



2 Extreme worship — adventure guide

Four missions experiences on the theme that Jesus wants all people to worship Him

Location: *Madagascar*

Focus verse: Romans 10:14 “But how can they call on Him they have not believed in? And how can they believe without hearing about Him?” (HCSB)

Overall message: Jesus wants all people to have a chance to know Him and worship Him.

Overview: Jesus wants us to worship Him. Many people can't worship because they haven't even heard of Jesus yet. Missionaries in Madagascar are telling the people the Good News of Jesus Christ and leading them to worship Him. Worship in Madagascar may not look like worship does where you live. But even if they don't have big buildings, pretty Bibles or books full of songs, they can still worship. Jesus wants all people to worship Him, wherever they are.

- Each missions experience is designed to last 10-15 minutes.
- Use as an addition to a weekly meeting or combine for a longer missions focus.
- Customize these resources to fit your needs.



Taking it in

Extreme worship — MX 1

A 10- to 15-minute cultural experience

Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM, prepare to show the **Cattle call video**. This will play from a DVD player or a computer.
- From the DVD-ROM, download and print:
 - **Extreme worship focus verse**
 - **Mahafaly hut photo**
 - **Madagascar map**
- Bring pretzel sticks, graham crackers and chocolate icing for the pretzel hut activity.

Introduction

- Read the **Extreme worship focus verse**. Explain that people can't worship Jesus until they know Jesus. That's why it's so important for missionaries to tell them the Good News.
- Tell them they will see some missionaries to Madagascar on the video. Show the **Madagascar map**.

DVD-Cattle call

- Play the Cattle call video from the DVD-ROM.

Discuss

- Review the video. Ask kids how life is different for the Mahafaly [mah-hah-fah-lee] people.
- Remind them that Grant and Jodie Waller are missionaries who live in Madagascar with their two children. They are teaching the Mahafaly people about Jesus.
- Ask the kids if they've ever met anyone who doesn't know about Jesus.

Activity – Pretzel huts

- Explain that Mahafaly homes are made from hardened mud and sticks. Show them the **Mahafaly hut photo**.
- Set small bowls of chocolate icing, graham crackers and pretzel sticks in front of the children. Challenge them to create models of homes using the pretzels, graham crackers and icing.
- Encourage them to talk about scenes they saw in the video as they build.

Pray

Pray for the Wallers serving God in Madagascar and that Mahafaly people will come to Christ.



Taking it up

Extreme worship — MX 2

A 10- to 15-minute prayer experience

Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM, download and print:
 - **Madagascar photos**
 - **Madagascar prayer reminder.** Make enough copies for each child to have one.

Recap (optional)

One of the greatest reasons to worship God is because we know His Son, Jesus, and the great sacrifice He made for us. Sharing this news with people who have never heard gives them a reason to worship, too. Christian workers in Madagascar are giving people a reason to worship by telling them about Jesus.

Prayer time

- Show the **Madagascar photos** to the group.
- Ask a child to read aloud the caption for each photo.
- Ask the kids what prayer requests come to mind when they see each photo.
- Stop and say a prayer as each photo is held.
- If appropriate for your group, encourage children to keep their eyes open and look at the picture while you pray.
- Consider a variety of prayers. Ask children to take turns praying aloud or listening while you pray or pause for silent prayer.

Prayer reminders

- Give each child a **Madagascar prayer reminder.**
- Ask them to write down one way they will keep on praying for Madagascar.
- Tell them to share these with their families.
- Remind children that their prayers really matter to the people of Madagascar.



Giving it up

Extreme worship — MX 3

A 10- to 15-minute giving experience

Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM, prepare to show the **Scripture songs** video. This will play from a DVD player or a computer.
- From the DVD-ROM, download and print:
 - **8 steps to a new song** handout. Make enough copies for each child to have one.

Recap (optional)

People in Madagascar can't worship Jesus until they've heard about Him. We're thankful that Christians are telling the people of Madagascar about Jesus.

DVD – Scripture songs

- Tell the kids that Quinn* is a missionary, and he helps new Christians in Africa create Scripture songs using their local music styles. He uses hand motions to follow the eight simple steps of how to create new worship songs.
- Tell the kids to watch the hand motions carefully. There will be a “just-for-fun” quiz after the video.
- Play the **Scripture songs** video from the DVD-ROM.

Activity- New song

- Distribute the **8 steps to a new song** handout.
- Ask the children if they can remember the eight steps that Quinn teaches believers to create new worship songs. Tell them to jot down as many as they can remember.
- As necessary, remind them of the steps:
 1. Gather your group
 2. Pray
 3. Read the Scripture
 4. Make the song
 5. Evaluate the song
 6. Polish the song
 7. Give thanks to God for the new song He gave you
 8. Share the song with others

**The name of this missionary has been changed to protect the work among the people of Africa.*

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Giving it up

Extreme worship — MX 3 (continued)

A 10- to 15-minute giving experience

Discuss

- Tell the kids that as Quinn teaches them, he is giving them the gift of worship. Now they can worship God in their own language with their own styles of music, dance, etc.
- Ask the group what we can give to the people of Madagascar. (prayers, money, time)
- If your church gives to international missions, explain that the money you give helps missionaries like Quinn give the gift of worship in Africa. We give so that missionaries can go. And when missionaries go, people hear about Jesus and can worship Him.
- Encourage the kids to give their own money the next time your church has a missions offering.

Pray

Ask God to help you and your group be faithful givers to missions their whole lives.



Taking it personally

Extreme worship — MX 4

A 10- to 15-minute serving experience

Prepare

- Prepare to tell a Bible story you know from memory. If you prefer, tell the story of the **Good Samaritan** (The Message paraphrase) that's provided on the DVD-ROM.
- From the DVD-ROM, download and print
 - **Madagascar photos** (if your group has not already seen them)

Recap (optional)

The people of Madagascar are hearing and learning about Jesus! The Wallers are a missionary family in Madagascar. One way missionaries share about Jesus is by telling stories from the Bible.

Discuss

- Show the **Madagascar photos** to your group.
- Explain that many people in Madagascar don't know how to read or write. Most of their learning is done through telling stories. When the people want to remember something, they make it into a story to share with everyone.

Activity – Storytelling

- Tell the kids a Bible story you know from memory or tell them the **Good Samaritan story** provided.
- Ask them to tell it back to you or even to act it out.
- Spend some real time working with the kids to learn the story.
- Help them understand that missionaries, like the Wallers, are teaching the Mahafaly people about Jesus, just like that—telling stories!
- Let them know that they can share Jesus with other people by telling the stories from the Bible.
- Challenge them to tell someone the story this week.

Pray

Pray that the Mahafaly people will understand the Bible stories and will come to love God. Ask God to give your group opportunities and boldness to share His story with others.



Going further

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Ideas for mission projects based on this theme

For more on Madagascar and how you can be involved in God's work there, go to **madaboutstories.com**. Consider adopting a village in Madagascar to pray for regularly. By adopting a village, you and your family, friends or small group will be provided with in-depth information of the people in the village and frequent updates to know how to better be praying for them. Your group is free to decide what village you would like to adopt in prayer and how long you want to commit to pray for them.

Thousands of people in Madagascar have no Bible or *JESUS* film translation in their dialect. People are dying each day without having had the chance to hear about Christ's love and sacrifice for them, and we need your help in praying for these people – that they might be adopted into the family of God. You can give them the gift of worship!

For additional resources for a younger audience, go to **AfricaTales.org**.