

# CONTINUE the MISSINEN

IT'S ABOUT THE GOSPEL

## **ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM**

Use these five lessons to see how you can learn, pray, give, act, and go as you **CONTINUE THE MISSION.** 









### A NOTE FOR TEACHERS:

Depending on your situation, you may want to combine the passport pages into a book for students to take home at the end or you may prefer to send each page home individually. If you make a combined passport, we have included a cover page for you (see Page 7 of Lesson 1).

Use a copy of Rio Toucan throughout your lessons (see Page 9 of Lesson 1). In most of the lessons, Rio Toucan is speaking directly to the children.



Good day to you, amigos! I'm here from South America and want to invite you to come along with me as we go across the world to find out more about IM Global Partners. These partners, or parceiros as we call them in Portuguese, serve in countries where we don't have missionaries, and they are doing some wonderful and exciting things. Are you ready? Do you have your passport? Let's go!





### **SCRIPTURE—ACTS 17:11**

"...searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so." (1st–3rd grades, abbreviated)

"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (4th-6th grades, entire verse)



Our Global Partners (*parceiros*, in the Portuguese language) down south are doing great things. Let's look at our passport page today. Can you find Cuba and Panama?

Although we've had many missionaries serving in these two countries at one time, they were able to train up Cuban and Panamanian pastors and leaders to take over the churches. That is the goal of missionaries—to turn the work over to people of their own country. Right now you can pray for the preachers and their families and for those serving in Bible Institutes (like colleges) to help more people come to know Jesus.

In fact, at the IM office, Dr. Kenneth Eagleton got an email saying that 24 students from Bethania FWB Church in Panama City, Panama, completed an Old Testament course and received their certificates back in November of 2024. What's so amazing is that their parents and grandparents received their Bible education the same way. Because our former missionaries serving in Cuba and Panama established Bible Institutes many, many years ago, we're CONTINUING THE MISSION by training pastors and teachers who will lead others to Christ! Every dollar you give to our World Missions Offering goes for projects like our Bible Institutes.

### RIO TOUCAN SAYS YOU CAN LEARN!

In countries where they have Bible Institutes, it reminds me of a Bible story found in Acts 17:10-12 (KJV) that reads:

And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.

These Bereans were located in Macedonia, where Paul and Silas preached to them during Paul's 2nd missionary journey. Verse 11 tells us that they were ready to hear God's Word and that they searched the Old Testament Scriptures daily. They wanted to know if what they were hearing was true. They were

learning! Later on in the chapter, they continued to learn and grow in their faith under the preaching and teaching of Silas and Timothy.

How are you learning? Are you examining Scripture? That's why it's so important to talk with your family or a trusted adult about what you learn at church. As you **LEARN** and look at other Scripture, you too will grow in your faith.

### **ACTIVITY**

**Teacher note:** Hide several items around the room, providing pictures of those items—you can draw these. Once they find each item, they can match it up with the picture. Example: a red crayon, a blue feather, etc. Team up older children to help the younger children. If you have only older children, hide their items slightly harder.

Just as we matched up the found item with the picture, so the Bereans searched the Scriptures to see if the teachings were real.

### **SCRIPTURE WRITING**

Let's write out our Scripture for today.

### Acts 17:11

Grades 1-3 write: "...searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so."

Grades 4-6 write: "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

### **SONG**



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### **COLORING ACTIVITY**

Coloring Sheet of Rio Toucan (Page 3)

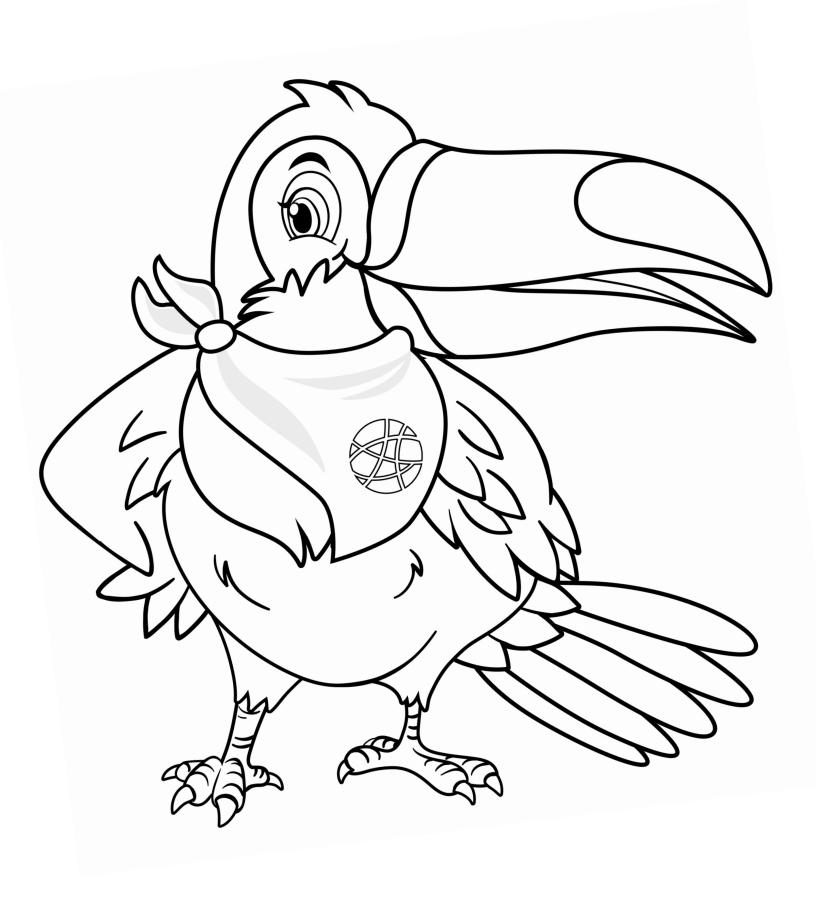
### **ONLINE BIBLE STORY (Optional)**



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Thanks for hanging out with me today! I can't wait for our next time together. Let's fly back home!





ACTS 17:11			



# PASSPORT





# Rio Toucan

# Lesson Two RIO TOUCAN SAYS YOU CAN PRAY!



### SCRIPTURE—2 KINGS 5:15

"...Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel." (1st–3rd grades, abbreviated)

"And he (Naaman) returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant." (4th-6th grades, entire verse)



My *amigos*, ("friends" in Spanish) how are you today? I hope you've been thinking about what we talked about the last time we were together...how you can **learn** about people who serve God all over the world!

We're going to go down a little further in South America today and now we're in my home countries. Have you found it on your passport page? Let's fly again!

Last night as I was doing some practice flying through the neighborhood to get ready for our fight today, I heard a little boy praying to God for a friend who was sick. I know God heard that prayer. It's good when we pray to God for other people.

Our Global Partners (or *parceiros* in Portuguese) down here are Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay. Can you find Argentina on the map? The *Iglesia Bautista Libre Familia de la Gracia* (IBLFG) is an exciting and growing church that is reaching out to families with the Word of God.

Let's look for Uruguay. We have five Free Will Baptist Churches there, and we have partners who are helping these churches be stronger as they share about Jesus.

One more country is Brazil. Can you locate that country on your map? Our churches there are led by Brazilian pastors, and they are working with people in the Amazon area and other neighboring countries. These churches have also sent out missionaries to other places like Ireland, Ivory Coast, South Africa, China, and Turkey! WOW—that's a lot of different countries!

I'd like to share a story from Brazil about Tiago (pronounced *tee-AH-goh*). When Tiago was born, he was very sick. They did not think that he would live, but he did! After forty days in the hospital, he was able to go home.

Tiago grew and became a teenager. His uncle, Claudio, who became a follower of Jesus at one of our FWB Churches in Brazil, invited Tiago to go to church youth camp. On the last night of camp, Tiago trusted Jesus as his Savior. As soon as he got back home, he began praying and talking to his family about Jesus. Following a car accident, Tiago's mother knew she needed Jesus in her life, so she became a follower. Soon after, Tiago's father became a Christian as well! This young teenager, Tiago, is still talking about Jesus to his aunts and his grandmother and anyone else who will listen! He is praying God will send him to people so he can tell them about Jesus.

This also reminds me about a great Bible story of healing in the Old Testament – one I'm sure you've heard many times. In II Kings, Chapter 5, we read of a mighty army commander named Naaman who had a serious skin disease called leprosy. We're going to read the story now.

Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper. And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife. And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.

Now we'll start reading in verse 10:

And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage. And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.

His little servant girl told Naaman's wife that he should go to Israel to see Elisha the prophet, which he did. I don't know this, but I wonder if this little servant girl prayed for courage to talk to Naaman's wife about healing.

When Naaman was told by the prophet Elisha to go dip in the Jordan River, he said NO! Naaman said it was dirty — there were other rivers that were cleaner. But Naaman's servants convinced him to give it and try. So he went down and dipped, and dipped, and dipped, and dipped, and dipped, and dipped, and one more dip and Naaman came out fully cured of his disease.

This little servant girl (we don't even know her name) reminds me of Tiago. If she hadn't spoken, Naaman might have died with leprosy. But because she spoke, Naaman knew that God is the one true God. Tiago knows that people need to know about Jesus. So he spoke up...as we should.

Rio Toucan says **YOU** can **PRAY.** You can pray every day that God will give you the words to tell others about Jesus. Pray that God will give you the boldness to share about Him just like the little servant girl, and just like Tiago.

### **SCRIPTURE WRITING**

Let's write out our Scripture for today.

### 2 Kings 5:15

Grades 1-3 write: "...Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel."

Grades 4-6 write: "And he (Naaman) returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant."

### **SONG**



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### **CRAFT**

### Who can we pray for?

Supplies needed:

- One copy of the hands sheet for each child, a set of left and right hands (Page 17 or 19)
- Scissors
- · Markers or Pencils

Ask the kids to name things they can pray about. Examples might be mom, dad, brother, sister, friends, church, Brazil, etc. You will need several examples. Write one request on each individual finger.

Once the craft is completed, go around the room and have each student pray for one of their requests they wrote down — one sentence per child.

### **ONLINE BIBLE STORY (Optional)**



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Kids, it's time to fly back home! What do you think we are going to learn about next time we meet? See you soon!



2 KINGS 5:15		



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### **SCRIPTURE — 2 CORINTHIANS 8:5**

"For God loveth a cheerful giver." (1st–3rd grades, abbreviated)

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." (4th-6th grades, entire verse)



Hello *amigos!* I've got some exciting news! Our IM office told us that Annie from Missouri gave a gift to IM through her church offering to help the people at the mission hospital in Doropo, Cote d'Ivoire, Africa. Let's look at our Passport Page. Can you find Cote d'Ivoire or the Ivory Coast?

If we're all ready, let's head across the ocean to the continent of Africa!

It's definitely hotter and dryer here. Look! We're flying above a herd of elephants. Wait, it looks like the matriarch, or mom, of the herd is signaling to us with her trunk. I'm going to fly down and find out what's going on. (Have Rio Toucan zoom down.)

They've just seen a lot of people lined up to see the doctors at the mission hospital. She says the mission hospital is the Beraca (or Blessing) Partnership. We've had so many missionaries that have served at Doropo, but once again, it has been given back to the people of Africa and they run the hospital now.

Annie's offering that she gave will help them keep the hospital and equipment up to date, and will help train their doctors and nurses so they can serve the patients better in the hospital.

Can I tell you a true story from our Ivory Coast partners?

One of our Ivory Coast preachers, Mr. Koadjo (pronounced *QUA-joh*), was coming home on his motorbike on a dirt road when he noticed a plastic bag on the side of the road. He picked it up, thinking someone has lost this bag and will be looking for it. When he got home and looked inside the bag, to his surprise it was full of money. He waited to hear if anyone was looking for a lost plastic bag.

A few hours later, a man came by and asked if they had found a plastic bag on the road. Mr. Koadjo said he had, and then he opened the bag and they counted the money together. It had CFA Francs in it totaling \$14,300! The man who lost it would have been accused of stealing and would go to jail if he couldn't find the money.

Mr. Koadjo was able to share that as a Christian, he had to return the money to its rightful owner. He had just preached that morning that Christians should be honest and do good to others. When the man tried to give Mr. Koadjo a reward, he wouldn't take it, saying that it was the right thing to do.

Rio Toucan says **YOU** can **GIVE!** Every little gift, whether it's a quarter or a dollar, adds up when we put it together.

God loves people who cheerfully give of their money — their tithes. In 1 Corinthians 8, the Macedonian churches gave money to help the very poor and persecuted believers in Jerusalem. These Macedonian churches in Philippi, Thessalonica, and Berea (there's Berea again, YAY!) were going through some hardships themselves, but they wanted to support their fellow believers in Jerusalem. Let's read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 together:

Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

We'll go to the next chapter in 2 Corinthians 9:7 where it reads:

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

God is more concerned with our giving attitude than any amount we might give. What are some attitudes towards giving? Good, bad? Perhaps you could talk to your mom or dad to find out ways you can earn money so you can give to the World Missions Offering, which supports our Global Partners. Could you do a few chores each week? Could you watch your younger brother or sister for some money? Whatever you can give, give to the Lord cheerfully!

### **SCRIPTURE WRITING**

Let's write out our Scripture for today.

### 2 Corinthians 8:5

Grades 1–3 write: "For God loveth a cheerful giver."

Grades 4-6 write: "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

### **SONG**



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### **CRAFT**

"God Loves a Cheerful Giver" coloring sheet and coin impressions (Page 27)

Items Needed:

- Craft sheet one for each child
- An assortment of coins
- Crayons (darker colors work best)
- Tape

Have the children color the sheet. Use the tape to hold the coins on the back side. The kids will then turn the sheet right side up and with the crayons they will make an impression of each coin. Do one coin at a time, reusing the tape for each coin.

### **ONLINE BIBLE STORY (Optional)**



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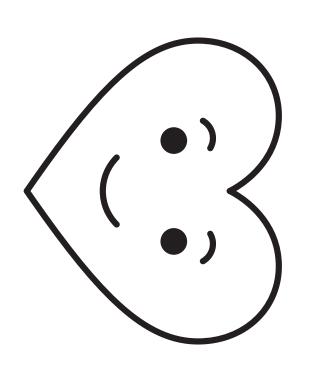
WOW! I've had a great time today with you and we've learned a LOT! Let's fly back home to get ready for our next trip!



2 CORINTHIANS 8:5				

# God loves a cheerful giver!

2 Corinthians 8:5



### Lesson Four RIO TOUCAN SAYS YOU CAN ACT!



### **SCRIPTURE—ACTS 9:36**

"Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did."



Amigos, we're nearing the end of our journeys, but we have two more places to visit. If you have your Passport Page ready, we're taking off for Pakistan in Asia. Have you found it on the map? Ready, set, let's go!

We received a letter in the mail at the IM office from a church in Tennessee. Do you remember back last winter when it was so cold? It's hard to think of now, but some of temperatures there got down to below freezing — that's cold!

This letter shared that a young boy in the fifth grade thought about the homeless people in his city and how they weren't prepared for the winter months. This young boy knew people needed help, and he acted to help them. Be-

cause he acted, other people helped as well and before long, there were lots of coats that were collected and given to the homeless people.

It reminds me of a story from Pakistan about a girl named Fatima (pronounced *FAH-tee-muh*). You see, Fatima grew up in a strict Muslim religion. She didn't have very many freedoms inside or outside her home. It made her very sad. Not even her mother wanted to answer her questions about their religion. She felt very trapped.

One day Fatima was walking down the alley by her house when a couple that passed her gave her a very warm smile. They didn't speak, but just smiled as they passed. That simple act of kindness made her wonder who they were. She found out they were Christians and were new arrivals in town.

After a few weeks when school was back in session, a new girl named Josy joined her class. Josy was happy and confident, unlike Fatima. Then Fatima found out Josy's parents were the people who smiled at her that one day. They began sharing with Fatima about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. It brought such joy and hope to her. Josy gave Fatima a Bible and she was able to read where Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

Once she read this, she knew she wanted to accept Jesus as her Lord and Savior. From then on, Fatima shared her joy in Jesus through her smiles and her obedience to Him. And this happened all because someone gave a lonely girl a smile.

In Acts 9:36-42, we read about a woman named Tabitha. Let's look at it together.

Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber.

And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive. And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

The Bible says Dorcas was always doing good and helping the poor. She made clothes — beautiful clothes — and gave them to the poor. But what happened? She died! People were so sad. I'm sure it was because she was a lovely person, but also because of all she did for others.

We also read that Peter was able (through the power of the Holy Spirit) to bring her back to life again. WOW — what a story! And do you know what I think she did after that? I believe she got right back to making clothes and serving those in need.

You see, she didn't do things so others would notice, she did things to help others. When I think of Tabitha and Josy in our earlier story, we see that small acts of service and kindness can make a difference in the lives of others.

So what do these two stories mean to us? Rio Toucan says YOU can ACT.

☐ Be a friend to someone who has no friends.
☐ Smile and show kindness.
☐ When someone new comes to church, go and talk to them. Invite them to your class and sit with them.
☐ Do you have missionaries visiting your church? If they have children, be a friend.
☐ If your church has a work service opportunity, volunteer. (Get your parents' permission.)
Ask your parents if you can look at the IM Facebook or IM Instagram page together. Make a list of missionaries and Global Partners' requests and praises you can pray about as a family.
☐ Invite your friends to church.
☐ Love those who don't love you.

### **SCRIPTURE WRITING**

Let's write out our Scripture for today.

### Acts 9:36

All students write: "Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did."

### SONG



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### **CRAFT**

### **Kindness Bible Bookmarks**

Supplies needed:

- Copy of sheets with bookmarks (Page 35)
- Scissors
- · Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- Hole punch
- Ribbon

Allow the students to pick one or two bookmarks to color and cut out. Add a hole punch and a ribbon to the top. Remind them to keep this in their Bible or to give one to a friend.

### **ONLINE BIBLE STORY (Optional)**



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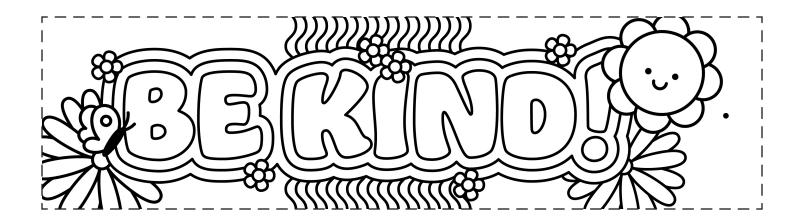


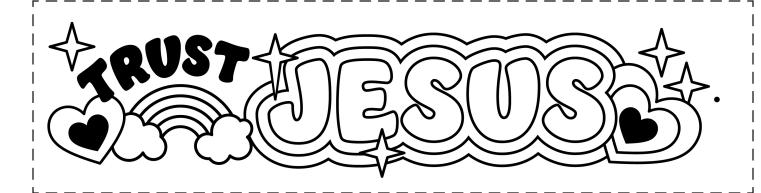
It's time to head back home, but we've got one more time to be together and visit one more of our IM Global Partners! Can you guess where it might be? We'll see you next time!

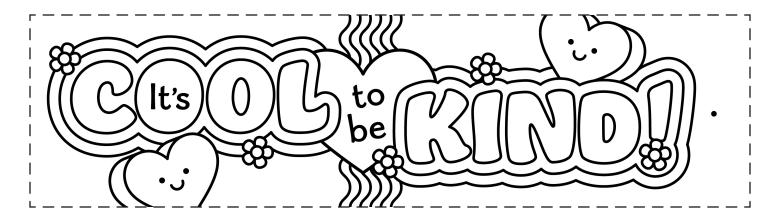


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## **SCRIPTURE—ROMANS 10:13**

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."



My amigos, it's our last day to fly together, but I'm so excited to see what you have learned this week. All throughout the world, Christ is being shared by people just like you. It happens here in the United States and across the world.

Before we fly off, let's review what we have learned.

Rio Toucan says **YOU** can:

**LEARN** just like the Bereans who studied the Scriptures. You study every time you come to church and during your Bible time at home...and just like our Bible Institute students!

Rio Toucan says **YOU** can:

**PRAY** like Tiago in Brazil. He prays and tells others about Jesus and because of that, his family is accepting Jesus as their Savior.

Rio Toucan says **YOU** can:

**GIVE** like the Macedonian believers who gave offerings to the poor believers in Jerusalem. And like Mr. Koadjo in the Ivory Coast who gave money he found back to the owner. He became a witness of Jesus by doing the right thing.

Rio Toucan says **YOU** can:

**ACT** as Tabitha did by making clothes for the poor and needy in Joppa. You can also act by showing friendly smiles and friendship to people like Fatima. They shared and she believed.

Now, Rio Toucan says YOU can GO!

Let's find out more! We're flying today to southern Tajikistan, a former part of the Soviet Union. Grab your Passport Page and let's see if we can find it on the map. And we're off to Tajikistan!

While we're on our way, let me tell you the story of Sharif. He fought in two wars, was wounded, and recovered. He was on a religious search looking for answers. He followed Krishna, Buddhism, and Islam, but they left him feeling empty. At the home of one of his friends, the mother had a copy of the Bible and he borrowed it.

What was different about the Bible? Jesus claimed authority for Himself – He was God. That was unlike anything Sharif had heard before. But he had many questions and knew he needed to find a church. He went to a few churches around town, but it was at a Russian Baptist Church on Easter Sunday that he heard the story of Jesus' suffering, death, burial, and resurrection. He became a Christian that day!

Sharif had friends that wanted him to come and do drugs with them. He told them he couldn't because he had become a Christian, a Christ follower. They laughed at him. Sharif told them about Jesus and His death and resurrection and that when Jesus died, the earth trembled. At that very moment, an earthquake hit. Two of the four young men there repented and are now servants of the Lord.

The Bible asks a great question of all of us. Let's read it in Romans 10:13-15:

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Why do we have International Missions and Global Partnerships? Can you tell me why? (various answers) One reason is so that we can share the Good News of Jesus Christ. That He came to save us all. But we need people who are learning, praying, giving, acting, and going. Will you be one of the people He has sent?

Let me tell you a recent story.

A young man named Stephen has been waiting by the mailbox every day to hear back from ETEAM. He was excited because he'd learned so much about missions at his church, and he wanted to see and experience missions work in another country.

ETEAM sends out high school students for a couple of weeks each summer. They go to various countries where we have missionaries and work alongside them to serve people.

His letter of acceptance arrived today, and he found out that he will be on his way to France! What will he do there? He and several other high school students will assist the missionaries in serving the French people like singing, handing out flyers, talking with people in the streets, and playing basketball with the youth in France.

Some of you will be in high school soon. ETEAM is a wonderful opportunity to go serve in another country. No matter your age, your time to serve Jesus is now — at home, at school, on the playground, or wherever you go. We've heard throughout these lessons how you can serve where you are. Let's **GO** do it together!

### **SCRIPTURE WRITING**

Let's write out our Scripture for today.

#### **Romans 10:13**

All students write: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

# **SONG**



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# **CRAFT**

#### **Kids Across the World**

Note: You could use Page 43 as a poster in your classroom to remind students to pray for children across the world. Make extra copies for students to use for the activity.

### Supplies Needed:

- Copies of Page 45, 47, and 49 for students to cut out
- Scissors
- Yarn
- Tape / Glue
- · Construction Paper

Have students cut the characters out. To prevent curling, print on cardstock or add construction paper behind each cut out. Attach by tape to the yarn and hang the yarn from wall to wall. Every time you meet, pick a child from a country and pray for them.

# **ONLINE BIBLE STORY (Optional)**



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Rio Toucan says it's time to go home. I will miss being together with you, but I know that we have so much to do for Jesus! Will you help me? Let's do this!



<b>ROMANS 10:13</b>		





