

Leader's Guide



JUST ONE DREAM

Four missions experiences on the challenges, the rewards and the dream of reaching all people with the truth about Jesus

Location: Africa

Focus verse: Romans 10:1 “Brothers, my heart’s desire and prayer to God concerning them is for their salvation!”

Overall message: *Courageous* can equal *contagious* as kids are inspired by brave Christians who live and work with unreached people groups in Africa. Boys and girls will be encouraged to pray daily and specifically for missionaries and discover the difference a few pennies can make to an international missionary.

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.]

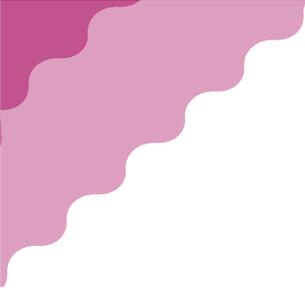
Here is a simple glossary that may be useful to you as you communicate these ideas to children:

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.



Just One Dream Cultural Experience

Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or kidsonmission.org, prepare to show the **A true story** video.
- Download and print the **Africa map** and one copy of the **You're invited!** script.

Introduction

Display the Africa map and ask them to guess which area best fits the description “Horn of Africa.” After several volunteers point to the map, show the group the area around Somalia that looks like an animal horn. Comment that many people groups in this region of Africa are considered unreached, which means that Christians have not yet been able to teach them about Jesus or plant new churches. Read the **Just One Dream focus verse** and emphasize how much Jesus wants the unreached to hear about Him.

If you came to dinner...

- Comment that “company dinners” in the Horn of Africa are special occasions.
- Choose two or three “hosts.” The rest of the kids can portray dinner guests.
- Slowly and enthusiastically read the **You're invited!** script aloud, pausing so that kids can act out each element of a special African meal.
- Ask kids to point out how hosts and guests honor one another before, during and after the meal.

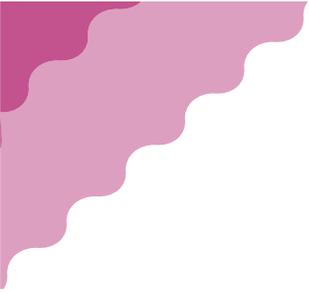
After dinner conversation

- Comment that two Christian workers were honored guests at a meal that may have resembled the one kids just dramatized.
- Show kids the **A true story** video. Ask: *Why do you think the old man was so excited to see the Christians? What was the result of their visit?*

Pray

Pray that the same Christians continue to meet people whose hearts are ready and eager to hear about Jesus.





Just One Dream Prayer Experience

Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or kidsonmission.org, download and print the **Just One Dream focus verse** (if it's not already displayed in your room), a copy of **All tied up**, and the **Prayer before you go photo**.
- Provide scissors, one or more hole punches and a piece of string for each child.

Recap

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Hopes and dreams

- If you have not shown the **A true story** video from the DVD-ROM or kidsonmission.org, do so now. Remind kids that Christians are working with unreached people who have little or no knowledge about Jesus and the Bible.
- Display the **Just One Dream focus verse** and lead kids to read it aloud enthusiastically. Ask: *In what way does this verse remind you of the Christians in the video?*
- Show the **Prayer before you go photo** and ask someone to read the caption. Explain that Christian workers around the world depend on our prayers.

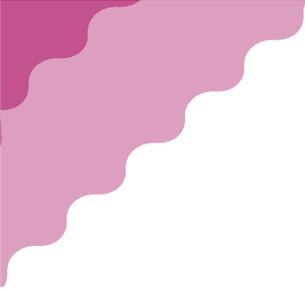
Prayer support

- Distribute copies of **All tied up** and string. Make scissors and hole punches available.
- Guide kids to read the instructions for making the prayer reminder.

Prayer time

- When kids have finished making the prayer reminders, review with them the prayer prompts on each strip.
- As they tie together the prayer reminders, encourage kids to pray silently for the Christians in the video as well as others working with unreached people groups in Africa.
- Encourage kids to continue using the prayer reminders at home.





Just One Dream Giving Experience

Prepare

- Bring a small container of uncounted change and a calculator. Note: If you have time to prepare a visual, a pint jar will hold approximately 600 pennies — the amount required to keep an international missionary* on the job for an hour.
- Hide ten pennies in your classroom.
- (Optional) Bring only pennies and some paper coin rolls.

* These calculations are based on missionaries serving with IMB.

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Penny hunt

- Challenge kids to locate and bring you the ten pennies hidden in the room.
- When the pennies are collected, explain that the cost to keep an international missionary on the job for one minute is about ten cents.
- If kids have not viewed **A true story** from the DVD-ROM or kidsonmission.org, show the video now. Ask: *Why is every minute important to a missionary working with people who have never heard about Jesus?*

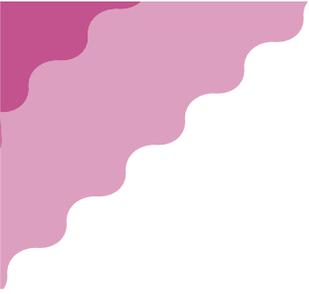
Missionary minute math

- Give each child a handful of change to count. Provide extra assistance to younger kids or pair them with an older child.
- Show kids how to use the calculator to determine the number of missionary minutes their change will support. Remind them that one minute costs ten cents.
- Suggest that kids make a loose coins' jar at home and teach their families how to calculate the number of missionary minutes the jar can support.

Pray

Thank God for providing everyone with the ability to give, whether the amount is large or small.





Just One Dream Serving Experience

Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or kidsonmission.org, download and print the **Coffee and teapots photo**.
- Bring a coffee maker, decaf coffee and disposable cups. (Options: an iced tea maker or an electric kettle and decaf tea bags or cocoa mix and stirrers.)
- Hang a large sheet of paper on a classroom wall. Put a marker nearby.

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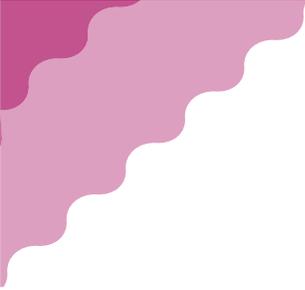
Coffee time

- Remind kids that in some regions of Africa, serving coffee or tea is an important way to show honor and hospitality to a guest. (If kids haven't seen **A true story** from the DVD-ROM or kidsonmission.org, show it now.)
- Show the **Coffee and teapots photo** and ask kids how serving a hot drink might lead to talking about Jesus.
- Let kids participate in making and serving small sample cups of coffee, tea or cocoa. They can help measure the coffee, adjust machine settings and start the coffee or tea maker. Older children, with careful supervision, can pour the coffee or heated water. Include clean-up duties as part of the activity.
- As kids sip the finished beverages, lead them to identify times when providing a hot or cool drink is a welcome act of service; for example, in a disaster zone, for a crew working on a hot day, when someone is tired or upset, or for a lonely senior adult. Record their ideas on the large sheet of paper.
- Challenge kids to use their newly acquired serving skills to provide a "beverage ministry" for someone this week.

Pray

Thank God for Christians who serve Him in small ways. Ask God to make kids aware of everyday opportunities to serve.





Just One Dream Going Further

More ideas using this theme

- Download and print the **Just One Team parent letter**. Give to parents so they can continue investigating this theme as a family.
- Go to commissionstories.com/africa to search for regional stories, photos and prayer guides.
- Print the names of these unreached, unengaged people groups on separate index cards: *Dabarre, Jalo, Bedouin, Gil, Haratine, Arab, Somali, Gosha*. Make a duplicate set of cards, mix the cards together and place them face down on a table. Play a “concentration” game, prompting kids to turn over two cards at a time to find a match. Remind kids that these groups of people are in need of courageous missionaries to tell them about Jesus.
- 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.