

Leader's Guide



Totally His

Four missions experiences on giving up everything for things God wants

Location: India

Focus verse: Matthew 22:37-39 “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Overall message: To be totally His, we have to be ready to give up everything for things that God wants, not what we want. The people of First Baptist Church, Centerton, Arkansas, decided to be totally His when they began praying for the Bedia people of South Asia. Years later, the church has seen God do amazing things among the Bedia.

This leader's guide includes plans for four, short missions experiences that can be added to your existing programs or events:



Cultural experience



Prayer experience



Giving experience



Serving experience

- 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.
- [Note: If you are using the DVD-ROM, all videos and handouts are included. Please follow the directions on the cover to access all files.]

Here is a simple glossary that may be useful to you as you communicate these ideas to children:

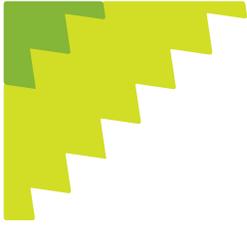
Mission(s) — A job God gives a person He has chosen to tell another group of people the Good News about Jesus. The person God sends is called a missionary.

Missionary — A Christian chosen by God who obeys His command to go and tell another group of people the Good News about Jesus. (Preschool version) A Christian chosen by God who obeys and goes to tell another group of people about Jesus.

People group — A group of people who share the same language and way of life.

IMB (International Mission Board) — A group created by Southern Baptist churches in one sacred effort to share Jesus with people around the world who wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity to know and follow Him.





Totally His Cultural Experience



Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or kidsonmission.org, prepare to show the **Two churches become friends** video.
- Download and print the **Totally His focus verse**, the **Listen up** handout (one for each child) and the **India map**.

Introduction

- Explain that you will be learning about people in the world who have never heard about Jesus. You will also be discussing how Christians can make sure that those people have a chance to hear and accept Jesus as their Savior.
- Show the **Totally His focus verse**. Explain that being totally committed to God means that we give Him everything we are and everything we have.
- Discuss the following terms with your group. Consider writing out these words and definitions.
 - **People group** — a group of people who share the same language and way of life.
 - **UPG** (unreached people group) — a people group where less than 2 percent of the people are followers of Jesus. Note: For young children, simply say “people who haven’t heard about Jesus yet.”
 - **UUPG** (unengaged, unreached people group) — a people group that hasn’t heard of Jesus and no one is actively sharing the Gospel with them. Note: You may simply say “No one is telling them about Jesus.”
- Tell them that a nation like the United States is home to many different people groups. Ask what people groups they see in their communities.
- Explain that missionaries around the world share Jesus in different ways with different people groups.
- Say that India is also a country with many people groups. Show the **India map**.
- One people group in India is the Bedia [BĀ-dee-ah] people. Seven years ago, First Baptist Church, Centerton, Arkansas, began praying for the Bedia, a people group that lives primarily in India, but also in parts of Bangladesh and Nepal. At that time, the Bedia were an unengaged, unreached people group.

Two churches become friends

- Tell kids that the video shows how one church began praying for the Bedia people, then gave money and eventually took a trip to India to visit them.
- Distribute the **Listen up** handouts and ask kids to listen closely to what the church learned when they visited the Bedia in India.
- Show the **Two churches become friends** video.

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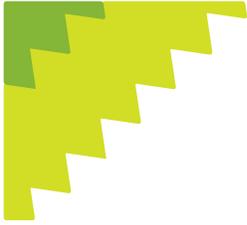
Listen up

- After the video, let the kids work in pairs to answer questions on the handout.
- Take time to go over the answers as a group.
- Correct answers:
 - How did the church first learn about the Bedia? (A Christian worker from India shared with them.)
 - When the church decided to tell the Bedia about Jesus, what did they do first? (They prayed.)
 - What did the church do next? (They began learning all they could about the Bedia and set up a place in their church with photos and information about the Bedia so everybody could know about and pray for the Bedia.)
 - How long did the church pray before they sent teams to India? (Five years)
 - What did the church learn when they arrived? (There were already some believers among the Bedia, who had come to faith within the last five years. They witnessed the baptism of others and helped them build a small church.)
 - How is this church being totally committed to Jesus? (Answers will vary.)

Pray

Lead kids to pray for the Bedia and for more churches who will share Jesus with people who have never heard of Him.





Totally His Prayer Experience



Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or kidsonmission.org, prepare to show the **Who are the Bedia?** video.
- Provide paper and pencils.

Recap

The Bedia are a UPG, an unreached people group, that lives in India. Most of the Bedia have never even heard of Jesus. A church in Arkansas was faithful to pray for them, to take up offerings for them and even to go and tell them about Jesus. Today, there are a small number of believers and a small church. But the Bedia people still need our prayers. As Christians, we need to remember to pray for people who have never heard of Jesus.

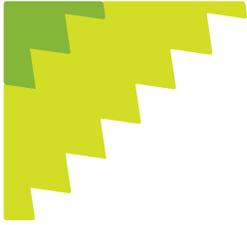
Who are the Bedia?

- Explain how important it is for Christians to pray for the “lost” or people who don’t know Jesus. Our prayers strengthen believers and open doors for people to hear the Gospel and accept the gift of salvation in Jesus Christ.
- Say that you will watch a video about the Bedia people of India.
- As they watch, encourage the kids to think of ways to pray for them.
- Show the **Who are the Bedia?** video.

Prayer time

- If your group is large, divide kids into groups of two or three. Give each group a pencil and paper.
- Give them about five minutes to discuss things they remember from the video:
 - *What do they remember about how the Bedia people live?*
 - *About Manohar’s story?*
 - *About Pushpa?*
- After discussion, ask them to write down the prayer requests they remember from the video and other requests that came to their minds.
- Remind them of Pushpa’s prayer requests: *for more people to know Jesus, a church closer to her home, no persecution.*
- Give each group time to pray through their list.





Totally His Giving Experience



Prepare

- Bring enough brown paper bags for each child. Have stickers and markers available to decorate each bag.
- From the DVD-ROM or kidsonmission.org, download and print the **Every dollar matters** handout (one for each child).

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Discuss

- Ask: How much money does it cost to tell someone about Jesus in your school or community? (Nothing) Then why does it cost money to share Jesus with people in other countries?
- Explain that while it doesn't cost money to tell someone about Jesus, it does cost money to travel to and live among unengaged, unreached people.
- Many of these missionaries are also parents whose kids live and serve with them.

Money matters

- Distribute the **Every dollar matters** handout.
- Ask for volunteers to read this story aloud to the group.
- How would your kids feel about trekking through a jungle to find unreached people groups?
- Emphasize the difference giving \$30 and \$100 makes to the people who live in the jungle and the Christian workers.
- Distribute the paper bags and ask kids to decorate them for their own offerings. Ask them to cut out photos from the handout and glue them to the bags as a reminder about people who have never heard of Jesus.
- Challenge them to collect money, then give it toward their church's missions offering.

Pray

Lead kids to pray, thanking God for those willing to go to hard-to-reach places.





Totally His Serving Experience



Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or kidsonmission.org, prepare to show the **Heart, Soul and Mind** video. Download and print the **Totally His commitment sheet** (one for each child) and the **PRAYERthreads Kids card**. Give one to kids who are ready to take the next step to reach the lost. (See explanation under **Going Further**.)

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Heart, Soul and Mind

- Show the **Heart, Soul and Mind** video.
- After the video, review the **Totally His focus verse**.
- Tell kids that God wants us to be “Totally His” right where we live. That means loving God and loving others.
- Explain that the first steps in becoming “Totally His” are to accept Jesus as our Savior and commit our lives to Him. Then, His Spirit will lead us to the next step. Some next steps include talking to Him as we would a friend, reading the Bible every day and telling our friends and family about our faith.
- Ask: What is the next step you can take to be totally His?

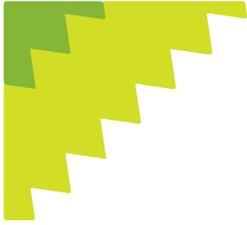
Commitment time

- Distribute the **Totally His commitment sheets**.
- Ask each child to pray silently about the next steps they need to take.
- Ask kids to consider completing their commitment sheet.
- Encourage them to share their commitment with one other person in the room who will act as their “witness” to that commitment.

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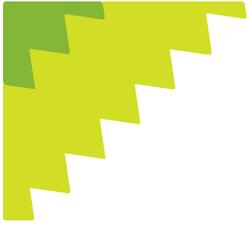


- Allow kids a few minutes to share their commitments.
- Be prepared to follow up with children who have made a commitment today.
- Give a **PRAYERthreads Kids card** to children who are ready to take the next step in praying for unreached people groups.

Pray

Close in prayer, asking God to guide kids to be totally His.





Totally His Going Further



- Some older kids in your group might be ready to seriously explore their role in reaching the lost. Kids On Mission provides tools to help people research unengaged and unreached people groups. From the DVD-ROM print the **PRAYERthreads Kids Journal**. This journal will guide children to research and commit to pray for an unreached people group. Give interested children a **PRAYERthreads Kids card** to remind them of the website.
- Download and print the **Totally His parent letter**. Give it to parents so they can work through more activities and continue talking about this theme as a family.
- Go to **caravanfriends.org** to find more resources for children about India and other parts of Asia.
- Don't forget to visit **kidsonmission.org** for more activities and KOM experiences you might have missed. Also, like us on Facebook and see how other churches are using KOM.

