

Who Cares? Leader's Guide



Four missions experiences on sharing Jesus by showing love

Location: Indonesia

Focus verse: *Love one another earnestly from a pure heart.* 1 Peter 1:22b (HCSB)

Overall message: What does it take to make Jesus known in a remote community? Professional skill? Theological training? Language mastery? Nope — just extraordinary love demonstrated in ordinary ways: visiting homes, sharing meals, telling stories, saving pocket change. These missions experiences will introduce kids to two mission teams who cared about people groups in Indonesia and Southeast Asia by praying, giving and serving. Kids will be encouraged to follow their example by showing God's love in simple ways.

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 Cares? Experience 1



Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or kidsonmission.org, prepare to show the **A journey to Indonesia** video.
- Download and print the **Who Cares focus verse**, the **Indonesia map** and the **Indonesian secrets** activity page. We have included a simpler version and a more challenging version of this activity. Choose the one that is best for your group. Leave the **Who Cares focus verse** posted in your room to refer to in each experience.
- Tape a large sheet of paper to the wall. Provide markers.

Introduction

Direct kids to stand in front of the paper-covered wall. Announce that they have 60 seconds to draw as many Xs on the paper as possible. Encourage each kid to count his own Xs as he goes.

Call time and calculate a total. Challenge older kids to calculate how long it would take, at the same rate, to draw 17,000 Xs. (Note: If they can draw 100 Xs in one minute, it will take 170 minutes, or close to 3 hours, to draw 17,000.)

Show the **Indonesia map** and explain that the country consists entirely of islands — more than 17,500 of them! The marks on the paper are only a fraction of the number of Indonesian islands and the map doesn't even show them all.

Discover more secrets

- Provide copies of the **Indonesian secrets** activity page. Show kids how to match the shapes in the coded words to the symbol key. Two versions are provided. Younger children can use the simpler version with the symbol key. Older kids might enjoy the more challenging version with the code key.
- If easier, copy each coded word on a dry-erase board and work cooperatively to decode. Answers to the simpler version are *Texas, volcanoes, islands, lizard*. Answers to the challenging version are *lizards, Texas, volcanoes, islands, Muslim*.

Team travel

- Tell kids that God led one short-term mission team to an Indonesian island where people have few opportunities to hear about Jesus.
- Show the **A journey to Indonesia** video.

Pray

Read the **Who Cares focus verse**. Ask God to provide short-term workers with pure hearts who are able and excited to share Jesus with the people of Indonesia.



Who Cares? Experience 2



Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or kidsonmission.org, prepare to show or replay the **A journey to Indonesia** video.
- Download, print and display the **Indonesia photos**.
- Download and print the **Travel troubles** cards. Cut them apart and drop into a tote bag or gift bag.
- (Optional) Use the “find flights” feature on an airline website to determine how and where people from your area would fly to Jakarta (CGK), or Palembang (PLM), Indonesia.
- Bring a world map or globe. A Kids On Mission map is available to order at kidsonmission.org.

Recap

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Travel troubles

- Play a charades game. Call for a volunteer to draw a **Travel troubles** card from the bag and act out the situation for the rest of the group to guess. The first person to guess the charade may be the next actor or choose the next actor.
- For younger kids or beginning readers, choose the card yourself, read the situation out loud and allow kids to act out the situation simultaneously.

Travel timetable

- Call attention to the **Indonesia photos**. Comment that because they cared about the people of Indonesia, one team was willing to endure a long trip to the islands.
- Show or replay the **A journey to Indonesia** video. Challenge kids to notice the forms of transportation represented in the video.
- If you did the research online, use the world map or globe to show kids how a team from your church would travel to Indonesia. For example, an itinerary from Dallas/Fort Worth to Palembang, Indonesia might look like this:

Dallas/Fort Worth to Doha, Qatar: 14 hour flight

Layover in Doha: 8 hours

Doha, Qatar to Jakarta, Indonesia: 9 hour flight



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Layover in Jakarta: 3 hours

Jakarta to Palembang, Indonesia: 1 hour flight, plus additional land or water travel from Palembang

Pray

Hand each kid a **Travel troubles** card as an idea prompt. Encourage kids to name specific ways they can pray for missionaries and mission teams traveling to and from Indonesia. Invite a volunteer to ask God for travel safety for any mission team traveling today.



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Experience 3



Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or kidsonmission.org, prepare to show the **A good news story** video.
- Bring two yardsticks or dowel rods. Clear space for an active game.
- Write these sentence starters on separate sheets of construction paper. Tape them several feet apart on your classroom walls: *Because a church cared...* *Because people prayed...* *Because kids gave...* *Because Christians visited a motorcycle shop...*
- (Optional) Gather information about an upcoming church mission trip or local ministry project, including items kids can contribute to the project.

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Motorcycle races

- Form two teams.
- Choose a “rider” from each team who will hold the yardstick at the ends like motorcycle handlebars. The remaining team members should form an evenly spaced line between the designated start and finish lines.
- At your signal, riders will weave around each human obstacle on the way to the finish line and back. If a rider accidentally touches an obstacle with his body or handlebars, he must return to the starting line and begin again.
- Run additional heats with new riders as time permits.
- Lead kids to review the types of transportation necessary for mission teams to travel to and through Indonesia. Explain that in another part of Southeast Asia, motorcycle is the main way to travel between communities.

What kids did

- Before you show the **A good news story** video, prompt kids to take special note of the way children from a North Carolina church helped missionaries in Southeast Asia.
- When the video concludes, lead kids to ride imaginary motorcycles from one construction paper sign to another until you call out, “Put on the brakes!”



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- Kids should stop at the nearest sign and be ready to complete the sentence based on the information from the video.

What kids can do

- Remind boys and girls that no one is too young to support missions by giving. Encourage them to make giving a habit.
- If you have information about supplies or funds needed for a church-sponsored mission project, share it with kids. If appropriate, provide a collection box for kids to decorate and set a specific date for kids to bring contributions.

Pray

Ask kids how they think the people of Old Town Baptist Church prayed for the “T people” of Southeast Asia. Allow willing volunteers to pray in the same way for the people of Indonesia and Southeast Asia.



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Experience 4



Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or kidsonmission.org, prepare to show the **A journey to Indonesia** video. If kids have already seen it, plan to mute sound.
- From the DVD-ROM or kidsonmission.org, download and print the **Indonesian secrets** activity page. You'll need the code key for the challenging version only. An alternate activity for younger children is included below.
- Provide scratch paper and pencils.
- Provide supplies to make a "Don't forget to care!" reminder (see options below).

Recap

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What do you remember?

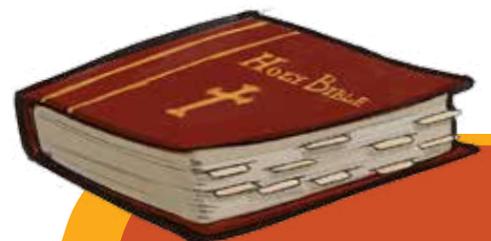
- Review with kids basic information about Indonesia's location, geographic composition and other facts you have shared about the country (see Experience 1).
- Show the **A journey to Indonesia** video with the sound muted. Challenge kids to provide the narration about the mission team's activities in Indonesia.
- Point out that everything the team did in Indonesia, kids can do in their communities: play together, tell stories about Jesus, visit in homes, sing, listen and make friends.

Don't forget to care!

- Show kids the **Who Cares focus verse**. Lead them to read it aloud together.
- Display copies of the **Indonesian secrets** code key and provide scratch paper. Lead kids to write two- or three-word descriptions of things they can do regularly to help others feel loved and valued. Once they do so, challenge them to write the same phrase in code using the code key.
- Once the phrases are coded, guide kids to make take-home reminders

Option 1: Place two strips of printed duct tape sticky side together. Write the coded phrase on the tape. Use Velcro® fasteners to make bracelets.

Option 2: Write the coded phrase on a wide craft stick. Add a strip of magnet tape or a dab of adhesive putty.



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Option 3: Simply write the coded phrase with washable marker on one hand. Challenge kids to complete the caring action before the ink washes off.

- For younger children, omit the encoding step. Provide plain paper and guide kids to draw pictures of ways they can show their love to others.

Pray

Pray for kids by name. Ask God to help them show His love to others in ordinary ways.



Who Cares? Going Further



More ideas using this theme

- Download and print the **Who Cares parent letter**. Give to parents so they can continue investigating this theme as a family.
- Find out more about God's work in Indonesia and other countries at **southeastasianpeoples.imb.org**.
- *Kereleng* (marbles) is a traditional Indonesian kids' game. Pick up a set of marbles at a dollar shop and play indoors on carpeting or a thick blanket. Rules are here, along with other Indonesian children's games: **<http://www.expatriot.or.id/info/games.html>**
- 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.

