

# Leader's Guide



## Uncommon Obedience

Four missions experiences on sharing Jesus in a remote rural environment

**Location:** Lesotho

**Focus verse:** **2 Timothy 4:2** “Proclaim the message; persist in it whether convenient or not; rebuke, correct, and encourage with great patience and teaching.”

**Overall message:** Remote villages, no electricity, horseback access only...what a place to raise a family! But Jim and Teresa Flora have obediently and adventurously brought their daughters with them to mountainous Lesotho [leh-SOO-too], Africa. Assisted by Gracie, Anna and Rebekah, the Floras provide teaching and service to the Basotho [bah-SOO-too] people.

These experiences will help kids understand that following God's command to share His love may lead them to and through challenging places and situations. Boys and girls will be encouraged to pray and give faithfully so that missionaries will be fully equipped to serve.

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.



# Uncommon Obedience Cultural Experience



## Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or [kidsonmission.org](http://kidsonmission.org), prepare to show the **More mountains** video.
- Download and print one **Lesotho map**.
- Bring several inflated balloons.

## Introduction

As kids arrive, challenge them to master this tongue twister: In Lesotho [leh-SOO-too], the Basotho [bah-SOO-too] speak Sesotho [seh-SOO-too]. Explain that Basotho is the name of a people group.

Let kids practice, then stage a competition: kids will stand in a circle with both hands in the air and begin to repeat the tongue twister. When someone makes a mistake, she will lower one hand and continue repeating the tongue twister until her next error, when she will drop the other hand. The last player with both hands in the air wins the round.

## The Flora family

- Show the **Lesotho map** and lead kids to decide if the country reminds them more of a pizza slice, a doughnut hole, or a banana.
- Explain that Lesotho is a land of deep valleys and high mountains. Snow is not uncommon there and it's one of the few countries in Africa that has plenty of water.
- Before playing the **More mountains** video, prompt kids to watch for ways the daughters (Gracie, 16; Anna, 15; Rebekah, 11) help their parents minister to the people of Lesotho.
- After the video, ask: *Why do you think the Floras decided to live in Lesotho? What would happen if Christians refused to obey when God called them to work in a difficult place?*

## Balloon bump

- Ask kids if they remember from the video some of the ways the Floras connected with kids. Explain that the Floras often play balloon games with village children.
- Direct kids to form a circle. Toss one balloon in the air and challenge kids to keep it aloft without using their hands — only knees, elbows and noses are permissible.
- When the balloon drops, prompt the last person who touched it to share something he or she remembers about the Floras. Add two, then three, then more balloons to the game.

## Pray

Thank God for families like the Floras who are bringing Jesus to the mountains of Lesotho.





# Uncommon Obedience Prayer Experience



## Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or [kidsonmission.org](http://kidsonmission.org), download and print the **Life in Lesotho photos** and the **Uncommon Obedience focus verse**.
- Bring a tape measure, yarn, masking tape, pencils and several sticky notes per child.

## Recap

The Floras share the Gospel with Basotho [bah-SOO-too] people in the small, mountainous country of Lesotho [leh-SOO-too] by preaching and teaching, providing medical care and building friendships. The daughters minister beside their parents and are committed to telling the Basotho about Jesus.

## Small spaces

- As kids arrive, involve them in helping you measure and construct a yarn circle about 15 feet in diameter. Lead kids to sit inside the circle.
- Explain that the circle represents the average size of a Basotho hut, which is made of stones held together with mud and dung (animal droppings). As many as ten people may share a home this size, sleeping on mats on the floor.
- Challenge kids to determine what objects and furniture from their own homes would fit inside the circle.
- Prompt kids to identify fun activities they do at church which require electricity (*watching videos*) or special supplies (*making crafts*). Ask: *How do you think the Floras teach kids about Jesus using no electricity and few teaching supplies?*

## Prayer time

- Show kids the **Life in Lesotho** photos and ask for volunteers to read the captions. Encourage them to think of related ways to pray for the Floras. After discussing each picture, tape it to a wall.
- Encourage kids to walk to each photo, write a short prayer on a sticky note and place it on the wall beside the photo.
- Show the **Uncommon Obedience focus verse** and lead kids to read it together. Ask: How do the Floras persist in (stick with) sharing the message of Jesus with the Basotho people? Urge kids to thank God daily for the uncommon obedience of missionary families like the Floras.





# Uncommon Obedience Giving Experience



## Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or [kidsonmission.org](http://kidsonmission.org), print the **You don't say cards** and cut them apart.

## Recap

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## You don't say!

- Tell kids that the money they give to missions (through regular tithes and special offerings) is used to buy things missionaries need to do their jobs.
- Hand one of the **You don't say** cards to a volunteer with instructions not to show the picture to the group. Explain that he or she must describe the item to the group without using any of the words written on the card. The first player to guess the item may describe the next one. (For very young players, omit the prohibited words rule.)
- Use the horse picture last. Lead kids to recall from the mission video how the Floras use horses to travel to remote villages.

## Pray

Invite a volunteer to pray, asking God to provide all the supplies and materials missionaries need to do their jobs.





# Uncommon Obedience **Serving Experience**



## Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or [kidsonmission.org](http://kidsonmission.org), download and prepare to show the **More helpers** video.
- Download and print the **Eye clinic chart** and the **Service scavenger hunt list** (one list for each small group you will lead).
- Provide pencils or pens.

## Recap

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## Signs for service

- Fasten the **Eye clinic chart** to the wall and lead kids to read the letters as though they were taking an eye exam: with both eyes, with left eye covered, and with right eye covered. Challenge older kids to determine what the letters spell (eye clinic volunteers).
- Explain that volunteers help the Floras with medical and vision clinics. Ask: *How do you think this helps the Basotho people know Jesus loves them?*
- Show the **More helpers** video.
- Tell kids they will take a quick trip around the church to look for ways your church provides service to others.

## Service scavenger hunt

- Form as many groups as you have adult leaders. Give each group a copy of the **Service scavenger hunt list**.
- Set a time limit and direct each group to walk around the church, seeking evidence of ways your church serves the people or groups on the list.
- Return to your meeting area and compare notes.

## Pray

Pray that God will help kids get involved in service projects at your church.





# Uncommon Obedience Going Further



## More ideas using this theme

Download and print the **Uncommon Obedience parent letter**. Give to parents so they can continue investigating this theme as a family.

Use the Geographic Locator clip found at <http://www.imb.org/main/downloads/embedvideos.asp?mvid=10941&mvidext=flv> to introduce the cultural activity.

Play a memory game using items kids might need to pack for a mission journey to a Lesotho village without modern conveniences. The first player begins: *I think I'll pack a blanket*. The next player adds: *I think I'll pack a blanket and a flashlight*. Continue the list until everyone participates or it becomes too lengthy to remember.

Don't forget to visit [kidsonmission.org](http://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.

