, rent or make simple native costumes.

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: Teach a scripture verse within the national setting. Review the verse as often as possible. Shorten the verse for younger students. If a better game, story or memorization activity is available, use it.

BIBLE STORY: The Bible has many wonderful stories of men and women who were dedicated to telling the story of Jesus to the whole world. Use these stories to teach lessons which feature the salvation theme. Tell the story seriously. Students must be seated and quiet. Ask questions to encourage active involvement. Simplify material for younger students. Older students may read scripture and participate in discussion.

CRAFT: Reserve one corner to complete a craft keepsake. Divide craft parts into kits. As students take their places, lay everything they need in front of them. Ask helpers to assist young students. Change the project if you find something easy and appropriate. Keep projects until Open House. Students not attending Open House may take their completed project home any time.

TIME MANAGEMENT: Students must complete their Mission Station activities in one session. If all suggested activities cannot be completed comfortably within the 45 minutes allotted, choose the most important details and eliminate the rest.

INSPIRATION: What happens in the Mission Station is the foundation of this Vacation Bible School. As the teacher, it is your responsibility to reach the students for Christ. It is an awesome and wonderful task. This is YOUR mission! You are a mighty missionary. Relax and enjoy the students as you travel through the week's experiences. Learn their names and spend all your time with them. Have fun! If you are having fun, it will be contagious. Speak only positive words.



MISSION STATIONS AT A GLANCE

Each EARTH FLIGHT Mission Station tells the story of a mighty missionary. Students visit nations led by missionary teachers who teach them about life in one specific country and then blend the information into exciting memory verses, stories and craft projects.

MISSION STATION #1: CHINA

MEMORY VERSE: *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and even to the remotest part of the earth.* Acts 1:8

Younger students: *You shall be My witnesses even to the remotest part of the earth.* Acts 1:8

BIBLE STORY: A MISSIONARY MUST BE FAITHFUL LIKE STEPHEN

CRAFT: Choose a craft from the curriculum suggestions.

MISSION STATION #2: AFRICA

MEMORY VERSE: *Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.* Mark 16:15

BIBLE STORY: A MISSIONARY TELLS GOOD NEWS LIKE PHILIP

CRAFT: Choose a craft from the curriculum suggestions.



MISSION STATION #3: NATIVE AMERICA

MEMORY VERSE: *Have not I commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*

Joshua 1:9

Younger students: *The Lord your God is with you wherever you go.* Joshua 1:9

BIBLE STORY: A MISSIONARY IS BRAVE LIKE PETER

CRAFT: Choose a craft from the curriculum suggestions.

MISSION STATION #4: THE ARCTIC

MEMORY VERSE: *...but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.*

Proverbs 18:24

BIBLE STORY: A MISSIONARY MUST BE A FRIEND LIKE BARNABAS

CRAFT: Choose a craft from the curriculum suggestions.

MISSION STATION #5: PARADISE ISLAND

MEMORY VERSE: *Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16

BIBLE STORY: A MISSIONARY MUST FACE DANGER LIKE PAUL

CRAFT: Choose a craft from the curriculum suggestions.



MISSION STATION #1:

CHINA



It takes a great deal of stamina and faithfulness to teach about Jesus in a culture that has a history of punishing people of faith. This Mission Station provides an opportunity to enjoy the beauty and differences that Chinese culture affords as well as telling the story of faithful Stephen.

DECORATION: Decorate the CHINA Mission Station with colorful fans, porcelain vases, green plants, dolls from China, colorful floor mats bicycles leaning against the wall, tissue kits and low tables. Place a small tea service on a low table in the center of the room. Find items that offer the feeling of bright color and soft silk. Chinese decor is sparse. A nearly empty room with a few strategically placed items will look nice. Purchase a Chinese Bible from the American Bible Society to place on the table with the tea set.

COSTUME AND CHARACTER: Women wear a long cotton skirt or baggy pants under a knee length tunic with mandarin collar. Men wear baggy pants and brightly colored shirt with mandarin collar. Wear black shoes and small round cap. (Black canvas shoes with straps may be found in some stores.)

Become a Chinese native who has heard the Story of Jesus from missionaries and has become a believer and a missionary. As students arrive, ask students to remove their shoes and line them neatly along one wall outside the workshop. Bow low to each student as they enter and encourage them to return the respectful sign. Say hello—NI HAO (NEE-how).

TEA TIME WELCOME: Serve tiny cups of tea as students sit around a low table. Welcome them to your home as honored guests.



INFORMATION ABOUT CHINA FOR TEA TIME TALK

My China is a beautiful nation in Asia. There are over one billion people here and we are proud to be the largest nation in the world. We speak and read Mandarin Chinese mostly although there are eight major languages.

The government has been going through changes. For many years we could not speak our minds for fear of imprisonment or execution. Freedoms are coming slowly but surely. SSSShhhhh! Don't tell anyone but you are sitting in a secret "House Church". We can only worship the Lord in small groups and in total secrecy. If anyone tells the local police, our little band of believers will be arrested. I am sometimes afraid to speak of my faith. There are thousands of home churches but we must be very careful. Most Bibles were destroyed long ago and there are still hundreds of Christians in prison.

Schools teach students not to believe in God and missionaries were expelled long ago. Today's policy is to tolerate religious belief but supervise it. Military personnel, Communist Party members and our children—our precious children under 18—do not have religious freedom. That is why we teach our children secretly.

I am so blessed to be a Christian. Over 500 million Chinese have still never heard the story of Jesus—even once!! There are only 5% Chinese who are believers. Because we have had little Christian training, we sometimes do not know how to teach about Jesus. We get sidetracked into wrong thinking. Pray for China so we will know how to stay faithful to the story of Jesus and His cross and resurrection.

Over 2300 hours of Christian radio broadcasting in five languages are beamed into China monthly. We need Bibles and teaching materials. We want to read stories of other Christians and materials that explain the gospel to our leaders and pastors. For every Bible you send to China, at least 20 people read it and at least three accept Christ because they have read it. Sending Bibles into China is well worth the time and effort!

To the Teacher: PIGGY BANK FUND

China Outreach Ministries provides beautiful cardboard piggy banks for churches to distribute to children. Every \$3 collected purchases one Bible which is taken directly into China by representatives of the USA based ministry. Write China Outreach Ministries PO Box 310, Fairfax, VA 22030 for more information.



NATIONAL ACTIVITY: Purchase/Borrow several sets of Chinese Checkers. This is inexpensive and can be played by the youngest students. Place the games on the floor and let students team up to play. Early arrivals may come to CHINA to play Chinese Checkers.

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: Option: Make Chinese fans. Prepare colored paper before class with the memory verse pre printed. Students may color, paint or mark their fan and fold it. Memorize the verse at the same time.

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and even to the remotest part of the earth.

Acts 1:8

For younger students: *You shall be my witnesses even to the remotest part of the earth.*

MIGHTY MISSIONARY BIBLE STORY

A MISSIONARY MUST BE FAITHFUL LIKE STEPHEN

From Acts 6-7: Stephen was a man who loved Jesus enough to sacrifice his life. He was full of grace and power because the Holy Spirit controlled him. He wanted to help the new group of believers in Jerusalem. He was one of seven men chosen to take care of widows and poor people. Stephen collected money and food from Christian homes to distribute. He created the first food bank! Then he and the other six men cooked for and served anyone who needed help.

The early Christians did more than talk about Jesus. They showed God's love in practical, serving ways. Stephen preached with wisdom and even performed miracles. Just as in China today, people did not believe the gospel message. Men came from other places to hear him speak and argue with him. They called Stephen a liar and told Jewish leaders lies about him.

Stephen became a missionary to his own people. He was dragged into court (the same court where Jesus stood claiming to be the Messiah). Stephen spoke on behalf of Jesus. He was totally *faithful* as he faced these very important people.

Place theme phrases on separate folded fans. Make oversized fans that can become part of the room decor. Attach a silken cord to the bottom of each fan. Make the fans before class. Color each fan in bright colors. Open the fans as you speak. Pass them around the room.

STEPHEN HAD A MISSIONARY MESSAGE: Stephen told these dangerous men about people they knew from their own history. He told the stories of these great men of God—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua and David. Stephen knew he would get



their attention by telling them what they already knew about the faithfulness of God through the lives of these mighty men of old. The Jewish leaders were angry when Stephen proved the same message had been proclaimed by Jesus of Nazareth.

STEPHEN HAD MISSIONARY FAITHFULNESS: Stephen was in big trouble. He could have run away or changed God’s message but he remained faithful to Jesus. He was a missionary who had to tell the truth.

STEPHEN HAD MISSIONARY COURAGE: Stephen spoke with courage because he knew Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead to be our Savior. Even if no one believed him, he had to tell the truth.

STEPHEN HAD MISSIONARY PEACE: Even when it became clear that these men were going to kill him, Stephen experienced peace. He gave away his life as a missionary to his own people.

There was a sad yet happy ending to Stephen’s life. He was taken outside the city and stoned. His dying words were “Lord, do not hold this sin against them!” He was forgiving the very people who hated him. He was truly a mighty missionary. How can this be a happy ending? A young man named Saul held the coats of the men stoning Stephen. Saul became the best missionary in the world. Just when the Jewish leaders thought they had gotten rid of the followers of Jesus of Nazareth, more mighty missionaries spread the message.

CRAFT: *Here are a few suggestions from S&S arts and crafts catalog. Order through CLOSE ENCOUNTERS MINISTRIES 1-888-CEM-LIFE. Prices may change.*

FANTASTIC FANS. Exotic Asian paper and bamboo fans are ready to decorate with a choice of bright neon or traditional colors of non toxic acrylic paint. Brushes are also included. Don’t stop there—fell free to add glitter, gems, ribbons and lace (not included). Use as wall hanging or to keep cool on the hottest day of the year. 6" long when folded. EMA-GP987 \$13.99 per pac of 24. 58 cents per project.

CATCH THE FISH TAIL. Brilliantly colored fish make excellent wind socks or wall hangings. This fun pack includes kit cord, non toxic glue and paint, glitter, assorted colored bags, tissue paper, brushes and instructions. EMA-GP1363 \$13.99 per pack of 28. 50 cents per project.



MISSION STATION #2:


AFRICA



There is no other continent in the world as well known for mission efforts from America than Africa. The many nations of Africa represent people who need to know the Lord. This Mission Station focuses on telling the good news of Jesus to every living person in the world.

DECORATION: This is a missionary jungle camp. Give indoor space an outdoor feel. Pitch a small tent and conduct the Mission Station inside and outside the tent. Cooking utensils and camp stools near a central campfire look great. Place a canoe or rowboat nearby. If possible, conduct the Mission Station outdoors in a shaded area. Set up a simple camp site.

Purchase coconuts, bananas, potatoes, turnips and other large vegetables to place in wooden bowls. Place stuffed monkeys, lions, tigers, parrots, snakes and other jungle animals near green plants. Place a small radio/tape player with pre taped skit and printed skit on a bench. (Prepare the radio transmission on audio tape before class.)

COSTUME AND CHARACTER: Become a jungle missionary sent to Africa to reach a tribe who has never heard the gospel. Students become short term missionaries for the day and you are the well seasoned missionary who teaches them how to work and live in the jungle. Dress in khaki shorts and shirt. Wear a jungle helmet (see Oriental Trading). *Option: Purchase jungle helmets for students visiting the mission station. They may wear the hats wherever they go for the day but do not get to keep them. Keep the hats in the station.*

AFRICAN WELCOME: Sit around my campfire while I tell you about Africa. There are about 47 nations in Africa and 8% of the world's population live on that continent. Over 1730 languages are spoken. Lots of work needs to be done to translate the Bible into the various languages. There are 30 world class cities with lots of people living in poor urban areas. There are many starving people since food cannot be grown in the quantities needed by city and community people. Many areas are unreached for the gospel. That's why I'm here. I am a missionary who travels into the deepest areas of Africa to tell people about Jesus. They need people who learn their language and help feed their families. Mostly they need to know about the Lord. I think there is a message coming in for me now. Come, listen in....





AN AFRICAN RADIO ADVENTURE

Tape the radio portions of the skit before class using another person as the transmitter. Run a kitchen mixer in the background to replicate engine noise. Leave the appropriate amount of time in between speaking parts to respond in person with students present. When it is time for the skit, move to the ham radio table and....let the adventure begin!

MISSIONARY: It gets lonely out here in the African jungle. I camp by the river so I can wash my clothes, bathe and water to drink and cook. I travel along the river talking to people in three nearby tribes. I am waiting for a jungle pilot who flies medical supplies into the area. There is a sick little girl in the Ngawa area and I have been waiting for radio contact. I will relay the message to the mission hospital using my ham radio. Wait, I think I hear the jungle pilot now... (Turn on tape recorder.)

PILOT (From a distance)...This is Angel Flight AF267...come in Jungle Camp. This is Angel Flight AF267...Come in Jungle Camp. OVER.

MISSIONARY: Angel Flight AF267 this is Jungle Camp. I read you loud and clear. How may I assist you? OVER

PILOT: Well, well, it's good to hear your sorry voice! I was beginning to think I had the wrong frequency or even the wrong jungle. Glad to hear you're monitoring the air waves. OVER

MISSIONARY: Roger. The sound of your voice is like music to my ears. I have a very sick little girl waiting near the air strip at Ngawa. Her parents have agreed to let her fly to the mission hospital but the medicine men are threatening to shoot fire arrows at your plane. What do you want to do? OVER

PILOT: Sounds like I'd be better off staying aloft today. Is there any chance I can sneak in and out without being seen? OVER

MISSIONARY: Negatory, Jim. They are waiting in plain view at the end of the air strip. Parents have hidden the girl on a litter in the brush between the village and the river. OVER



PILOT: I can see them now. You're right. They are waiting for me. I cannot land on the air strip. Where are the missionaries from the village? OVER

MISSIONARY: They are waiting by their radio to hear from me. They will do anything we ask. OVER

PILOT: I can see a small meadow just beyond the river. I think I can land if the family can cross the river on foot. It will be tight but it's the only way we can avoid the medicine men. Tell the village missionaries to send the family across the river. I will draw attention away from them by dipping low over the air strip. Do it NOW! OVER

MISSIONARY: ROGER! OVER! (Turn knob to another frequency) Jungle Camp calling Ngawa 365. Jungle Camp calling Ngawa 365. Come in. OVER

VILLAGE MISSIONARY: Ngawa 365 responding to Jungle Camp. We hear the pilot overhead. Warn him to stay way from the air strip. Danger, danger, danger! OVER

MISSIONARY: Listen! Call to the family. Tell them to move across the river to the small meadow. Jim is going to try to land there, load the family and take off before the medicine men catch on. OVER

VILLAGE MISSIONARY: ROGER. We are giving them the message now. They are running low through the brush. Give them two minutes and they will be across the river. OVER

MISSIONARY: Are you safe Ngawa 365? OVER

VILLAGE MISSIONARY: ROGER. We are fine. There are many friends here. We are on our way out of the village. Just get that girl. Her family is the first Christian family in Ngawa and they must be helped. OVER

MISSIONARY: ROGER. We'll get them. Pray for our pilot as he lands that plane. OVER

VILLAGE MISSIONARY: ROGER. Praise the Lord and gun the engines. OVER

MISSIONARY: (Turn knob to another frequency) Angel Flight AF267 this is Jungle Camp. Come in. OVER



PILOT: Angel Flight AF267. Hey! Get this show on the road! These guys really mean business. I think I got them really mad now. I have to move in before they figure out the mission. OVER

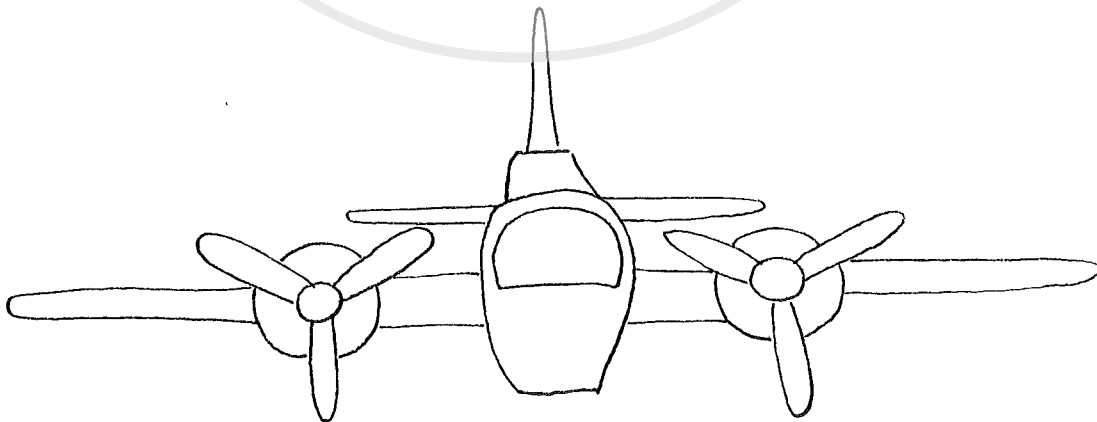
MISSIONARY: ROGER. The family is crossing the river now. Set the plane down in the meadow, open the door and wait for them. They will need help with the litter. I have some short termers here at the Jungle Camp. We'll pray you in and out. God bless you. OVER

PILOT: ROGER. I'll leave the radio open so you can hear what's happening over here.

Engine noise increases and then distant calls from the pilot: Over here! Hurry! Run! Here, let me help you get her in. No! We have to leave the litter. Drop it! Drop it! Just get in! Now! —more engine noise. Here we go! Fasten those belts. No, no. Do this. That's it. It's going to be a bumpy ride. I think we can just make it over those trees. Yep, that's it. Up, up, up.....Over! We did it!

Jungle Camp this is Angel Flight 267. We're in the air. Destination Mission Hospital, approximately 56 minutes. OVER

MISSIONARY: ROGER. Angel Flight 267. You're God's Sky Pilot today. I will radio the hospital that you are in flight and en route. They will meet you with an ambulance at Gate 1. Until next time, good buddy. This is Jungle Camp. OVER AND OUT.



A MISSIONARY TELLS GOOD NEWS LIKE PHILIP

From Acts 8:26-40: God's Word tells us the story of a mighty missionary named Philip and an African man. The angel of the Lord tells Philip to head out of town on a specific road. As he goes he notices a man from the court of the Queen of Ethiopia in Africa. He is reading a scroll while sitting in his chariot and he looks puzzled.

Philip asks if the man understands what he is reading from the book of Isaiah. The Ethiopian cannot understand the words even though they are about Jesus, the Messiah. He is so frustrated that he says, "Well, how can I understand it unless someone explains it to me."

That is all the encouragement Philip needs. He hops up beside the Ethiopian and explains the story of Jesus. He tells the man he must believe in Jesus to save him from his sin. It must have taken quite awhile because there are so many wonderful things to tell about Jesus. Perhaps the two men became friends through their conversation.

The Ethiopian says he believes in Jesus and wants to be baptized in the nearby river. Philip baptizes him and another follower of Jesus is born again.

Can you imagine this excited new Ethiopian Christian rushing home to tell everyone about the Savior. One missionary did his job and now there are two missionaries. Soon people all over Ethiopia are believing in Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE: *Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.*

Mark 16:15

The Ethiopian's exclamation, "How can I understand it unless someone explains it to me" is a challenge to all of us who have heard the stories of Jesus again and again. We must tell others! Everyone around the world must hear how Jesus can save them and make them worthy for heaven. Let's learn this verse and hide it in our hearts.

CRAFT/GAME ACTIVITY: MANKALA (MAHN-kah-luh)

Make a homemade version of this popular African game. Children and adults enjoy the challenge. The game boards in Africa are quite beautiful, often carved from hardwoods and polished to a soft glow. This craft project will offer many hours of fun for students and their families.



SUPPLIES: Each student receives one egg carton and 2 small paper cups for the game board. They may decorate the carton tops with buttons, beads, lace or other miscellaneous items. Give each student 40 game pieces called Hasa. Use beans, marbles, buttons, pennies, pebbles, shells or beads as the Hasa. When students have counted their Hasa, play the game. Give each student one copy of the RULES OF MANKALA.



RULES OF MANKALA



SET UP- The board is placed between the two players with the long sides facing them. The six cups nearest each player belong to him and their paper cup (Mankala) is to the right. Four Hasa are placed in each of the 12 openings.

OBJECT- Each player attempt to collect as many Hasa as possible before one of the players clears his side of Hasa.

PLAY- Players alternate turns. In his or her turn each player picks up all the Hasa from one opening on his side of the board and places them one by one in the cups around the board in a counter clockwise direction, including his paper cup but not the opponents paper cup. If the last Hasa is placed in the players own paper cup, that player goes again. If the last Hasa is placed in an empty opening on the players own side, he may take all the Hasa from the opponents opening directly opposite that opening. All the Hasa captured are placed in the players own paper cup.

TO WIN- The game is over when a player has no more Hasa in any of the openings on his side. The remaining player then takes all the Hasa left on his side and placed them into his paper cup. Winner is the player with the most Hasa in his paper cup.

IF THIS HOMEMADE GAME IS MORE THAN YOU WANT TO DO, TRY AN S&S ARTS AND CRAFTS CATALOG PROJECT (Price may change):

BEADED FISH KEY CHAINS. Thread beads onto pipe cleaners to create individual fish shaped key chains. Includes assorted tri beads, pipe cleaners, bead key chains and instructions 2"x 4". SD9-RE129 \$10.00 per pack of 24. 46 cents per project.





MISSION STATION #3:

NATIVE AMERICA

Native Americans are famous for their bravery. So are Christians. It takes courage to stand alone for our faith in a culture that mocks or ignores the message of Jesus. Brave Christians face difficult situations every day and make a difference for the Kingdom of God.

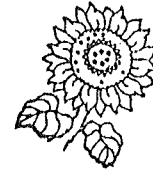
DECORATION: *Outdoor plans*— Place a canoe and camping gear in a grassy place. Tie feathers to long sticks and place in the ground. If a real canoe is not available, draw a canoe on a large appliance box, cut out and sit behind it while you speak. Bring items listed for indoor plans and place nearby.

Indoor plans— Decorate a room with colorful blankets, pottery, rugs, feathers on sticks, wooden bowls, stick bundles, animal skins. Place a canoe in the middle of the room and teach from it. Pack the canoe with basic camping gear for a river journey. Allow students to sit in the boat.

COSTUME AND CHARACTER: Dress in Native American costume. Make a simple costume using patterns found in local fabric stores. Wear a headband and feather, colorful beads and moccasins or sandals. Men should wear a colorful shirt with leather necklace and metal conchos. Become a Native American river guide. Lead the students down an imaginary river beside an Indian reservation.

NATIVE AMERICAN WELCOME ACTIVITY: *Serve popcorn in wooden bowls as students take an imaginary journey down an American river. Bring the items mentioned so students can see as well as hear about God’s goodness. If outdoors, place the items nearby. No canoe? Just sit quietly in the grass to talk.*





I am a missionary! Come with me to explore the river banks. There is much to learn about Jesus from nature. Everything I see reminds me of my Heavenly Father. Let it remind you too.

GRASSES: Notice the green grass blowing in the wind. This grass is proof that life is fresh and new each season of the year. Jesus, our Great Friend, makes life new. He said, *“I am the way, the truth and the life. No man comes to the Father but by Me.”* John 14:6

WATER: The water upon which our canoes ride takes us where we need to go. It is like God’s Word, the Bible. We read it and it takes us to God. The Bible says, *“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”* Psalm 119:105

SUNSHINE: Notice the bright sun shining upon us. It is warm. It comforts us. It is difficult to travel in darkness but easy in the light of the sun. Jesus said, *“I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.”* John 8:12

ROCKS: Hot rocks are used to cook food. Large rocks build walls for a strong house. We tie sharpened rocks to straight sticks and use them to hunt. Rocks become beautiful ornaments using brightly colored paint. A rock can be hollowed out and used as a drinking cup. When I stand on a large rock, I feel safe knowing the ground will not move beneath me. I pray the prayer of David, *“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.”* Psalm 19:14 I want my life to be pleasing to Jesus Who is as strong as a rock.

FISH: Fish are clever creatures. They are hard to catch but we have become more clever. Indians enjoy eating fish. The rivers are full of them. Fish can be baked, fried or dried for the winter months. Jesus told His followers, *“Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.”* Matthew 4:19 It is nice to catch a fish but it is more wonderful to catch men and women and boys and girls for Jesus.



TREES: How beautiful are the trees planted by the water. They are green because they drink deeply from the river. Their beauty reminds me that the Psalmist wrote, *“How blessed is the man...whose delight is in the law of the Lord...and he will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields it’s fruit in its season and it’s leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers.”* Psalm 1:1-3

FLOWERS: The wild flowers that grow along the river spring to life each year becoming more beautiful than they were the year before. Jesus spoke of lilies when He told people not to be worried about what they eat and drink. He said, *“Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin....if God, who so arrays the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more do so for you....”* Matthew 6:28, 30.

ANIMALS: Animals along the river have learned to live safely outdoors. They build dens and nests and raise happy animal families. I am sad to remember these words of Jesus, *“The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.”* Matthew 8:20 He bravely gave so much to become my Savior—and yours!

MEMORY VERSE: *Have not I commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*
Joshua 1:9

A MISSIONARY IS BRAVE LIKE PETER

Native Americans are lovers of stories. Rest while I tell you the story of a mighty missionary. This is true and comes from God’s Word. It is a story about a weak man becoming brave.

PETER THE WEAK: Simon was a fisherman. He was a rough, uneducated man who lived near the Sea of Galilee. He fished with his brother, Andrew, and enjoyed a simple life. His life changed the day Jesus called Simon to follow Him. Something about Jesus made Simon leave his fishing nets to become a disciple. He may have felt dumb with this group of twelve leaders. He was always saying and doing the wrong thing.

Jesus gave Simon a new name. Peter means “The Rock”. How could it be that this man who never went to school and who kept making mistakes was called Rock? Jesus told Peter, *“Upon this rock will I build My church.”* Matthew 16:18 Quite amazing considering the story I am about to tell you.



From Matthew 26:69-75: Jesus told His disciples that danger was near. It was almost time for Jesus to die on the cross. The men did not understand. They spoke bravely of defending Jesus if anyone tried to harm him. Peter said, *“Even though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away.”* Jesus said to him, *“Truly I say to you that this very night, before a cock crows, you shall deny Me three times.”* Peter said, *“Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You.”* All the other disciples said the same thing. Jesus just smiled. Their hearts were in the right place but He knew they would run and hide when the soldiers arrived.

And so it was. Jesus was arrested and taken to a court trial in the middle of the night. Peter followed at a distance and as afraid as he was, sat in the courtyard with other men and women who were interested in seeing what happened to Jesus. Peter was in disguise—or so he thought. His heart was pounding hard as he tried to blend in with the crowd.

#1: A servant girl noticed him and said, *“Hey, you’re one of the guys that follows Jesus.”* Peter must have been very afraid because he said, *“Not me! You must be mistaken.”*

#2: Another servant girl said, *“I know you’re with Jesus. I have seen you with Him.”* Peter swore—just to keep his disguise going, *“Forget it, lady. I don’t even know the guy.”*

#3: Near daybreak bystanders approached Peter, *“You know, fella, you can’t lie to us. We know you are with Jesus because you talk like a Galilean. We can hear your accent.”* Peter cursed and swore until his eyes bugged out in anger, *“I do not know that man!”*

Immediately the rooster crowed at dawn. Peter remembered the words of Jesus the night before and felt terrible. He had promised to follow Jesus to the death and yet had denied he even knew Him—three times just as Jesus predicted. He went away and cried bitterly.

Peter was weak. He did not live up to his given name—Peter, the Rock. He was not brave. It is important in the Native American culture to stand with your people and to be brave in the face of trouble. Tests of bravery keep the men of the tribe finely tuned. Would you have earned the name Rock that night? Maybe—maybe not.

PETER THE BRAVE: *From Acts 12:* Peter did become a mighty missionary. He was truly brave in many situations as he told people about Jesus who died and was raised from death. He had seen with his own eyes the power of God and it gave him courage.



One night Peter was sleeping in prison. He had been arrested again for talking about Jesus. This time Peter was chained to two guards. Another guard stood at the door. All was quiet so the guards fell asleep beside Peter. Suddenly Peter felt a kick in his side. An angel was standing over him. *“Get up, Peter. Put on your clothes and wrap your coat around you. Let’s get out of here.”* As soon as Peter stood, the chains fell off. Peter looked to the left and to the right. The guards never moved. Bravely he wrapped his coat around him and tiptoed over the sleeping men. The door guard never moved so Peter and the angel opened the door and left.

The locked iron gate protecting the city opened as Peter and the angel approached it. They walked through it and found themselves on the streets of the city. Immediately the angel disappeared leaving Peter alone on the quiet street corner. Peter shook himself and said, *“Now I know for sure, the Lord has sent His angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod.”*

He ran to the house where Christians were praying for him. Even as they were saying, *“And Lord please take care of our dear friend Peter...”* he was knocking at the gate. Rhoda went to the gate. She was so excited she forgot to let him in. She ran back to the group shouting, *“It’s Peter. It’s Peter at the door!”*

It took awhile for the others to believe her but finally they went to the door and indeed, Peter walked inside. How they praised God and clapped him on the back. Peter went from being *Peter the Weak* to *Peter the Brave*. He would have made a fine Indian Brave. God bless him and his mighty missionary bravery.

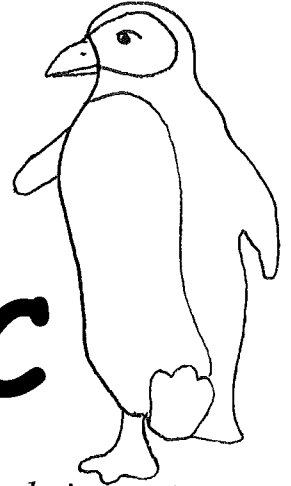
CRAFT: Choose a simple craft. Use an S&S arts and crafts catalog suggestion or design your own Native American project. (Prices may change.)

INDIAN NECKLACE: Enjoy handcrafting these striking pendants. Includes leather like shapes, lacing, assorted beads, authentic tribal clay beads, non toxic glue and instructions. 3 3/4" x 3". EMA-GP1178 \$31.99 per pack of 48. \$28.99 per pack, 2+ 67 cents per project.

HUMMING TOY: Authentic Native American style toy hums when strings are pulled. Fun for all ages. Includes precut cardboard circles, non toxic glue, non toxic markers, cord and instructions. 6 1/2" diameter. EMA-GP1177 \$22.99 per pack of 48. 48 cents per project.



MISSION STATION #4:



THE ARCTIC

Loneliness is often a bitter enemy to missionaries. It is at their most lonely point that a missionary comes to understand the gift of a friend.

Jesus is our Best Friend. All others who gather around us are our precious comforters in times of distress.

Jesus built into each human being the need for each other and for God.

DECORATION: Set up this Mission Station in a dark, bare room with lights placed on the floor shining upward. Twinkle lights work well. If available, place three or four colored bulbs (red, green, yellow, blue) along one wall to represent the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights). If someone has a small planetarium, borrow it to shine stars on the ceiling.

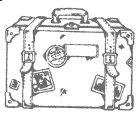
SNOWFLAKES: Make and hang white snowflakes from the ceiling. Glue glitter on them for a sparkle. Attach snowflakes of all sizes to every wall, window and empty space in the room. The area should appear to be covered in a blizzard of snow.

SNOWMAN: Make a large snowman from cardboard circles. Cover each circle with cotton batting and glue. Draw black coal eyes, carrot nose and coal smile. Attach real mittens on twigs. The mittens should hold the memory verse printed on a small placard.

SNOW: Drape cotton batting over crushed newspaper in the corners of the room. Make snowballs by crumpling white paper. Christmas snow in a can may be used to spray windows.

OPTIONAL ITEMS: Stand an igloo in one corner, fishing poles and nets, winter coats, hats, mittens, scarves, boots. Use wooden boxes or camp stools for seating.

ICE FISHING HOLE: Place a large mirror on the floor. Surround it with cotton batting snow and snowflakes. This is a hole in the ice for ice fishing. Place a fishing pole with a cork



on the end resting on the mirror. Draw several fish that have already been caught and place them on a fisherman's stringer.

COLD AIR: Run large fans to keep the room cold...no small task in warm weather Vacation Bible School season. If an air conditioner is available, use it to keep the room cold.

COSTUME AND CHARACTER: One reason to keep the room cold is to allow you to wear winter gear. Dig out a winter coat and use cosmetics to give you a pink cheeked coldness. Become a lonely missionary in the Arctic. You have been here through the dark winter months and are excited to see visitors who will keep you company while you read your mail and listen to your audio tape from home. Offer the students earmuffs or mittens or hats or scarves. Keep a box filled with assorted items. As the students enter, give them one item.

NATIONAL WELCOME ACTIVITY: I have waited so long for company from home. I despaired of ever leaving this God forsaken place alive. I have been cold and lonely for months. There are tribes of hardy people living so far north that the rest of the world seems to have forgotten us. God hasn't forgotten us. He is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

When I heard the engines of the little Cessna Piper Cub, I knew someone was coming with my mail. How long can you stay? I wish I could keep you with me forever. I saw a polar bear on the ice dunes and hid here in case he returns looking for a man burger helper meal!

OPENING THE MAIL BAG: Mail time is my favorite time of the month. I'll share my good time with you today. Let's open this bag and see what I have.

BOX OF COOKIES: Mmmm! Have a cookie from home. My mom remembered me. She made these delicious cookies to remind me of her love and of the sights and smells of home. Let's see what her note says:

Dear Child, Are you staying warm? Have you been eating well in the Arctic. I worry about you. Wear your hat and mittens. Oh yes, and don't forget dry socks. I heard Pastor Jack is planning to send you a tape about a mighty missionary. Look for it. Your father has not been feeling well. He wants me to send his love. I talked to Mrs. Feeny yesterday. She said she has been praying for you. Isn't that nice? I pray for you too. Come home soon, child. Your mother misses you. Love and hugs and kisses, Mom."

Aahh, my mom. What a wonderful gal. I think of her often. The first thing I want to do when I get home is hug my mom. Then I want to eat pot roast and mashed potatoes and then I want



to sleep in my old bed. Home! It's a wonderful, friendly place. I think about it often.

AN OVERDUE BILL: Oh, oh, I think I'm in trouble. Look at this piece of mail—

**PAYMENT IS NOW OVERDUE.
PAY THIS BILL BEFORE OUR CREDIT BUREAU MUST COME
LOOKING FOR YOU. WE MEAN BUSINESS. NO PLACE IS
TOO FAR TO SEARCH FOR DELINQUENT CUSTOMERS.
WE WILL TRACK YOU DOWN. PAY NOW!**

Ha! It would be a welcome sight to have someone track me down. I will write a letter to my bank and pay this bill from my checking account. How did I overlook this bill.

LETTER FROM A FRIEND: *“Dear....., I have been thinking about you lately. Are you enjoying life in the Arctic? We all miss you. I have been missing our Friday lunches. Last Friday I shopped alone and went to our old restaurant. It didn't seem the same without you.*

Other friends may come and go but our friendship will always remain no matter how far away you are. As soon as you get home, call me. I'd even change shopping day to Tuesday if we could go together. I will be looking forward to hearing from you soon. Stay warm. Your friend....”

This is my best friend. I look forward to talking about my job and other problems with my friend. Friends are the people who help in times of trouble.

BIBLE STORY AUDIO TAPE: *Ask the pastor or another man to tape the following script onto an audio cassette. The tone should be personal and friendly.*

There is one more little package. Oh look, it's the tape from Pastor Jack. Let's listen to it together. I have strong batteries in my cassette player. Huddle together and let's hear what he has to say about this mighty missionary. Maybe it will make me feel like I have a true friend in this difficult place.



A MISSIONARY MUST BE A FRIEND LIKE BARNABAS

(Tap, tap, tap....) Is it on? Is the tape running? Ahem. Okay, I see it turning. Hi! How have you been? I thought I would take a few minutes to send this message. Have you been a little lonesome for voices from home?

Well, things at church are going pretty good. The kids choir sang last Sunday. I thought about you because they sang “Shall We Gather At the River”...I bet the only river you see is full of ice. Ha, ha. Old Mrs. Thompson died last week. I had the funeral Thursday and the ladies fixed a nice lunch for the family.

Here is a story from the Bible. You may have heard it...if you have don't stop me from telling it again. Ha, ha. The guy's name was Barnabas who's story is told in Acts 9:26-28. Remember when Paul was first saved? He had been a pretty bad guy and the Christians were afraid of him. When he tried to meet them, they locked their doors. He was having a terrible time.

Barnabas entered the picture and took Paul to the disciples. He spoke for Paul and told his story about seeing Jesus on the road to Damascus and becoming blind and wandering into Damascus only to be given his sight again. Paul was a believer and Barnabas we determined that the Christians understand that.

It must have done the trick because after Barnabas spoke up for Paul, the Christians believed him. They allowed him to become part of their little community. He preached and traveled and visited in the homes of Christians.

Do you know what Barnabas means? —Son of Encouragement—and that's just what Barnabas was. He encouraged everyone to get along for the sake of Christ. He entered into the middle of a difficult situation and became a true friend to everyone involved. Later, Barnabas became a well loved missionary. He was privileged to be in Antioch where folks were first called Christians. He was a mighty missionary if there ever was one.

I thought you might need to hear that. If you are feeling lonely, remember there are friends who love you. If you need to be a friend to someone else or if you need to be a mighty missionary in a lonely place, remember Barnabas. Be a “Son of Encouragement.”

Well, I better stop before the tape runs out. Stay warm up there. Send me a letter and let me know what you think about Barnabas. I will be glad to have you back in the congregation when you get home. Oh yes, your mom and dad say hi. They miss you. Well, bye for now. God bless you.

(Tap, tap, tap....) Is it off yet? What button do I push? I think it's time for lunch. That



button? I think it's off. I can do it...tap...Oh, here it.... CLICK.

Wow! What a wonderful way to hear from home. I love that guy. He's a great pastor and he always knows what to say at the right time. I had been feeling very sorry for myself. I feel much better now. I know that the Lord is with me wherever I go. I will not be lonely even if I am in a lonely place.

MEMORY VERSE: *...But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.*
Proverbs 18:24

CRAFT: Choose an S&S arts and crafts catalog craft or design a homemade project. (Prices may change.)

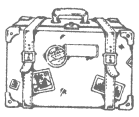
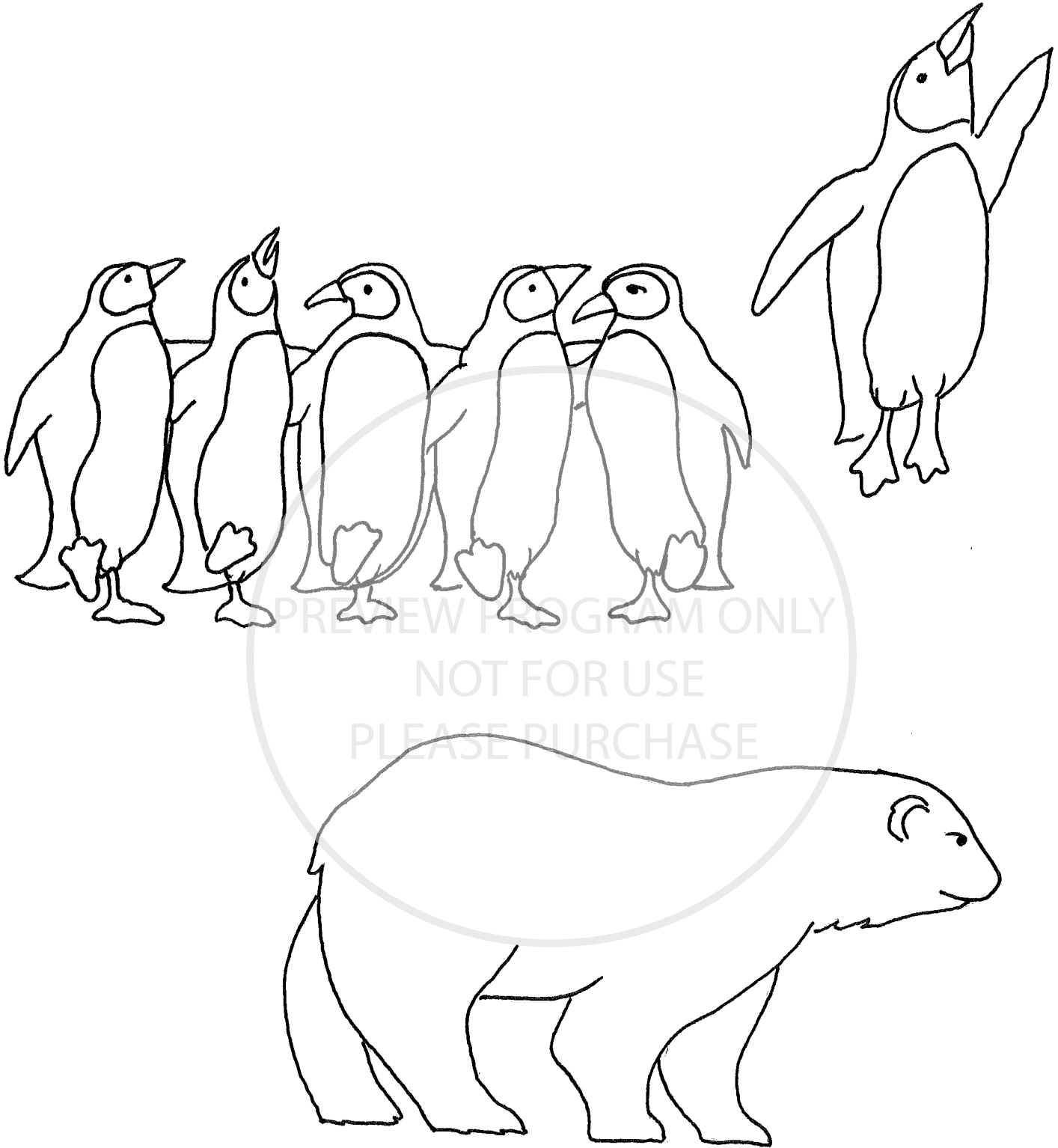
FRIENDSHIP PINS: Our most popular project at the low, low price of 11 cents each. Pins without the loop in the middle make this craft even more fun and attractive. Includes self locking pins, multicolored seed beads and instructions. 3/4". EMA-GP1288 \$15.99 per pack of 144.

PUZZLE PIECE FRAMES: Here's an interesting collage activity for framing pictures of friends. Use the non toxic washable markers to color the 28 puzzle pieces and then glue them to the cardboard frame in a unique pattern(Glue sold separately.) Includes instructions. Frame 5 1/2". EMA-GP1028 \$6.49 per pack of 12. 54 cents per project.

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THE ARCTIC--ANIMALS TO DRAW FOR THE WORKSHOP WALLS





MISSION STATION #5:

PARADISE ISLAND

Risk taking is part of a missionary's life. Long travel in dangerous territory, strange foods, hostile people and life in a strange place add to daily danger. Missionaries depend upon God in special ways to protect them from things that would hurt them. We must also learn to depend upon our Heavenly Father when we are in danger.

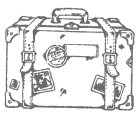
DECORATION: Turn an empty room into a tropical paradise. Fill the corners with large green plants. Make construction paper palm leaves to place on one wall. Lean a rowboat and oars against one wall. Large fishing nets and life preservers may be near the boat. Scatter beach towels, beach toys, buckets, etc. around the room. Wicker furniture, lawn chairs and other tropical items adds to the ambiance of the space. Find Island decorations in party stores. Check out the great tropical decor offered by **ORIENTAL TRADING CATALOG**. Ask your local grocery store for leftover food displays (plastic fish, nets, fruit signs, etc.) Place a large fan in the room for a gentle ocean breeze.

SEA SHELLS: Scatter seashells around the room. Draw seashells in bright colors to place on the walls.

FRUIT: Place real coconuts, bananas, mangos, kiwi, pineapple and other tropical fruit in wooden bowls, baskets and on colorful blankets. Use the fruit as decor but also offer taste treats to the students.

ROCKS AND SAND: Bring large rocks to pile in one corner. Spread a plastic drop cloth and fill it with play sand.

ANIMALS: Find stuffed animals and birds. Monkeys and toucans are great island guests. Large tropical fish look great too. If possible, bring real gold fish into the room. Fill a tank or small bowls. Allow the students to feed them when they enter the area.



TREASURE CHEST: The treasure chest is the center piece of the Mission Station lesson. Borrow an old chest and place it in the center of the room with sand and a shovel. This represents a treasure chest that has been unearthed. Place lots of costume jewelry and cheap beads in the chest along with the lesson treasures.

COSTUME AND CHARACTER: Wear a brightly colored Hawaiian shirt, shorts and sandals. Wear a straw hat and sunglasses with leis around your neck. Other options include grass skirt or muu-muu. Become the Paradise Island missionary.

NATIONAL WELCOME ACTIVITY: *Present a lei to each student. They may wear the lei everywhere they go for the day.* Welcome to Paradise Island where the breeze is always blowing, the sea is always warm and the people always ready to share the story of Jesus. When missionaries first came to Paradise Island, no one had ever heard the name Jesus. What a wonderful gift has been given to these people. Look with me into the old treasure chest left by the first missionary doctor and his wife many years ago. We may have to dust off the treasures but they will teach us about the Savior.

OLD BIBLE: This is the first Bible ever brought to Paradise Island. It is old now but the message is still the same. It is filled with stories of men and women who followed God. Now each Paradise resident owns their own Bible. We missionaries help them read God's Word every day.

HEART LOCKET: This is truly a golden treasure. The missionaries brought it to show that God is Love. The island people didn't know there was an almighty God who loved them..

PIECE OF COAL: How can this ugly lump of coal be a treasure? It is a reminder that we are all sinners. The Bible says, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

PIECE OF SOFT FLANNEL, OLD NAIL, SMALL ROCK IN A JEWELRY CASE: These are the dearest treasures of all. We place them in a lovely box to treasure them. They remind us that God provided a way for us to be saved from sin. He sent His only Son, Jesus, to be born. The cloth reminds us about the soft swaddling clothes, the nail reminds us of the cross and the rock shouts that the tomb where He was placed was empty after three days. When the stone rolled away, Jesus was gone. He had risen just as He said.



WRAPPED TREASURE: This reminds us that God’s only rule for salvation is that we reach out and take the gift of Jesus. We cannot be good enough to get to heaven so Jesus did the work for us. *(Open the box to discover book marks, key chains, pictures of Jesus, erasers or any other small gift to give students.)* You must open a treasure and enjoy it.

How do we enjoy Jesus? We go to church, have Christian friends, learn about Jesus, read the Bible, pray and tell other people about Him. As we get to know Jesus, we depend upon Him to be our friend and to keep us from danger.

MEMORY VERSE: *Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:15*
Print the scripture verse on an old piece of paper. Roll it up and place it in an old bottle stuck in the sand. Open the bottle and read the message:

To the finder of this bottle: I have been shipwrecked on Malta. I have survived as well as the 275 other souls aboard. Today’s date is October, 59 A.D. We are spending the winter here before traveling to Rome. My friend, Dr. Luke, and I have been praying for and healing the natives on the island. Many have believed in Jesus, the Teacher from Galilee and Savior of the world. I must travel to stand as prisoner before Caesar. I am confident that the God who sustained me in the shipwreck will protect me in the courts of a powerful nation. Learn well the words of Jesus: “Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Until we meet in that land where all is light and Jesus is the Sun.....

I remain His faithful and mighty missionary.

Paul





A MISSIONARY MUST FACE DANGER LIKE PAUL

From Acts 27-28: It is amazing that we found Paul's message today because it is his shipwreck adventure that we are going to discuss. Paul spent his life traveling to tell people about Jesus. In fact, Paul was the first traveling missionary. He faced danger every day and trusted in the Lord to protect him.

Paul was arrested because people were threatened by the truth of Jesus. Guards watched Paul while he was taken to Rome, Italy on a large corn ship. Evidently his friend, Dr. Luke, was with him because we hear the story from Luke in Acts. Luke got to be part of this exciting adventure.

During the journey to Rome, a huge storm tossed the ship around the ocean for days. The 276 people on board were terrified. Their ship was not strong enough to withstand the force of the gales. The sail ripped, the boat nearly capsized and the men were screaming.

Paul received encouragement from the Lord. An angel told him that everyone would survive but the ship would be lost. Prisoner Paul told the men to calm down and trust in God. At first they refused. After many days of not eating and being afraid, they finally trust Paul and rested enough to eat and gain strength for the next part of the adventure.

The men threw the corn shipment overboard and waited for morning, hoping for the best. Soon they heard the waves crashing against land. It was time to act. The captain of the ship rammed the boat onto the beach. It came close but not close enough to walk to shore. Strong swimmers were to dive overboard and swim for shore. Non swimmers were to grab a board or box and float to shore. They all made it—just as God promised!

A Roman law stated that if a prisoner escaped, the guard was to suffer the same fate from the court as the prisoner would have received. The guards wanted to kill the prisoners to save themselves. The ship captain, who had taken a liking to Paul, refused to allow the murders in order to save Paul's life. Not one prisoner swam away and escaped.

The rag tag band of wet and frightened men rested on the island beach. Paul made a fire using bundles of sticks. Little did he know that in one bundle was a small snake. It bit him and everyone was sure he was going to die—but he didn't! They knew that Paul's God was powerful.

The islanders were impressed with Paul and Dr. Luke. During the winter, they visited the homes of residents and many were healed. Paul prayed them well and Dr. Luke used his medical skills. This made Luke the first medical missionary. People believed in Jesus because of that shipwreck. In the spring, the crew found passage on another ship and Paul arrived in Rome, ready for trial, none the worse for wear—but that's another story!

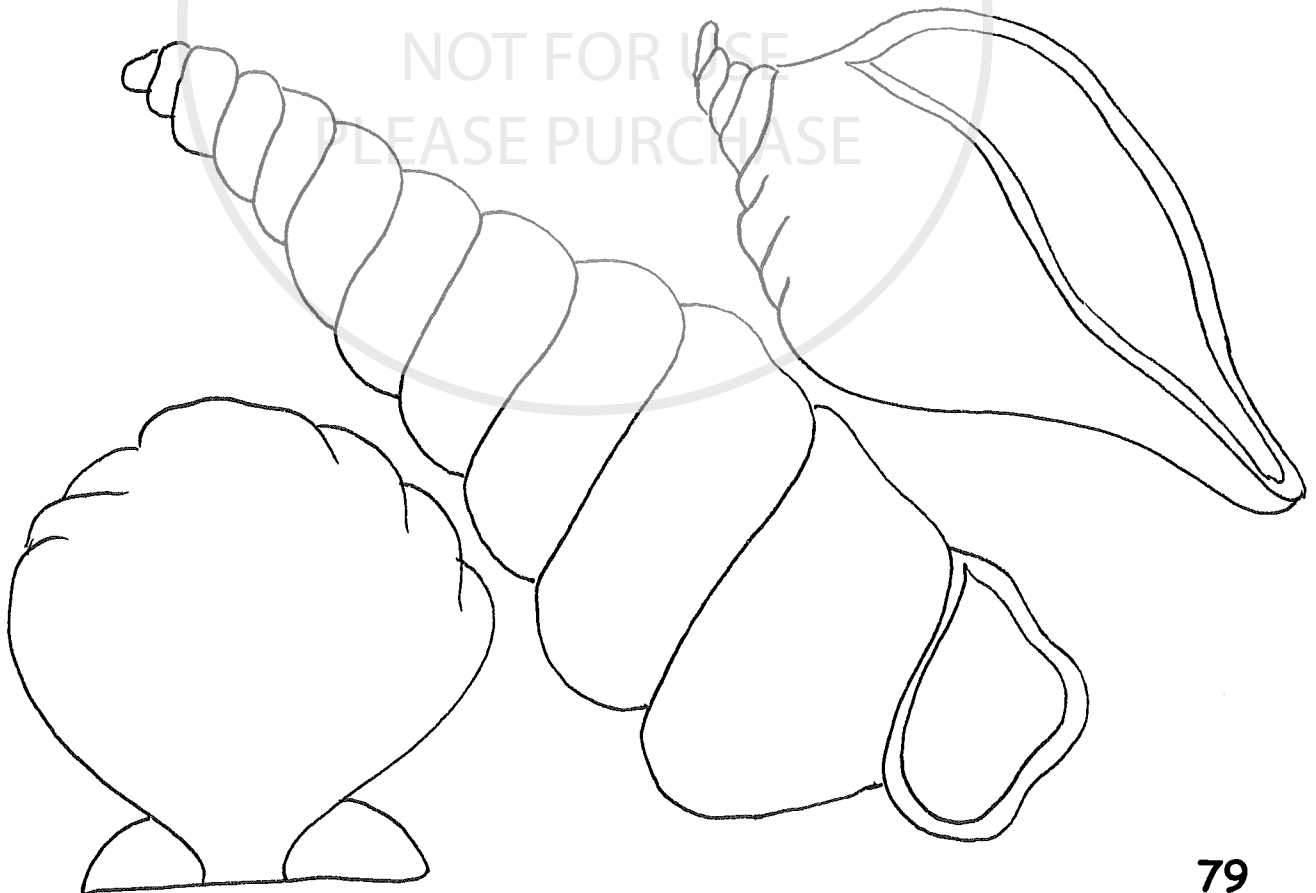


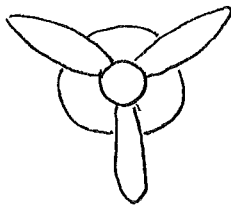
CRAFT: Choose one of the suggested tropical crafts from S&S arts and crafts catalog or create your own island project. (Prices may change.)

SAND TERRARIUM PACK. Soothing visual landscapes done in dramatic multicolored layers of sand. Easy, satisfying project. Contains fine sand in colors, clear 10 oz plastic containers, dowels, measuring cups and instructions. (Weighs 22 lbs..additional postage required) 3 ½" tall. SD9-GP113 \$25.49 per pack of 25. \$1.02 per project.

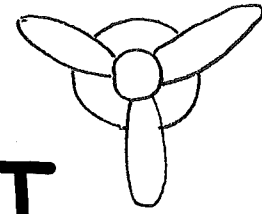
SHELL CROSS NECKLACES. The cross is the sign of God's love for us. Enjoy making one of a kind crosses and wearing this special symbol. Includes a variety of attractive shells, gold cord, plywood crosses, non toxic glue and instructions 2 ¼" x 3". SD9-RE201 \$12.99 per pack of 16. 81 cents per project.

SHELL FRAMES. Show off a favorite picture. Includes frames with easel backs, assorted natural shells, non toxic gold and silver acrylic paint and glue, brushes and instructions. 5 ½" square, inside 2 ¼" x 3 ¼". SD9-GP931 \$16.99 per pack of 18. 94 cents per project.





THE JET SET



THIS AREA IS FOR PRESCHOOL STUDENTS AGES FOUR-PRE KINDERGARTEN. Decide whether to include some five year old students in this group or to allow them to become part of the kindergarten group. Students under the age of three should be part of the Nursery.

THEME: THE JET SET study the same spiritual themes as older students. Daily activities emphasize what older students are learning but on a preschool level with preschool teachers.

Use the curriculum as a guide but provide plenty of time for rest, play and simple crafting. At no time feel pressured to move students to activities if they are crying or upset. Cancel your appearance in favor of free play time if the group needs to rest or calm down.

TEACHERS: There should be one helper for every 2-3 students. Parental help is welcomed and encouraged. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Make each day fun and relaxing. Students should be able to chatter and sing without being reprimanded. However, run away children or rudeness must not be tolerated.

HOME BASE DECORATION: This room is where some activity for preschool children takes place. Use ideas from the decorating section. Bring items ranging from globes to airplanes, international flags and posters.

CRIERS: Behavior in this age group is unpredictable. If a few children continually cry, ask helpers to keep them busy separately with play and coloring in the home base area. Movement around the building may be threatening for some younger students.

If one or two children never calm down, it may be necessary to ask a parent to stay with their child or take them home and try again next year. While we want to accommodate as many young students as possible, crying and temper tantrums discourage teachers, helpers and students. The child may be too young and will do better at a later time.



PLANNING THE JET SET DAY

Two hours + is a long time for preschool students. Plan the day around lots of play time. Bring beach balls, balloons, bubbles and other outdoor toys to play indoors or outdoors. Purchase small story books from the local Christian book store. Use these books as fill in teaching times.

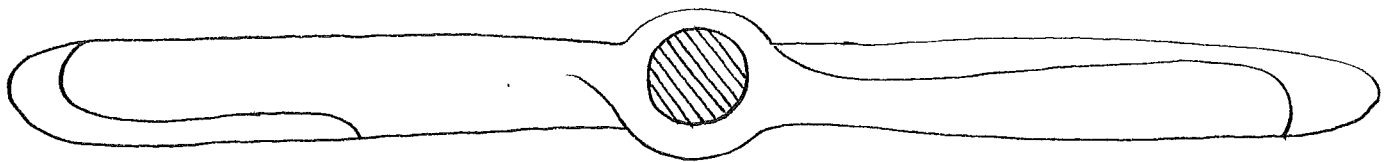
Travel with the students to other areas of EARTH FLIGHT as suggested in the daily schedule. If your students are very young and get tired easily, omit some activity stops. They do not have to participate in every specialty room activity.

NATURE WALK: This may be the highlight of each day and should be inserted into times when a planned 15 minute activity is not appropriate for the preschool student. When taking a walk, go with a nature bracelet. Put a band of duct tape (sticky side out) around each child's wrist. As children walk, let them pick up leaves, sticks and flowers and stick them to their bracelet. When you return, discuss all the treasures they found. Talk about how our loving God made everything for our enjoyment and to meet our needs.

AIRPORT TERMINAL OPENING: THE JET SET may participate in the opening if they can sit still for 15 minutes. This is an opportunity to organize name tags and gather the group before the day begins. Ask a helper to take "criers" to home base for a few simple activities. This avoids chaos and distraction for the older students during opening activities.

SKY CAP MUSIC: Encourage preschoolers to participate in music time. Take the students to the music area and stay with them fifteen minutes each day.

GLOBAL CHRISTIAN VILLAGE: Talk to the leaders to find out if the materials will be inappropriate for your students. If the leaders are willing to simplify their materials, take THE JET SET each day.



EF AIR SNACKS: Take students to the fifteen minute snack time. Sit with them. Use this time as a bathroom and hand washing break.

NAVIGATOR STORY TIME: This is a continuing story time. If you think your students would like to hear the story and can sit quietly for fifteen minutes, take them. The Navigator may want to find five simple one day stories.

MISSION STATIONS: Rather than trying to duplicate Mission Station decorations, take your students to one station each day for their Bible time. Tell the Mission Station teacher you will use their room for fifteen minutes when their class is not in session. Use the props available in each area to tell the Bible story. Use copies of each Mission Station lesson plan as designed for older students. Activity suggestions may be used or not used at the discretion of your staff. Simplify each Bible story as needed.

WORLD WIDE GAMES: Take students to the daily fifteen minute recreation. There are many games these young children will be able to play. If you feel more comfortable, plan separate recreation for your small ones and create your own games.

REST TIME: Allow time for unstructured play and rest. Darken Home Base, play a tape of Christian music or listen to a taped story while encouraging quiet activity.

CRAFTS: Make crafting simple and fun. The perfect preschool craft is one which can be completed by the student with a minimum of teacher help. Provide coloring pictures and crayons for slow times. Modeling clay or Play Doh should be available. Stringing large beads is a favorite activity. Purchase one theme related craft project for each day. S&S arts and crafts catalog offers many projects appropriate for the preschool students. (Catalog prices may change.) Local craft stores may also have ideas for easy projects. Use the following project suggestions or design your own crafts:

SQUISH ART. Create squish art by using our special tool. Great fun and so easy to do! Experiment with color mixing and create exotic forms. Includes heavyweight cards, frames, squish art tools, non toxic finger paints and instructions. 5" x 7" EMA-GP231 \$20.99 per pack of 25. 84 cents per project.



SUPER FOAM SLITHERING SAM. Cute as a bug! (Missionaries see lots of bugs!) Accordion folded foam strips are held together with chenille stems. Heads are made from pompons with holes which make assembly easy Add wiggly eyes and feelers. Size: 2 ½" x ½". Kit includes assorted foam strips, pompons, chenille stems, wiggly eyes, non toxic glue and instructions. EMA-GP 1344 \$47.99 per pack of 200. EMA-GP1334 \$29.99 per pack of 100.

SAND CROSSES. It is so easy to create these beautiful cross pendants. Just peel the backing off the precut cross, sprinkle with sand in your own design, and then string on a cord. To wear. Kit contains precut self adhesive cross shapes, ultra fine sand, cord and instructions. EMA-RE337 \$26.99 per pack of 48. 56 cents per project.

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THE NURSERY

WHO SHOULD COME TO THE NURSERY? All children birth through age three who are children of teachers and helpers. It is the decision of each local church whether to open the nursery to the public. The curriculum is not designed for students under four years old. They do not respond well to high activity so loved by older students. A separate space offers more security.

HOW MANY HELPERS SHOULD WE ASK TO HELP IN THE NURSERY? Ideally, one helper per baby in charge of all care for that infant from bottles to changing diapers.

SHOULD WE PLAN ACTIVITIES IN THE NURSERY? The nursery is a babysitting service but tell a few stories, sing some songs, play tapes, give wagon rides and take walks. Decide how much to do by the ages of the children.

SHOULD WE FEED CHILDREN IN THE NURSERY? Ask parents involved. They may want to provide some snacks from home. If you do feed toddlers, be sure the food is safe and healthful. (WARNING: NO POPCORN, HOT DOGS, LOLLIPOPS OR HARD CANDY WHICH COULD CATCH IN A TINY THROAT.)

HOW SHOULD WE DRESS IN THE NURSERY? Wear washable clothing and shoes that are low and comfortable. The key to being happy in the nursery is to be comfortable. Theme costuming is not necessary.

WHAT SHOULD WE BRING FROM HOME TO MAKE THE NURSERY A PLEASANT PLACE? Bring Christian tapes. Play music at a low, non threatening volume. Bring a small fan if days are hot and humid. Place the fan away from children—preferably on a shelf or high table.

