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JOURNEY to the ENDS OF THE EARTH

Five lessons about Paul's missionary life
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These 30-minute lessons can be used in the weeks and months leading up to your World Missions Offering day as:

- Children's Church lessons
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- Sunday School classes
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- And much more!

A special note for teachers

It is our prayer that as you prepare these lessons for the kids in your church that your heart will also be opened to the Truths that are found in each story, activity, and verse. May God use this time of reflection to show you His plan for the nations and the way He can use you to reach children who may eventually reach...the ENDS OF THE EARTH.

Lesson One

Journey with your HEART!

JOURNEY to the ENDS OF THE EARTH



Lesson objective:

Children will learn about the beginning of Paul's conversion on the Damascus road as they reflect on God's love for all people on the earth.



Materials needed:

Copy of "Lesson 1: Activity Sheet" for each child
Enrichment video downloaded or prepared to view online (optional)
Pencils



Bible connection (Acts 9):

Let's start our "Journey to the Ends of the Earth" by learning about Paul, a very important missionary in the Bible. When we first met him, his name was Saul. Did you know he had a heart problem? It wasn't high blood pressure or even high cholesterol. His heart problem was that he didn't love Jesus. He hated Jesus' disciples and anyone who said they loved Jesus.

One day Saul and his friends were on the road to a city called Damascus when a big, bright light from heaven flashed around him. Saul fell down to the ground. And at that moment, he heard a voice saying, "Saul, why are you saying such terrible things about me?" Saul was terrified. He asked, "Who are you?" And he heard the words, "I am Jesus. Get up and go into the city and you will be told what you need to do."

Just like Saul, his friends were surprised because they'd heard the voice as well. But they didn't see anyone either. When Saul stood up, he got his balance after seeing that big, bright light. It was then that he realized he was BLIND. He couldn't see a thing!



Heart connection:

This passage about Saul can be found in Acts 9. We read about the main character in this story (Saul) who is blind...not just physically, but *spiritually*. His heart can't see God's love for him. How sad that must have been! But Saul, the future missionary and author of several books in the New Testament, isn't the only person in this world who's experienced spiritual blindness. There are almost 3.5 billion people who still haven't heard the name of Jesus*. Many of them don't even have a way to hear about Jesus.

How many of you have ever...

- ...listened to a Christian radio station like K-Love?
- ...read a Christian book or clicked on a Christian website?
- ...lived in a city with at least one church that teaches about Jesus?
- ...owned a Bible?

If you have ever experienced these things, you are more privileged than the 42% of people in the world who are considered Unreached People Groups. That means they live in an area where they don't even have the opportunity to hear about Jesus.

*www.joshuaproject.net



For upper elementary students or for an enrichment activity, download the following 3-minute video about Unreached People Groups:
https://vimeo.com/128750127?embedded=true&source=vimeo_logo&owner=24644158



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
John 3:16

What if John 3:16 were written like this?

For God so loved _____ (your name), that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever, including _____ (your name) believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

We could put lots of names in that blank. (Name a few people that you know in common...possibly children in the class, the Pastor, or someone famous.) Do you know what? God loves them ALL. He loves people in China, people in Kenya, and people in France. He loves ALL of the people in the world! Give students "Lesson 1: Activity Sheet" to complete by writing their name in the Bible verse and filling in the heart with three people they know who still need to hear about how much God loves them.



Closing connection:

Let's think back to our Bible story today. Who was the main character? *Saul!* What kind of problem did he have with his heart? *He hated Jesus and anyone who was friends with Jesus.* Just like Saul, we learned that there are how many people in the world today with the same heart problem? *3.5 billion.* They're still stuck on Damascus roads, blinded to the Truth of the Gospel.

But there's a solution! There's Someone who loves them and wants to help them. It's Jesus. Jesus doesn't want that 3.5 billion people to continue without knowing and loving Him.

Let's close in prayer and ask Jesus to help us open our spiritual eyes to see God's love for us and for all of the people in the world.

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Journey with your heart

Read John 3:16 and write your name in the blanks as you think about how much God loves YOU. Then, on the heart below, write the names of three people you know who still need hear about how much God loves THEM.

For God so loved _____,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever (including _____)
believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

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