

# Who's There? Leader's Guide



## Four missions experiences on sharing Jesus, wherever you are

### Location: Canada

**Focus verse:** *And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.* Colossians 3:17 (HCSB)

**Overall message:** Missionaries don't share the gospel with *countries*, they share it with *people!* Kids will learn "who's there" from DJ, a missionary kid whose parents minister to South Asian people groups living in and around Toronto, Canada. DJ also boards a plane to show Kids On Mission how Christian workers meet the needs of children in a South Asian city. As they travel with DJ, kids will learn how God can give Christians the right opportunities to share the right words about His love at exactly the right time!

**Before you begin:** This resource is a collection of experiences to plug your kids into global missions. The leader's guide includes plans for four, short missions experiences designed to last 10 to 15 minutes. Add these to existing children's programs or combine them for a longer missions focus. Through these experiences, kids will learn about other cultures and also about developing lifelong patterns of praying, giving and being personally involved in God's plan to reach all nations.

Names of Christians around the world or Christian workers are often changed or withheld to protect the spread of the gospel.

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# Who's There? Experience 1



## Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or [kidsonmission.org](http://kidsonmission.org), prepare to show the **Giving matters** video.
- Download and print the **Canada map, Watch it!** activity page and the **Who's There focus verse**. Leave the focus verse posted in your room to refer to in each experience.

## Introduction

Announce that you're going to call out a word that describes a group of people, such as *Americans*. In response, kids should call out the place where those people live:

**Australians** (*Australia*)

**Serbians** (*Serbia*)

**Estonians** (*Estonia*)

**Saudi Arabians** (*Saudi Arabia*)

**Hondurans** (*Honduras*)

**Albanians** (*Albania*)

**Russians** (*Russia*)

**South Asians** (*Canada!*)

When you get to South Asia, loudly say "Canada" when they say "South Asia." When kids register surprise or amusement at your last response, explain that the number of people from South Asia is growing faster than the rest of the Canadian population. In some neighborhoods around Toronto, people from South Asian countries like India, Pakistan and Bangladesh outnumber everyone else.

Show the **Canada map** to remind kids how close Canada is to the U.S.

## What do you see?

- Provide copies of the **Watch it!** activity page. Ask kids to identify the items that people might normally associate with Canada. Challenge them to circle the items that actually appear in the video about missionary kid DJ and his family.
- Play the **Giving matters** video. Ask volunteers to identify the items they noticed.

## What do they do?

- Display the **Who's There focus verse** and lead kids to read it aloud together enthusiastically.
- Allow volunteers to suggest fun ways to read the verse together (hopping on one foot, like you've burned your



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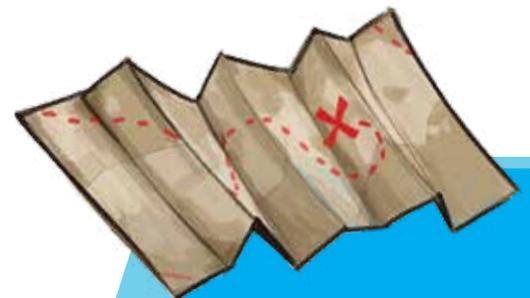
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tongue on hot pizza, while flapping imaginary chicken wings, etc.).

- Ask kids to name some of the things people did enthusiastically in the video — especially the things done in Jesus' name.

## Pray

Thank God for placing DJ's family in exactly the right place to share His love with South Asians in Ontario.



# Who's There? Experience 2



## Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or [kidsonmission.org](http://kidsonmission.org), download and print the **Silly speak** cards and **Parks and recreation**.
- (Optional) Plan to show or replay the **Giving matters** video.
- Bring a box of tissues.

## Recap

No matter where or how they live, people need to know how much God loves them. Missionary kid DJ and his family live in Canada so that they can tell people the good news of Jesus. They are specifically reaching out to South Asians living in Canada. We can all learn to share Christ with internationals living near us.

## Silly speak

- Show the first **Silly speak** card. Guide kids to read the phrase over and over. Everyone can participate at once. Eventually, the phrase will begin to sound like another phrase related to today's missions experience:

Sow they shunts tin can a duh—*South Asians in Canada*

Miss on hairy kit—*missionary kid*

Pair of shoots Honda plague round—*parachutes on the playground*

Bass cut bawl hand bye bulls nutty—*basketball and Bible study*

- If you have not done so, show the **Giving matters** video. Encourage kids to make special note of ways DJ and his brothers participate in missions with their parents.
- Read **Parks and recreation** aloud to boys and girls or ask for a volunteer to read this message from DJ.
- Show the **Silly speak** cards again, one at a time. Invite volunteers to explain how each phrase describes something about the ministry of DJ's family.

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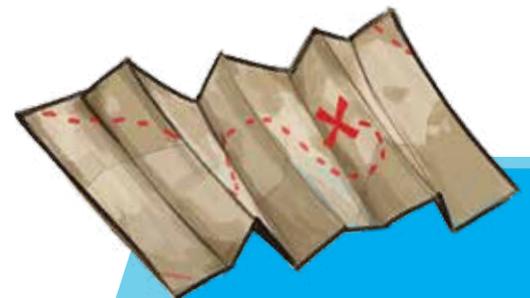


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## Pray

- Mention that missionaries need wisdom to know how to start conversations about God with the people they meet.
- Lead kids to form a tight circle, clasping their hands behind their backs.
- Toss a tissue “parachute” in the air and challenge kids to keep it aloft by blowing. When the tissue falls on the floor, prompt kids to suggest one specific way to pray for DJ’s family and the people to whom they minister.
- Invite a volunteer to pray, then repeat the previous step until everyone has had an opportunity to participate.



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## Experience 3



### Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or [kidsonmission.org](http://kidsonmission.org), prepare to show the **They matter to Jesus** video.
- Download and print the **South Asia map** and the **Family in Canada photos**.
- Provide fine point markers and blank business cards or unlined index cards cut in half.

### Recap

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### Another day at the park

- Show kids the **South Asia map**. Mention that people from countries like Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and India have made permanent homes in Canada, missionary kid DJ's home.
- If they have been introduced to DJ in previous experiences, lead kids to recall what they know about his family and the ways they share Jesus with South Asians — especially through ordinary, fun encounters in the local park.
- Before the video, explain that DJ and his mother went to South Asia to visit Christian workers and how they share Jesus.
- Play the **They matter to Jesus** video. Ask kids to pay attention to what happens when Auntie and Uncle take kids from South Asian slums to a park for a day of play.
- *Ask: How do you think the kids feel when Auntie and Uncle spend time with them? How might playing with kids help Auntie and Uncle talk with their parents about God?*

### Here's my card!

- Show the **Family in Canada photos** and ask for volunteers to read the captions.
- Explain that DJ's family is supported by churches who give to missions. (Note: DJ's family is supported through Southern Baptists who give to the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®. Let your kids know if your church gives to these offerings.)



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- Encourage kids to suggest ways they could earn money for missions, such as walking dogs, making and selling crafts, raking leaves or holding a garage sale.
- Distribute blank cards and markers. Encourage kids to design business cards that they can use to “advertise” their services.
- Help kids practice explaining how the funds they earn will be used to support God’s work in South Asia and all around the world. (“*The money I make will go to our church’s mission offering.*” or “*The money I make will go to support Christian workers around the world.*”)

## Pray

Ask God to give kids the desire to participate in missions through giving and to give them creative ideas to earn money to give.



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## Experience 4



### Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or [kidsonmission.org](http://kidsonmission.org), download and print **File folder game spinners** and, if you have not done so, **Parks and recreation**.
- Provide one file folder (new or used) for each kid, ball point pens, paper brads, jumbo paper clips and glue sticks.
- Gather red, blue, green and purple construction paper. To conserve time, cut the paper into 1-inch squares before the session.

### Recap

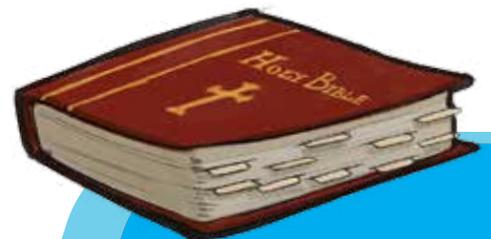
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### Right words at the right time

- Review with kids basic information about DJ's family and, using the **Parks and recreation** sheet, how playing games with friends in the park can lead to important conversations about faith in God.
- *Ask: What are some questions you could ask a new friend that could lead to a conversation about God?*

### Game time

- Announce that kids can create their own board games that will help them talk about spiritual things with others.
- Set out file folders and supplies. Guide kids to follow these steps:
  1. Open the file folder. Glue a **File folder game spinner** inside the folder.
  2. Create a game path by gluing red, blue, green and purple squares in a loop around the game spinner and the edges of the folder.
  3. Push a paper brad through the center of the spinner.
  4. Loop a paper clip around the brad so that it spins freely.



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- Kids can write *Start* on (or beside) one square, *Finish* on another, and if desired, spaces with silly instructions like *do three push-ups* or *act like a gorilla*.
- Explain that kids can use coins or wrapped candies for game pieces. When a player spins, he will move his game piece along the path. The color of the square on which a player lands determines the statement he will make or question he will ask before the game proceeds.
- Encourage kids to invite friends, family members or neighbors to play the games with them.

## Pray

Pray for kids by name. Ask God to give them exactly the right words to tell others about Him.



# Who's There? Going Further



## More ideas using this theme

- Download and print the **Who's There? parent letter**. Give to parents so they can continue investigating this theme as a family.
- For a special mission project, encourage kids to collect inexpensive recreation equipment (flying discs, beach balls, dollar-shop games). Donate the items to a local after-school program, a Christmas gift collection, or a mission team who will work with children.
- DJ's dad leads his sons to serve others by visiting and serving at a *gurdwara*, a Sikh meeting place. Find out more about Sikh beliefs by doing online research.
- If you have time, space, and temperament for a loud and active game, teach kids to play *kabaddi*, a game that might take place on a South Asian playground:

Divide your play space in half, with one team occupying each half. Team A sends one runner into the other half attempting to tag any member of that team. Team B attempts to capture the runner and prevent him from getting back into his territory. This goes on until each team member is caught or escapes.

The twist that makes *kabaddi* unique is this: The running team member must yell, *Kabaddi! Kabaddi!* over and over, not taking a breath, until he returns to his side. When his breath expires, so does his turn.

- 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.

