

Children's resources

Global Interaction has produced some material for children's workers to use during May Mission Month. The following pages will give you an overview to the themes and activities.

There are various individual and group ideas for different ages and full details and solutions can be found at www.globalinteraction.org.au/MMM/children

SUMMARY

In the Bible (Matthew 28:16-20) we read that Jesus asked all of His followers (which includes us) to share His love and teachings to everyone in the world – this is called The Great Commission.

EVERYONE! How can we do that?

In Acts 1:8 Jesus gives us a plan – to be His witnesses to friends, neighbours, strangers and people in other cultures.



Week One – You and You

KEY MESSAGE

In Acts 1:8 Jesus says “**you** will be my witnesses”. We are all Jesus’ representatives (lights) but on our own we can’t possibly tell every person in this world about Jesus. However when Jesus says “you”, he is actually talking to a group. Each of us need to share Jesus and as a group of believers all across the world we can reach everyone.

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 5:15 (NIV) You are the light of the world.

ACTIVITIES

Say what you see

What’s inside?

Follow the light

PRAYER

Thank you that you love me and want to spend time with me. Help me to know you more so that I can be a good representative and lead others to you.

TAKE HOME

Get to know God more this week by praying or reading your Bible.

What could you do differently to be a better representative of Jesus?



Week Two – Start where you are (Jerusalem)

KEY MESSAGE

When Jesus says “you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem” he was talking about where you are now and the people you are close to. Who do you know that you could tell or show the love of Jesus to? Communication can be hard, how do you listen well and share Jesus’ love in relation to their situation so that they can understand?

MEMORY VERSE

Luke 8:38-39 (ERV) But Jesus sent the man away, saying, “Go back home and tell people what God did for you.”

ACTIVITIES

Listen up!

Taste test

Twin tables

PRAYER

Thank you for my friends and family. Please give me good listening skills and courage to tell others about your love in thoughtful ways.

TAKE HOME

Think of a time that you have experienced Jesus do something in your life – what was it? Can you tell your story to someone that you know – be bold you can simply say “Jesus loves me and He loves you”? Invite a friend or family member to come to church.



Week Three – Look what's around you (Judea)

KEY MESSAGE

When Jesus says “you will be my witnesses in... Judea” he was talking about your neighbourhood (hang out) and who lives near you.

Jesus wants us to be a light to those in our area so we need to make connections with them.

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 22:34-40 "love your neighbour as yourself"

ACTIVITIES

Who are the people in your neighbourhood? colouring/craft

DVD clips - Gorilla spotting, Sesame Street

Maze

The sound of the neighbourhood

PRAYER

Thank you Jesus that you love everybody in my area. Please help me to take notice of the people in my neighbourhood.

TAKE HOME

Get to know someone new this week in your area, look out for them in your street, in your school or at the local shop.

What could you do to make your neighbourhood/hang out a better place?



Week Four – Who do you ignore? (Samaria)

KEY MESSAGE

When Jesus says “you will be my witnesses in... Samaria” he was talking about those people who are not liked, who are different or even difficult.

Jesus knows that there are people in our lives who we don’t like or are different to us and he shared a story about a Samaritan who helped a Jew to teach us how to love those types of people.

MEMORY VERSE

Luke 6:31 (NIV) Do to others as you would have them do to you.

ACTIVITIES

Grouping game

Good Samaritan – drama

Crossword

PRAYER

Thank you God that your love is for everybody. Please give me strength to be kind and friendly to people who are not like me.

TAKE HOME

Can you think of someone who is different to you or someone that no one else likes (maybe in your school)? Be helpful, kind and friendly to all people especially to someone that you normally ignore.



Week Five – Near and Far (ends of the earth)

KEY MESSAGE

When Jesus says “you will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth” he was talking about people of other cultures, languages and even countries.

Are there any people that you know from a different culture or who speak another language? How will they hear the stories about Jesus? What about people in other countries?

MEMORY VERSE

Isaiah 12:4 (NLT) Tell the nations what he has done. Let them know how mighty He is!

ACTIVITIES

Word Search

Who am I?

Barriers

PRAYER

I pray that children like me across the world will have someone to tell them that Jesus loves them.

TAKE HOME

Use the prompt sheet to remind yourself to pray for the different people groups.

Try and eat something from a different country (Global Interaction recipe sheet).

Collect coins or stamps during the week to help support Global Interaction’s work.

