



2 One big job — adventure guide

Four missions experiences on the theme that all God's people must work together

Location: *Turkey*

Focus verse: 2 Timothy 2:15 "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed, correctly teaching the word of truth."

Overall message: Jesus wants all of His followers to be diligent in telling people around the world about Him.

Overview: God has chosen His followers to be His workers for the Gospel. He wants us all to know His Word and to work together to make sure all nations have had a chance to hear the Good News and respond. That's a big job, but Jesus promised that He would be with us.

Turkey is a country of almost 75 million people. Most of those people have not heard that they can have eternal life through Jesus Christ. Christian workers are trying to tell them, but they need others around the world to join them.

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

Leaders: *Please be aware that none of the countries in Central Asia have true freedom of religion. In fact, all the countries have varying levels of hostility toward the Gospel and Christian evangelism. No one can work officially as a missionary, but churches do support Christian workers in the region. Also, though the cultural experiences will highlight a certain country, the material will not say where exactly a worker lives. The videos and experiences will refer in general to "workers in Central Asia." Use this information to lead your group to pray for workers and national believers who might face danger because of their faith in Jesus.*



Taking it in

One big job — MX 1

A 10- to 15-minute cultural experience

Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM, download and print:
 - **Turkey map**
 - **One big job focus verse**
 - **Istanbul fact cards**
 - **Leader's introduction to Central Asia.** Read this before your group time so you will have more information about Central Asia. Share information as appropriate for your group.
- From the DVD-ROM, prepare to show the **One big plan music video** and the **Old meets new video**. These will play from a DVD player or computer.
- Bring in a soccer ball to use during the review game.
Note: Visit centralasianpeoples.imb.org. Click on “meet Istanbul” for more videos and information about Christian work in the city.

Introduction

- Have the **One big plan music video** playing as kids enter the room. Encourage them to join in the motions. If you did MX 4 in package 1, your kids might be familiar with this song. This song shares the message of this release of Kids On Mission. If your kids enjoy the song, let them practice during each MX.
- Show the **Turkey map** to your group.
- Explain that Turkey is one of the countries in Central Asia.
- If you did not do the mission experiences in package 1 – The big need – take time to give a few facts about Central Asia (using the **Leader's introduction to Central Asia** PDF).
- Tell them that Istanbul is one of the world's largest cities.

Video – Old meets new

- Introduce the video by explaining that we cannot know exactly where Christian workers live, but we can learn about Central Asia and the people they care about.
- Tell them that they are going to take a quick visit to the beautiful city of Istanbul, Turkey.
- Be prepared to read the subtitles aloud. Tell the kids that they will hear people speaking in Turkish.
- Show the **Old meets new** video.

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Taking it in

One big job – MX 1 (continued)

A 10- to 15-minute cultural experience

Activity – Istanbul facts

- Tell them that they might have heard or seen some things about Istanbul that they don't understand.
- Distribute the Istanbul fact cards.
- One at a time, ask volunteers to read the question on the fact card, then discuss the correct answer.

Activity – Soccer review

- Ask the kids to stand in a circle.
- Tell them that soccer is the most popular sport in Turkey.
- Take turns kicking the soccer ball around the circle.
- As each child takes a turn, tell them to say one new thing they learned about Turkey.
- Remind them to kick the ball to someone new each time.

Focus Verse

- Show the **One big job focus verse** and read it together.
- Explain that being diligent means to work hard.
- Tell them that Jesus wants us all to be workers – telling people around us about Jesus.

Pray

Pray that Jesus would send more workers into the field of Turkey, so that the people would hear the Good News.



Taking it up

One big job — MX 2

A 10- to 15-minute prayer experience

Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM, download and print:
 - **Prayers for Turks.** Print out the guided prayer experiences and display them throughout the room.

Recap

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Prayer time

- Review the **One big job focus verse** with your group.
- If you did not do MX 1, consider showing the **Old meets new** video that gives a glimpse into the culture of Istanbul – one of Central Asia's largest cities.
- Tell them that Christian workers have asked that you pray for the people of Turkey.
- Praying is powerful and is a way that we join the workers in the job to reach the Turks with the Gospel.
- Divide your kids into three groups or pairs. Make sure each group has a Bible.
- Tell them to move from photo to photo, stopping to pray as instructed.
- Every 2-3 minutes, instruct them to move to the next photo.
- At the close of the prayer time, thank the kids for spending time praying for those who have never heard of Jesus.



Giving it up

One big job — MX 3

A 10- to 15-minute giving experience

Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM, download and print:
 - **Miracles for Melissa** handout
- From the DVD-ROM, prepare to show the **That's why we give** video. This will play from a DVD player or computer.

Recap

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Discussion

- Divide the kids into two groups (or more if your group is large).
- Ask them to work together and list at least five gifts that were mentioned in the video. (Possible answers: life, food, friends, family, Jesus, blessings, money)
- Gather back together and review the answers from the video.
- Ask who can remember the answers given to the statement: Because people gave, my family can... (Answers: live in Central Asia, print Bibles, tell others about Jesus)

Activity – Miracles for Melissa

- Distribute the **Miracles for Melissa** handout.
- Introduce it by saying that one Christian family in Central Asia experienced God's miracles. God helped to provide for them through the giving of others.
- Ask for a volunteer to read the story aloud.
- Ask how they would feel if they were Melissa* going through all that.
- How do you think the family felt when Melissa finally had the surgery she needed in Istanbul, Turkey?
- Explain that when we give money to missions, we help families like the Carters* in Central Asia.

Pray

Thank God that He takes care of our needs and that we can give to take care of the needs of others.



Taking it personally

One big job — MX 4

A 10- to 15-minute serving experience

Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM, download and print:
 - **Five pillars of Islam**
 - **One big job focus verse**, if you haven't already.
 - **Turkey coloring pages**, for younger children
- From the DVD-ROM, prepare to show the **One Big Plan** music video if your kids enjoy this. This will play from a DVD player or a computer. Note: sheet music for this song is available for download at centralasianpeoples.imb.org/kids. Also, if your group has not seen the **God's big plan** video on this DVD-ROM, consider playing it during this MX. It contains a good introduction to Islam.

Recap

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Option for young children: This MX may be too advanced for younger children to discuss and understand. As an alternative, play the music video, distribute the coloring pages and review things your group has learned about Turkey.

Discussion

- Review the **One big need focus verse**.
- Explain that as followers of Jesus we are His workers for the Gospel.
- Remind the kids that most people in Central Asia follow the religion of Islam. They are called Muslims.
- Tell them that there are many Muslims in the U.S., too.
- This is a great opportunity for us to tell them about Jesus without traveling to another country.
- Consider playing, or replaying the **God's big plan** video.

Discussion — Five pillars of Islam

- Distribute the **Five pillars of Islam** handout.
- Explain that we need to learn about Islam in order to better understand Muslims in our communities.

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Taking it personally

One big job — MX 4 (continued)

A 10- to 15-minute serving experience

- Remind them that Jesus wants us to get to know our Muslim neighbors and show them His love.
- Read over the handout together.
- Explain that people from other cultures or religions might seem different to us, but it's important that we treat them with respect.
- Conclude by saying that when we are kind with our words and actions, we are sharing the love of Jesus with them.
- Hopefully, we will become friends and will have a chance to share the truth about salvation through Jesus.

Pray

Ask God for opportunities to share with Muslims in your community about Jesus.



Going further

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Ideas for mission projects based on this theme

Go to lovingmuslims.org for some more information on Islam. Encourage others in your church to learn about Islam and be prepared to share the message of Jesus with them.

Ask local churches or social service groups if they are aware of places where people from Central Asia are living. For example, some cities have whole apartment buildings where refugees from Afghanistan or other war-torn areas might be living. Find out what your children's group can do to minister to them. Some examples might include: collect toiletries, canned food or clothes.

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