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HOW TO USE THE SUPER SIMPLE MISSION KIT



Purpose

As you lead children through the eye-opening and spiritually rich experiences in this Super Simple Mission Kit, you'll be a part of God's exciting work in their lives! This kit will equip you to . . .

- open kids' eyes to see the needy around the world and in their community!
- shape kids' hearts to mirror God's heart of compassion!
- inspire kids to minister to others in hands-on, practical ways!
- provide kids a chance to help orphans through financial giving!
- embolden kids to courageously follow God's call!

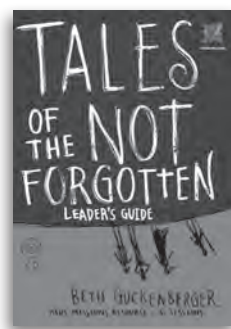
The *Tales of the Not Forgotten* curriculum will help kids discover the basic needs of children living in poverty and lead them to find biblical answers to these challenging questions: How do I pray? What can I give? Where can I go? Who will I serve? Kids will be challenged to consider God as their Storyweaver and to wonder about a world bigger than the one they know.

Kit Components

Tales of the Not Forgotten **Leader's Guide CD**

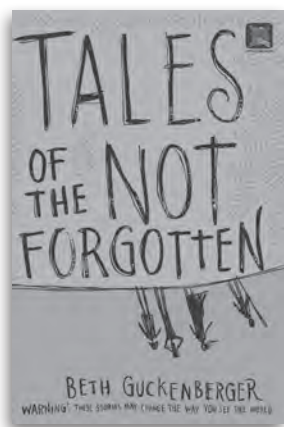
This fully editable and modifiable leader's guide includes

- all six of the *Tales of the Not Forgotten* curriculum sessions included in this director's guide;
- creative take-home resources to guide family conversations;
- additional activity options to customize each session to meet your needs;
- photos, posters, and more!



Tales of the Not Forgotten book by Beth Guckenberger

This collection of four real-life stories takes kids on a journey to faraway lands and unknown faces to show how God is caring for orphans around the world. Targeted for young readers, this book will inspire adults and kids alike. Consider purchasing additional copies so every adult leader and participating child can experience the *Tales of the Not Forgotten* (ISBN 978-0-7847-3528-2) journey on their own.



Kids Serving Kids™ DVD

This DVD includes videos to enrich your *Tales of the Not Forgotten* sessions:

- Back2Back Ministries Videos—Missions segments introduce your team to this exciting ministry.
- Joel's Story—Kids will hear how God worked in a mighty way to provide food for Joel and other orphans from Mexico.
- Ibrahim's Story—Kids will hear how God worked in a mighty way to provide clean water for Ibrahim and his community in Nigeria.
- "Shine and Serve"—This music video by Yancy helps kids get excited about serving as they worship.



Missions Posters and Serving Hands

Use the 6 colorful posters and 50 serving hands to create a display that will help your kids visualize how much good they can do in Jesus' name for orphans around the world.



Partnership with Back2Back Ministries

This Mission Kit helps kids engage with Back2Back Ministries in their work with orphans in Mexico, Nigeria, Haiti, and India. Back2Back Ministries is an international Christian nonprofit organization that is dedicated to being a voice for orphans. Back2Back's goal is "that each child would experience restoration to a life of purpose in which they become fulfilled and mature Christian adults."

- Todd and Beth Guckenberger are the executive directors of Back2Back Ministries and live in Monterrey, Mexico.
- Back2Back supports over 1,000 children in children's homes and hundreds more in low-income areas (squatters' villages) in four countries: Mexico, Haiti, Nigeria, and India.
- The focus of Back2Back Ministries is investing on a deeper level in the lives of children by providing holistic care. This is illustrated in their child development model of meeting the spiritual, physical, educational, emotional, and social needs of each child served.
- Visit www.back2back.org for more information and inspiring stories of hope.



Using This Super Simple Mission Kit in Your Children's Ministry

The *Tales of the Not Forgotten* curriculum in this director's guide is designed to be used as a special **six-week** focus in your Sunday school, children's church, or mid-week program. You could also use the sessions as a "4 + 2" program with session 1 as a special family night at your church to kick things off, sessions 2 to 5 used during your regular Sunday school or midweek program, and session 6 used as a closing weekend service experience.

In addition, you can customize this content for use in a different ministry format, such as a mini-camp experience, a VBS extension, a lock-in or overnighter, or a family night as part of your church missions conference. See the **Customize It** section later in this guide for specific outlines and ideas.

Give and Serve Option

Whether you use these sessions in a six-week format or use one of the Customize It plans, you'll have the option of connecting kids with the critical step of giving. Students can make a measurable difference in the lives of orphans by giving their own offerings to Back2Back Ministries. You can create a display using the serving hands and missions posters to highlight the specific needs of orphans that your group will address. See the **Give and Serve Option** section for all the details you need to create the Serving Hands Wall and to mobilize your group to impact lives through giving.

Worship Option

Ultimately, serving others isn't about us or those we serve—it's about God! Loving God, honoring God, obeying God, serving God—that's what your kids will be doing during this Kids Serving Kids missions experience. To help them do that, you can use Yancy's song "Shine and Serve" (on the DVD) to lead kids in worship as they commit themselves to God and seek to follow God's call in their lives.



Shine and Serve

God made me
a part of His story.

I will live all
for His glory,
every day and every night.
(2x)

C'mon, let's go tell
everyone we know.
C'mon, get loud
and let love show.
C'mon, get ready, let's go!

So let's all shine and serve.
Let's all give and love.
Till the whole world knows
Jesus loves them.
So let's shine and serve.

God made me
a part of His story.
I will live all

for His glory,
every day and every night.

So c'mon, we're gonna go
change the world.
C'mon, let's go tell
every boy and girl.
C'mon, get ready, let's go!

So let's all shine and serve.
Let's all give and love.
Till the whole world knows
Jesus loves them.
(2x)

So let's shine and serve.

We can shine, we can serve
right here (right here).
We can shine, we can serve
all over the world
(all over the world).

We can shine, we can serve
Everywhere (everywhere).
We can shine, we can serve.
C'mon, get ready, let's go!

Let's all shine and serve.
Let's all give and love.
Till the whole world knows
Jesus loves them.
(2x)

So let's shine and serve.

Words and music by Yancy
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Before You Begin

Show videos about Back2Back Ministries. Show your adult volunteers the “Changing Lives with Back2Back Ministries” and “Overview of Back2Back Ministries” videos on the Kids Serving Kids DVD. These powerful videos will connect you and your volunteers with the heart of Back2Back Ministries and will inspire you as you mobilize kids to get involved in missions.

Decide how you'll give. Check out the Give and Serve Option section to determine which specific area(s) of need you want your group to focus on as kids bring offerings to help orphans through Back2Back Ministries.

Create the Serving Hands Wall. Find more details in the Give and Serve Option section about how you can use the serving hands and missions posters to create a meaningful display that helps your group track their giving and life-application commitments.

Invite families to participate. The first session is meant to involve parents and kids, so before you launch this series be sure to get families excited about participating together. (If it isn't possible to involve whole families, you can easily adapt session 1 to use with just kids.)

Determine how you'll serve. In addition to the Give and Serve Option, kids will be doing hands-on service projects in session 6. Review the activities outlined in the Service Project Options of this session as well as in the **Bonus Service Ideas** section to select which experiences will be a good fit for your group.

Print the needed curriculum materials from the *Tales of the Not Forgotten Leader's Guide* CD. Each session includes several options; select which activities fit your group best and print the needed materials (scripts, handouts, Family Connect pages, photos, Bible Memory posters, and so on).

TALES OF THE NOT FORGOTTEN CURRICULUM



About These Sessions

These six sessions, designed to go with the stories from *Tales of the Not Forgotten*, will help kids connect their lives with the real stories of children around the world and will take kids on a journey to faraway lands and unknown faces. On the way they'll see the hand of the great Storyweaver, writing endings no one could imagine!

The sessions will help you guide students through difficult issues including the basic needs of children living in poverty and third-world countries. The stories will spark an interest in your students to consider God as their Storyweaver and to wonder about a world bigger than the one they know. Help guide students as they begin to find their own answers to these challenging questions: How do I pray? What can I give? Where can I go? Who will I serve?

These sessions are perfect for elementary kids' Sunday school or weekend programs, children's church, or midweek programs. All documents on the *Tales of the Not Forgotten Leader's Guide* CD are provided as Microsoft® Word files so it's easy to edit and customize to fit your unique needs. You can print off the lessons and other materials for all your teachers and leaders or e-mail the materials to them.

These sessions can easily work for a classroom-based format or a large group/small group format. Talking points and instructions to be spoken by teachers are provided in **bold** type, so teachers of every skill level will find the lessons easy to lead. Tips are provided throughout on how to adapt activities for larger or smaller groups of kids. Since everything is editable, you can choose what works best for your situation and adapt this curriculum to meet your needs.

Customizable and editable electronic versions of all six *Tales of the Not Forgotten* sessions along with scripts, posters, activity handouts, family take-home pages, and Bible memory posters can all be found on the *Tales of the Not Forgotten Leader's Guide* CD included in your Super Simple Mission Kit.



The Family Session (session 1) is a great way to get entire families involved.

If you've not yet tried a session for the entire family—now's the time! Families will have lots of fun participating together. However, if it isn't possible in your situation to involve whole families, you can easily adapt this session to use with just kids. If families do participate and you have some kids present without other family members, arrange for those kids to sit with families they know and are comfortable with.

Bible Memory for all sessions:

"God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.' So we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid'" (Hebrews 13:5, 6).

The Bible Memory passage, Hebrews 13:5, 6, is provided in two file formats on the *Leader's Guide CD*: an editable Microsoft Word document that can be printed and displayed, and a JPEG document that can be projected or printed.

The creative take-home resources are sure to spark some great family conversations! Each week, you can either send these resources home with kids or e-mail them to families. If printing the take-home resources, you may want to print them on colorful paper or card stock.

Curriculum Overview Chart

SESSION	THE NEED	BIBLE STORY	TALES OF THE NOT FORGOTTEN STORY
Session 1 Special session that can be done with kids and families	The Need to Consider God as the Storyweaver	Philip and the Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-40)	Set in Mexico "Naomi, Beth, and the Storyweaver"
Session 2	The Need for Faith in God	Joseph in Prison (Genesis 40, 41)	Set in Mexico "Joel's Hunger: How Do I Pray?"

Session 3	The Need for Food and Generosity	Jesus Feeds More Than 5,000 People (John 6:1-14)	Set in Haiti "Seraphina's Choice: What Can I Give?"
Session 4	The Need for Clean Water and Partnerships	Moses and Water from a Rock (Exodus 17:1-7)	Set in Nigeria "Ibrahim's Thirst: Where Can I Go?"
Session 5	The Need for Education	Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-52)	Set in India "Christiana's Mission: Who Will I Serve?"
Session 6	The Need to Pray, Give, Go, and Serve	Special Session—it's all about serving as kids participate in service projects!	

Overview of a Session

Intro Activities

Choose one of the two fun activities for kids to do when you're ready to start. Each activity gets kids involved and thinking about the theme of the session.

Interactive Bible Story

The Bible story connects with the story from the book *Tales of the Not Forgotten*. The interactive Bible story gets all the kids participating!

Bible Memory

A creative activity helps students understand, learn, and memorize the Bible Memory passage: Hebrews 13:5, 6.

Tales of the Not Forgotten Story

Two adults and/or students read a story from the book *Tales of the Not Forgotten* (or the shorter version of the story provided in this guide and on the accompanying CD). These stories will take kids on a journey to faraway lands and unknown faces.

Review Activity

A fun activity helps kids think more about the people in the story and how the great Storyweaver worked in their lives. This activity also helps kids start to think about their own lives and what they can do.

Extra ideas!

This *Kids Serving Kids Director's Guide* includes extra ideas you won't find on the *Tales of the Not Forgotten Leader's Guide* CD. Each of these extra ideas is marked in gray.

Inspiring Kid Story

A student will read a true story of an ordinary kid who is making an extraordinary impact in the world.

Application Activity

A meaningful activity helps kids think about how they can respond to what they've discovered and learned.

Prayer Time

Students will pray for people around the world with specific needs.

Give and Serve Option

Provide an opportunity for students to give an offering to support orphans through Back2Back Ministries.

Worship Option

Wrap up with an upbeat time of worship as kids watch Yancy's video and sing "Shine and Serve."

Send Home or E-mail

Send home with kids or e-mail to families creative resources to keep the conversation going at home. These resources can be found in each session's folder on the *Tales of the Not Forgotten Leader's Guide* CD.

- Family Connect
- Conversation Cards
- Discuss-It Cube

Extra Time

Do you have extra time? Are you using these sessions for your homeschool or Christian school? Check out the Extra Activities documents in each session. You'll find arts and crafts projects, map and social studies activities, food fun, and reading and math activities.

Bonus Service Ideas

Share ideas for how kids can serve in your community during the week. Optionally, set out take-home supplies or set up a "Serve Others" table where kids can work on service projects before or after each session.



DIRECTOR'S GUIDE for A Super Simple Mission Kit

This easy-to-use guide will lead you through every step of your missions experience! You'll find everything you need—lesson plans, schedules, serving activities, a giving project, and more—to plan and lead service-focused events using all the resources in this kit.

Great as a . . .

- ▶ Curriculum for your church missions conference
- ▶ Follow-up to VBS
- ▶ Missions experience during school breaks
- ▶ Midweek or Sunday school program
- ▶ Family ministry event

