



2022 EFM CHILDREN'S MISSIONS FOCUS

# LET'S GO!

MATTHEW 28: 19-20

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*“And he said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.’” Luke 10:2*

Did you know that (according to the Joshua Project), there are still over 7,000 unreached people groups? This is about 3.23 billion or 41.6% of the world’s population who have not heard the Good News of the gospel!

With such a great need, how do we encourage the next generation of Christ followers to continue this work? We hope that this five-day devotional serves as a tool to start conversations about missions between children and families. Each day is designed to be completed in 5-10 minutes and can be used in a number of ways – over dinner, during children’s programming, or in a small group to name a few. The format includes scripture reading and helps guide children to engage and apply what they are discussing. There is also space to write down any insights, answers, or reflections. Writing them down can be useful in remembering and taking next steps. Use the space however best suits your needs.

You are receiving a copy of this devotional because you care about the work of EFM. We offer it as a gift and are grateful for your support.

We pray that this devotional will ignite an interest in missions with you and your family. Whether you pray for a missionary, go as a missionary, or financially support a missionary, we all have a part in missions today and in the future.

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# Day 1

## What is Missions?

### Take a Look in the Bible

*“For ‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!’”* Romans 10:13-15

### Talk About It

- Why do people need Jesus?
- What does it mean to call on the Lord?
- Why is it important for us to talk to God?

### Try It Out

- Have you made a decision to call on the Lord and be saved?
- Who else around us can we share this Good News of Jesus with?

### Talk to God

Lord, thank you so much for dying on the cross and giving us the opportunity to call upon you. We ask that you show us who around us we can also share this Good News with. In Jesus name we pray!



# Day 2

## What Does it Mean to be a Missionary?

### Take a Look in the Bible

*“While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’ So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.” Acts 13:2-3*

### Talk About It

- What does it mean to be a missionary?
- How did Barnabas and Saul know they were called to be missionaries?

### Try It Out

- Are there any missionaries we can contact to hear about their stories of becoming missionaries?
- Is there anywhere in the world we can pray about going?
- Why that place?

### Talk to God

Lord, thank you so much that you brought Barnabas and Saul into my life so I can hear the Good News. I pray that if you are calling us to be missionaries, you would make it clear and give us all peace about it. In Jesus name we pray!

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# Day 3

## What is Local Missions?

### Take a Look in the Bible

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8*

### Talk About It

- How do we as a family or church love people in our Jerusalem (neighborhood)?
- How do we serve and love the people in Judea/Samaria (a little further away from our home and church)?

### Try It Out

- How can we pray and love people in our local community better? (neighborhood clean-up, prayer walks, etc.)
- How can we pray and love people a few cities over?

### Talk to God

Dear Lord, thank you so much that you want us to be a part of your work all over the world. You allow us to be a part of what you are doing here, a little further, and throughout the world. Would you please show us how we can be better witnesses for your gospel in our Jerusalem, in our Judea and Samaria and throughout the ends of the earth? We pray all of this in Jesus' name.



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# Day 4

## What is International Missions?

### Take a Look in the Bible

*“For this is what the Lord has commanded us: ‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’”*

Acts 13:47

### Talk About It

- How do we love people in other countries? (Prayer, financial support, encouragement)
- What are we already doing as a family/church?

### Try It Out

- How can we love and serve people in other countries? (Prayer, support our missionaries, etc.)
- What are some ways we can get involved hands on?

### Talk to God

Father, thank you for the missionaries you have already called around the world. Lord, how can we get more involved as a church/family? Would you open up doors for us to love people that are at the ends of the earth. We pray this is Jesus name!

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# Day 5

## Why Should I Get Involved?

### Take a Look in the Bible

*“And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Luke 10:2*

### Talk About It

- What are we doing as a family/church to seek “the harvest”?
- How are we being the laborers on the field?

### Try It Out

- How can we as a family/church help with the harvest?
- Can we go ourselves?
- Can we pray for the harvest?
- Can we encourage the harvesters?
- Can we give towards helping with harvest?

### Talk to God

Lord, thank you that the harvest is plentiful and that people are ready to receive you. We pray, God, that you would show us how we can participate in that process. What would you like us to do? We pray this in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

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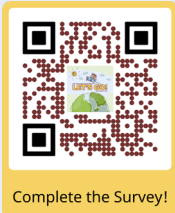
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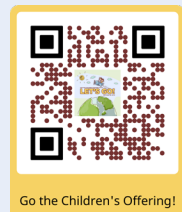
Thank you for using this devotional! We hope that you found it useful in creating conversations about missions and would love your feedback. If you are willing to share the impact of these exercises, please scan the QR to the left. In return, we will send you a special gift to continue praying for EFM.

Did you know that EFM has a Five-Year Goal to send **10 Missionary Households to 5 New Mission Fields by 2025**? We need your help in reaching this goal! If you want to learn more about how to get involved, check out these resources:

- Visit our Five-Year Goal webpage at [friendsmission.com/five-year-goal](https://friendsmission.com/five-year-goal) for video resources and to find out how God is working right now!
- Join our monthly Luke 10:2 Prayer Gathering on the second Thursday of each month. Sign up at [friendsmission.com/five-year-goal-pray](https://friendsmission.com/five-year-goal-pray).
- Learn how you or someone you know can “Go” with EFM at [friendsmission.com/five-year-goal-go](https://friendsmission.com/five-year-goal-go).

If the Lord impresses upon you to financially support EFM, you can give:

- Online at [friendsmission.com/2022-childrens](https://friendsmission.com/2022-childrens) or by scanning the QR code to the right.
- By credit card over the phone at **303-421-8100**.
- By mailing a check to **PO Box 771139, Wichita, KS 67277**. Please make sure to designate your gift to “2022 Children’s Missions Focus.”





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