





# WELCOME

What makes you stand in awe of just how big God is? Is it when you gaze up into the massive limbs of a giant oak tree or when a summer breeze stirs a field of wildflowers into waves of color? Maybe it's when you pause to take in a spectacular winter sunrise. All those things remind us of the greatness of God. But flip your perspective upside down and zoom in on the tiniest details of creation. Our amazing God is not only the Creator of all things, but He also cares about His creation, right down to the tiniest detail. And the Bible tells us that people are the most significant part of that creation. God created you and knows every detail about you—right down to the design of your fingerprints and the number of hairs on your head. God cares about everything that happens to you.

Magnified! VBS will encourage kids to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us. We can praise God together! We were made to magnify God!

## VIDEO SUMMARIES

A short video segment will be featured each day. If you prefer, you may tell the missions story in your own words rather than show the video.

## ACCESS YOUR REDEMPTION FILES ONLINE

You can find video resources on the DVD in the front of this book or download them using the following instructions:

- Go to [my.lifeway.com/redeem](http://my.lifeway.com/redeem) and register or log in.
- Enter this unique code to download all DVD items: **59X429KK5VDM**.
- Follow the directions to download your resources on any compatible device. This code can be redeemed one time.

Printable leader helps (such as the Allergy Alert) can be downloaded by visiting [vbs.lifeway.com](http://vbs.lifeway.com) and selecting the "Resources" tab.

For customer support, please call 866.627.8553.

## ROOM DECORATION TIPS

As you determine how to set up your missions area, keep the focal wall simple with teaching items to help eliminate distractions while teaching biblical truths.

- Place a TV and DVD player to one side of the focal wall or use another method of viewing the digital version of the videos.
- Cover tables with the *VBS 2025 Tablecloths* (9798384513452).
- Hang *VBS 2025 Whirleys* (9798384513520) from the ceiling.
- Attach the *Missions VBS 2025 Rotation Sign* (9798384513544) near the entrance of the room.
- Display posters from the *VBS 2025 Visual Pack* (9798384513469) on walls.
- See the *VBS 2025 Decorating Made Easy* (9798384513575) guide for more decorating ideas.
- Purchase decorating resources and accessories online at [www.lifeway.com/vbs](http://www.lifeway.com/vbs) or by calling 1.800.458.2772.

## GET STARTED!

- Study the Bible story, Bible verse, and Today's Point for each day.
- Adjust teaching plans to meet the needs of your children. Be mindful of kids with special needs, those who have just turned three, and older kindergartners who can be six and even seven years of age.
- Coordinate your schedule with other leaders. (This may be predetermined by your VBS Director.)
- Preview the video segments or practice telling the stories in your own words.
- Copy and prepare the reproducible items.
- Locate, borrow, or purchase needed supplies. Consider labeling a container for each day and placing collected supplies in the appropriate containers.
- Arrange the room each day for the activities you have prepared. Think about the flow of kids in and out of the room and where the videos will be shown. Remove distractions and unnecessary furniture to allow plenty of space to move.
- Pray for the children who will attend VBS, their families, and their leaders.



# MISSION PROJECT AND TIPS

## MISSION PROJECT

This week at Magnified! VBS, kids are experiencing the awe and wonder of God, balanced with the humble discovery of how special and important each person is to Him. Children will have an active role in leading others to discover this truth. Kids will participate in a Missions Project that will help people in need within the community. Boys and girls will be asked to bring non-perishable food items that will be donated to a local food pantry or distribution organization. Children will also personalize distribution bags, design labels with information about a local church, and prepare an insert with information about the gospel, the good news of Jesus. Kids will be encouraged to pray for the families that receive the food items long after VBS is over.

- Select someone to coordinate the mission project. Pick and choose how much to complete of the mission project each day based on your time.
- Contact a local food pantry or summer feeding program to discover what is most needed in your community.
- Communicate specifically with parents and your church what items you will be collecting.
- Invite your entire church to become involved in the mission project and discuss with your pastor and VBS Director the best way to present the project to the church.

**If your church collects a VBS offering to support missionaries like the featured NAMB and IMB missionaries, visit [www.imb.org/vbs](http://www.imb.org/vbs) or [www.namb.net/vbs](http://www.namb.net/vbs) for ways to give.**



# AT A GLANCE

## GOD IS GREAT. PRAISE GOD WITH ME!

PSALM 34:3  
(paraphrase)



## DAY 1

### MAGNIFY GOD

#### JESUS AND THE CHILDREN

*John 1:1-3,12; Mark 10:13-16*

Jesus was with God when everything was created. God knew that all people would disobey Him, so God sent Jesus to tell people about God's love. One day, people brought their children to Jesus to ask Him to bless them. But the disciples, Jesus' helpers, tried to stop the parents. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me. Don't stop them. God's love belongs to people who will receive it like a little child." Then Jesus took the children in His arms and blessed them.

Every person is important to God, including each one of us.

#### TODAY'S POINT

God sees me.

#### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

- Look at a World Map
- Learn Haitian Creole Words
- Play Out a Home Bible Study
- Food Bag Project

## DAY 2

### MAGNIFY GOD'S CARE

#### JESUS CALMED THE STORM

*Mark 4:1,35-41*

One time, Jesus and His disciples (helpers) were in a boat. A huge windstorm started. The waves were crashing over the boat and it started to fill up with water. Jesus was in the back of the boat asleep. The disciples woke Him up and said, "Teacher! Don't you care that we're going to die?" Jesus got up and ordered the wind, "Silence! Be still!" The wind quit, and the water became very calm! Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Why are you afraid? Do you trust Me?" They were very scared and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and waves obey Him!"

#### TODAY'S POINT

God cares about me.

#### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

- Set Up a Church
- Play a Matching Game
- Food Bag Project





## DAY 3

### MAGNIFY GOD'S LOVE

#### THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

*John 4:1-42*

A woman from Samaria came to get water where Jesus was resting. Jesus asked her for a drink of water. Jesus wanted the woman to know how much God loved her. Jesus told the woman about ways she had disobeyed God. Jesus told the woman about God's love and that He is God's Son. The woman was very excited about the good news Jesus had told her. She left her water jar and hurried into town to tell the people about Jesus. The people came from town to talk with Jesus and learn more about God. They were glad they had heard Jesus themselves. The people knew that Jesus is God's Son.

#### TODAY'S POINT

God loves me.

#### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

- Decorate an Outline of Thailand
- Pretend to Be Doctors
- Play a Relay Game
- Food Bag Project

## DAY 4

### MAGNIFY GOD'S FORGIVENESS

#### JESUS AND NICODEMUS

*John 3:1-21; 18-20;  
1 Corinthians 15:6*

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#### TODAY'S POINT

God forgives me.

#### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

- Work Out
- Pack and Travel to Thailand
- Play "God Loves You" Game
- Food Bag Project

## DAY 5

### MAGNIFY GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

#### JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT WORRY

*Matthew 6:25-34*

One day, Jesus sat down on the side of a mountain and taught about what people should do when they worry. Jesus knew that people worry about many things, like having the clothes and food they need. He told the people that God loves them and would take care of them. Jesus talked about things like birds and flowers to help the people understand what He meant. He said, "If God cares about things as small as flowers and birds, you can know that He cares about you, too. You are worth more than birds and flowers." The Bible is full of God's promises to provide what we need. God will always keep His promises.

#### TODAY'S POINT

God keeps His promises.

#### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

- Search for Animals
- Hold an Eye Clinic
- Taste Rice
- Food Bag Project



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## JESUS AND THE CHILDREN

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### WELCOME

- Welcome kids to Monarch Missions.
- Ask: "What is a missionary?" Remark that missionaries tell people about Jesus. Missionaries travel all over the world to tell people that Jesus loves them. They help people learn about God and His Son Jesus.
- Say that today, boys and girls will learn about a family named Noelson and Edna Chery, their four boys, and a girl named Keysha Rene. The Chery family started a church in Philadelphia for people from Haiti.
- Play Day 1 video or tell the missions story. If you choose not to use the video, use the following summary to tell the story.

#### WELCOME

- Preschool Missions Video
- Video playing device

### MISSIONARY STORY — GOD LOVES EVERYONE

Keysha Rene was born in Haiti, but now she lives in Philadelphia. Kids who were born in a different country like Keysha don't always feel like they belong to the same world as their parents or to the same world as other students. When the Cherys started a Bible study in English, Keysha wanted to be a part of it.

The Cherys hadn't planned for others to show up to their home Bible study, but they did. The word got out, and people saw that the Cherys were offering something that they couldn't find anywhere else in their area. They started to bring their kids to the Cherys' home Bible study. Eventually someone asked the question, "If we are bringing the kids to Bible study, why don't we just have church for everybody?"

As the Cherys' Bible study grew, there were more people coming than the house could hold. The Cherys never planned to start a church, but they were willing to follow God's plan for their Bible study. They began meeting at a karate studio. They would set up on Saturday afternoons and use the space on Sunday mornings. The setting up and breaking down was a lot of work, but it was worth it. They believe that God has a great plan and that the church is alive. God wants lots of new people to follow His Son, Jesus, and the Cherys want to be a part of it!

God used the Cherys to show Keysha that He cares for everybody, even kids like her. She realized that she is important to God.

## LOOK AT A WORLD MAP

- Display a world map.
- Indicate Haiti and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on the world map. Cut a piece of string or yarn the length of the distance between Haiti and Pennsylvania. Guide children to attach one end of the string using a colored dot sticker at Haiti and the other end with a colored sticker at Pennsylvania. Note that Haiti is a long way from Pennsylvania.
- Find the location of your church on the map and place a dot sticker there.
- Ask children if they moved to your city from somewhere else. Help children put dot stickers on places they came from.
- Mention that God sees all people everywhere, including Haiti and Pennsylvania. Remind kids that God sees them.

## LEARN HAITIAN CREOLE WORDS

- Give each child an envelope. Guide kids to decorate the outside of their envelopes using stickers and markers or crayons.
- Say: “The Chery family and Keysha speak a language called French Creole. Today you will learn a few Creole words.”
- Distribute a *Hello/Bonjou* card to each child. Say: “In Creole, hello is *bonjou* (*bawn-zhoo*). Direct kids to repeat “bonjou” several times.
- Repeat with *Goodbye/Orevwa* (*oh-ruh-v-waa*) and *Thank you/Mesi* (*meh-SEE*) cards.
- Direct kids to put the cards in their envelopes.
- Ask children if they speak other languages and suggest they tell the words for *hello*, *goodbye*, and *thank you* in those languages.
- Use the Creole words throughout the day.

## PLAY OUT A HOME BIBLE STUDY

- Place cushions or towels on the floor for children to sit on.
- Give each child or pair of children Bibles with pictures.
- Encourage boys and girls to look through the Bibles and find pictures.
- Suggest a child tell the group about a picture in her Bible.
- Remind boys and girls that the Chery family started having Bible studies in their home for their children. People heard the Cherys were having Bible study and many people came to the Cherys’ home to learn about Jesus.

## FOOD BAG PROJECT (MISSION PROJECT)

- Explain that the missionaries kids are learning about this week help people in many ways. They meet their physical needs by providing medical care and food; and they share the gospel, the good news about Jesus, with them.
- Show the prepared food giveaway bag. Say: “At Magnified! VBS, we will help people in our community who do not have enough food to eat. We will collect food items to donate to a food pantry. We will also help them know that God loves them.”
- Give each child a large paper grocery bag. Guide kids to decorate bags that will be used to carry the donated food. Save the bags for use on Day 5.
- Give each child a “Mission Project Letter” to take home.

## PRAY

Pray for the Chery family. Pray that they will help people in Philadelphia learn more about Jesus. Thank God that the Chery family wants to help other people know that God loves them.

## LOOK AT A WORLD MAP

- World map
- String or yarn
- Colored dot stickers
- Tape
- Attach the map to a wall at children’s height or lay the map on the floor.

## LEARN HAITIAN CREOLE WORDS

- “Creole Word Cards” (p. 17)
- Cardstock
- Letter-size envelopes
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers
- Copy the “Creole Word Cards” onto cardstock (1 set per child)
- Cut words apart. Separate words into stacks so that all the *HELLO/BONJOU* cards are in one stack, the *GOODBYE/OREVWA* cards in another stack, and the *THANK YOU/MESI* cards in a third stack.

## LEADER TIP: HAITIAN CREOLE WORDS

Search “How to pronounce creole words *bonjou*, *orevwa*, and *mesi*” online. This will help you pronounce the words correctly as you teach the children.

## PLAY OUT A HOME BIBLE STUDY

- Cushions or large towels
- Read To Me Bibles* (9781433648632 - available from [www.lifeway.com](http://www.lifeway.com)) or other Bibles with pictures

## FOOD BAG PROJECT

- Prepared food bag
- “Mission Project Letter” (p. 17)
- Paper
- Large paper grocery bags
- Markers or crayons
- VBS 2025 Theme Stickers* (9798384512998) or *VBS 2025 Sticky Foam Shapes* (9798384512974)
- Copy the “Mission Project Letter” (1 per child) Make extra copies for additional kids who may come later in the week.
- If the grocery bag has print on the outside, cover the print with blank paper for kids to decorate.



# MAGNIFY GOD'S CARE

## JESUS CALMED THE STORM

Mark 4:1,35-41

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### TODAY'S POINT

God cares about me.

### WELCOME

- Greet boys and girls by saying, "Bonjou! Welcome back to Monarch Missions."
- Invite kids to add any food items they brought to the collection box.
- Ask boys and girls if they remember the Haitian Creole words they learned yesterday. (*bonjou: good morning; orevwa: goodbye; mesi: thank you*)
- Mention that missionaries work in many different ways to tell people about Jesus.
- Recall that today's Bible story was about Jesus calming the storm. Remark: "Jesus showed His helpers that He cared about them. Jesus cares about you. The Chery family in Philadelphia helps people learn that Jesus cares about them, too."
- Play Day 2 video or tell the missions story. If you choose not to use the video, use the following summary to tell the story.

### MISSIONARY STORY – GOD IS FAITHFUL

Every church is special, and it takes a lot of work to make a church possible. First Haitian Metanoia Baptist Church is special to a girl named Keysha because it feels like a promise that God made to her. There is no other church like it in all of Philadelphia. It started as a Bible study for the children of people who moved to America from Haiti. Now it is a growing church with many of those same students serving as leaders.

The youth are a key part of the church. They don't have to wait until they are adults to be leaders. They are serving the church as leaders right now. Keysha leads different parts of the service and is part of the worship team. Another student runs the sound board and sometimes, with the help of Pastor Noelson, another student will even lead the message. The Cherys want the students to know that they are here to impact the world. They want to be sincere friends who will teach and lead the students. First Haitian isn't just a way to reach kids from other countries for Jesus. It is also a church where kids play an important part in making church happen. These kids have become young ministry leaders of the Word of God. Parents are overjoyed at seeing their children lead the service and work to make church possible. Families come to First Haitian because they see what God is doing through the Cherys and their church.



### WELCOME

- Preschool Missions Video
- Video playing device
- Box for collecting food items for the mission project

Through this church, Keysha has learned that God cares about her. God keeps His promises in all parts of her life, both big and small. She doesn't have to worry about any of it because God always keeps His promises. God has kept His promises to Keysha, to the Cherys, and to all the young people who make up First Haitian. God cares about you and will keep His promises to you too.

### SET UP A CHURCH

- Remind kids that the Chery family started a church in Philadelphia that met in a karate studio. Mention that the Cherys wanted kids to help in the church.
- Invite boys and girls to help set up a church. Suggest children move chairs into an open area of the room and place them in rows. Direct children to sit on the chairs.
- Guide several children to bring rhythm instruments and set them in front of the chairs. Invite a few boys and girls to be part of the worship team. Play music and guide the worship team members to stand in front of the other children and play the instruments as everyone sings together.
- Invite children to stand and pray.
- Prompt two children to pass an offering plate among the children as the children pretend to place money in the offering plate.

### PLAY A MATCHING GAME

- Show the gift bags to the children.
- Invite a child to choose an item from one of the gift bags. Challenge him to try to find the matching item in the other gift bag without looking—just by feeling the items in the bag.
- Once the child has paired two items, direct him to place the items on the floor. Continue giving children turns to match items until all the items except the Bible have been matched.
- Suggest one child find the item that doesn't have a pair. Once it's found, show the Bible. Mention that the Bible did not have a matching item, it was the only one. State: "The First Haitian Metanoia church is the only one like it in Philadelphia. The Chery family wants people who are from Haiti to have a church where they can learn about Jesus."

### FOOD BAG PROJECT (MISSION PROJECT)

- Place tissue paper squares and glue sticks on the table.
- Distribute a "Jesus Loves You!" page to each child.
- Read the words "Jesus loves you!" to the boys and girls. Suggest that children make a picture to help people know that Jesus loves them.
- Guide kids to glue the tissue paper squares around the heart.
- Explain that the pictures will be included in the food bags that will be given out.
- Save the cards for use on Day 5.

### PRAY

Pray for the Chery family, for Keysha Rene, and for all the people who help at the First Haitian Metanoia church in Philadelphia. Pray many Haitian people in Philadelphia will hear about the church and go there to learn about God and Jesus.

### SET UP A CHURCH

- Offering plate or basket
- Rhythm instruments
- VBS 2025 Music for Preschoolers* (9798384514039)

### PLAY A MATCHING GAME

- Pairs of items like small blocks, paintbrushes, markers, plastic people figures, small balls, and so forth
- Two large gift bags
- Pocket-size Bible
- Place one of each pair of items in gift bags. Place the Bible in one of the bags.
- Make sure pairs of items are easily recognized by feel and are identical.
- Have enough pairs of items so that each child can have a turn.

### FOOD BAG PROJECT

- "Jesus Loves You!" template (p. 18)
- Cardstock
- Colorful tissue paper cut in squares
- Glue sticks
- "Mission Project Letter" (p. 17)
- Copy the "Jesus Loves You!" template onto cardstock (at least 1 per child)
- Distribute a "Mission Project Letter" to any child attending the first time.

# MAGNIFY GOD'S LOVE

## THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

*John 4:1-42*

A woman from Samaria came to get water where Jesus was resting. Jesus asked her for a drink of water. Jesus wanted the woman to know how much God loved her. Jesus told the woman about ways she had disobeyed God. Jesus told the woman about God's love and that He is God's Son. The woman was very excited about the good news Jesus had told her. She left her water jar and hurried into town to tell the people about Jesus. The people came from town to talk with Jesus and learn more about God. They were glad they had heard Jesus themselves. The people knew that Jesus is God's Son.

### TODAY'S POINT

God loves me.

### WELCOME

- Invite kids to add any food items they brought to the collection box.
- Remind boys and girls they learned about the Cherys who started a church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for people from Haiti. Say that today they will learn about some missionaries in Thailand. Display a globe or world map and indicate Thailand. Mention that the missionaries in Thailand help people learn about Jesus in several different ways.
- Encourage boys and girls to remember that today's Bible story was about a woman who did not know that God loved her. Jesus talked to the woman at the well and told her God loved her. Today we will learn about some doctors who help people in Thailand.
- Play the Day 3 video or tell the missionary story. If you choose not to use the video, use the following summary to tell the story.

### MISSIONARY STORY — DR. DERBYSHIRE'S STORY

Today, we are going to learn about Dr. Derbyshire, a doctor and a missionary in Thailand. Like food, another basic need all people have is the need to see a doctor, especially when they are sick. Dr. Derbyshire was called to be a medical missionary and now serves in mobile clinics that treat the Thai people.

In Thailand, there are so many people who don't know God and are spiritually sick. The Thai people want and need to get rid of the sin that they know they have. They go to the temples and make offerings of money, gold, and flowers. They do whatever they think is good, hoping that it might erase the sin that they know is inside them.

Medicine is how Dr. Derbyshire tells the Thai people about the gospel. When he talks to the people about how to take care of their physical needs, it gives him a chance to talk about their spiritual needs and their need to know Jesus. The mobile clinics allow the International Mission Board medical team to talk to over 200 people in a day. The mobile clinics are a great way for telling people about Jesus.

This story reminds us that God cares about us. God cares about me. God cares about you. God cares about everyone, even people who have never heard about Him.



### WELCOME

- World Map
- Preschool Missions Video
- Video playing device
- Box for collecting food items for the mission project



## DECORATE AN OUTLINE OF THAILAND

- Cover a table with a plastic table covering. Place Thailand outlines, colored sand in shallow pans, plastic spoons, green tissue paper squares, blue dot markers, and glue on a table.
- Mention that Thailand has beaches, rivers, lakes, and green forests. Use your phone or tablet to show kids pictures of Thailand.
- Direct children to use the craft materials to decorate their Thailand outlines. Suggest boys and girls use the plastic spoons to sprinkle sand on the glue on their pictures. Mention that Dr. Derbyshire and other missionaries want to help the people in Thailand learn about God.

## PRETEND TO BE DOCTORS

- Place several pairs of chairs around the room facing each other. Place doctor kits and bandages near each pair of chairs.
- Encourage kids to take turns being doctors and patients. “Doctors” can care for “patients,” pretending to take temperatures, blood pressure, listen to the patient’s heart, and apply bandages to wounds. Guide children to trade places.
- Mention that Dr. Derbyshire realized he could help sick and dying people and tell them about God at the same time.

## PLAY A RELAY GAME

- Create equal teams of kids.
- For each team, place first aid supplies in baskets or bowls and place the bowl on a chair at one end of the room. Place a set of tongs or tweezers next to the basket. Put an empty basket on a second chair on the opposite side of the room.
- Guide preschoolers to line up behind the chair holding the basket of first aid supplies. Guide the first child in each line to pick up one item from the bowl using the tongs or tweezers, walk quickly across the room, and place the item in the empty bowl. Then the child will return and hand the tweezers to the next child on her team. The first team to get all the first aid items in the opposite bowl wins the game.
- Remark that Dr. Derbyshire shows God’s love to people in Thailand when he gives them medical care. He tells the people he cares for about God’s love.

## FOOD BAG PROJECT (MISSION PROJECT)

- Distribute adhesive labels or cards with your church’s information preprinted on them. Encourage kids to decorate the labels or cards with stickers, colored pencils, or markers. Explain that the labels will be attached to the food bags and cans so the people who receive the food know where to come to learn more about Jesus.
- Save the labels or cards for use on Day 4.

## PRAY

Pray for Dr. Derbyshire and the people who work with him in the mobile clinic. Pray that they will have wisdom to know how to help the Thai people they treat to get well. Pray they will have many opportunities to tell people about Jesus.

## DECORATE AN OUTLINE OF THAILAND

- “Thailand Outline” (p. 19)
- Heavyweight paper or cardstock
- Green tissue paper squares
- Blue dot markers
- Clean play sand
- Plastic spoons
- Shallow pans
- Glue
- VBS 2025 Tablecloth* (9798384513452) or other table covering
- Copy a Thailand outline on heavyweight paper for each child.

## LEADER TIP: DECORATE AN OUTLINE OF THAILAND

For added interest, add a few drops of food coloring to the play sand and stir well.

## PRETEND TO BE DOCTORS

- Chairs
- Play doctor kits
- Bandages (non-latex)

## PLAY A RELAY GAME

- Chairs
- Two bowls or baskets for each team of kids
- First aid supplies like non-latex bandages, cotton balls, cotton swabs, pieces of gauze
- Tweezers or tongs for each team
- Each team should have no more than four or five children.
- Place enough first aid items in each bowl so each child will have two turns in the relay race. Make sure each bowl has the same number of items.

## FOOD BAG PROJECT

- Letter-size sheets of adhesive labels (3-inch labels or larger) or similar-size cards
- VBS 2025 Theme Stickers* (9798384512998)
- Colored pencils or markers
- “Mission Project Letter” (p. 17)
- Prior to the session, print your church’s information on the labels or print statements such as *God loves you!* or *God cares for you!*
- Distribute a “Mission Project Letter” to any child attending the first time.



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## WELCOME

- Welcome kids back to Monarch Missions.
- Invite kids to add any food items they brought to the collection box.
- Remind boys and girls that yesterday they began learning about some missionaries in Thailand. Display a globe or world map and indicate Thailand. Mention that the missionaries in Thailand help people learn about Jesus in several different ways.
- Encourage boys and girls to remember that today’s Bible story was about a time when Jesus helped Nicodemus know He (Jesus) is God’s son. A man named Nathan told people at the gym about Jesus and that God loved them.
- Play the Day 4 video or tell the missionary story. If you choose not to use the video, use the following summary to tell the story.

## MISSIONARY STORY — A NEW CHURCH

Did you know God loves you? God loves me and God loves you. God also loves the Thai people, but they don’t know that. A missionary named Nathan wanted to find a way to tell the Thai people about God’s love for them. He decided to start a church, but first he needed to find a place for the church to meet.

Nathan heard about a gym that had just opened five minutes from his house. Nathan and his wife began going to the gym, and they quickly learned how important it was to be around and meet other people. The gym was becoming their best way to meet the Thai people. It allowed them to tell other people about how much Jesus loved them. Nathan decided to start a church in the gym.

One day while hanging around the gym, Nathan met a Thai man named Nett. Nathan saw that Nett was wearing a cross earring. Nathan asked Nett about his earring and if he was a Christian. Nett responded that the earring was just fashion. This conversation about an earring allowed Nathan to share with Nett about Jesus and what the cross actually means. This conversation led to

### WELCOME

- Globe or world map
- Preschool Missions Video
- Video playing device
- Box for collecting food items for the mission project

Nett accepting Jesus just a few days later after he attended church and heard a story from the Bible.

God used that Bible story to move Nett's heart. That story reminds us that God is not OK with sin, and yet He still loves sinners like me, like Nett, and like you. Romans 5:8 says, "But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." That is amazing love!

## WORK OUT

- Place workout materials in an open area of the room.
- Invite boys and girls to use the materials to work out. Encourage children to pretend the water bottles are weights. Guide children to lift weights, use the hula hoops, jump rope, do sit-ups, and jumping jacks.
- Recall that Nathan met Nett in the gym and talked to him about Jesus.
- Mention that we don't have to be in church to tell people about Jesus. Guide kids to name places where they can tell people that God loves them.
- Suggest children help put the workout materials away in the basket.

## PACK AND TRAVEL TO THAILAND

- Place several backpacks or small suitcases at one end of the paths. Scatter items to be packed nearby.
- Guide kids to pack the clothing and personal items into the backpacks.
- Suggest boys and girls carry the backpacks and suitcases as they walk down one of the paths. Instruct children to unpack the suitcase at the other end so another child can take a turn to pack and walk the paths.
- Mention that the missionaries who serve in Thailand traveled long distances so they could go help the Thai people learn about God's love.

## PLAY "GOD LOVES YOU" GAME

- Direct boys and girls to scatter around the room and sit on the floor. Suggest they spread apart and not sit close to anyone else.
- Choose one child and give her the "God Loves You" heart. Guide that child to walk to another child, hand him the heart and say, "God loves you." Prompt those two children to hold hands and go to another child, hand him the heart and say, "God loves you."
- Encourage kids to continue in a chain around the room until all boys and girls have joined the group. Mention that they can tell others that God loves them wherever they go.
- Repeat the game again, if boys and girls are interested.

## FOOD BAG PROJECT (MISSION PROJECT)

- Distribute the cards or labels made on Day 3.
- Guide children to attach the labels or cards carefully to each donated food item.
- As children work, remind children that these items will be given to families that need food. Explain that this is one way we can help people know that God loves them and cares about them.
- Save any extra labels to add to food items that may be donated on Day 5.

## PRAYER

- Pray for Nathan and his wife as they continue to tell the Thai people about Jesus. Pray that God will help Nathan see opportunities to talk to people in Thailand and invite them to church.

## WORK OUT

- Basket
- Empty water bottles
- Hula hoops
- Jump ropes
- Clean play sand
- Wide tape
- VBS 2025 Music for Preschoolers* (9798384514039)

## LEADER TIP: WORK OUT

Fill empty water bottles an inch or two deep with sand to make them heavier. Put tape around the lids to keep them closed.

## PACK AND TRAVEL TO THAILAND

- Painter's tape
- Backpacks or small suitcases
- Items to pack such as T-shirts, socks, hats, toothbrushes, combs, and Bibles
- Create several paths from one side of the room to another using painter's tape. Make a straight path, a curvy path, and a zigzag path.

## PLAY "GOD LOVES YOU" GAME

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Marker
- Cut a large heart from a piece of construction paper. Write *God loves you* in the middle of the heart.

**Leader Tip:** Caution boys and girls to be careful as they move around the room in a chain. Guide children not to move too quickly so others will not trip and fall.

## FOOD BAG PROJECT

- "Mission Project Letter" (p. 17)
- Cards or labels made on Day 3
- Tape (if needed for cards)
- Place all donated food items on the tables within reach of the children.
- Distribute a "Mission Project Letter" to any child attending the first time.



# MAGNIFY GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

## JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT WORRY

*Matthew 6:25-34*

One day, Jesus sat down on the side of a mountain and taught about what people should do when they worry. Jesus knew that people worry about many things, like having the clothes and food they need. He told the people that God loves them and would take care of them. Jesus talked about things like birds and flowers to help the people understand what He meant. He said, "If God cares about things as small as flowers and birds, you can know that He cares about you, too. You are worth more than birds and flowers." The Bible is full of God's promises to provide what we need. God will always keep His promises.

### TODAY'S POINT

God keeps His promises.

### WELCOME

- Welcome kids to the last day of Monarch Missions.
- Invite kids to add any food items they brought to the collection box.
- Guide children to remember the Bible story and recall that God keeps His promises.
- Remind boys and girls they learned about the Chery family in Philadelphia and have learned about missionaries in Thailand who find different ways to teach people about God. Recall that Nathan talks to people in the gym about Jesus and Dr. Derbyshire is a doctor who tells sick people about God while he helps them. Mention that today they will hear about the Wright family. They help people in Thailand learn about God in different ways.
- Show the Day 5 video or tell the missionary story. If you choose not to use the video, use the following summary to tell the story.

### MISSIONARY STORY — STEPHEN AND HOLLY'S STORY

Who is ready to learn about some more members of the missionary team? Today, we will be learning about Stephen and Holly Wright. They are IMB missionaries who live in Thailand.

The Wrights hold clinics in Thailand to help people who need new glasses. You know how you have to read an eye chart when you go to the doctor? At these clinics, instead of reading a typical eye chart, they have the Thai people read Bible verses or parts of the gospel. Reading the Scripture often starts conversations about God and opens the door to share the good news about Jesus. These eye clinics are a great way to magnify God and help the Thai people know that God loves them and cares about them.

Another way the Wrights show the Thai people God's love is by holding fun summer camps. Thai culture can be very demanding. Kids in Thailand often have a lot of homework, chores, and things that cause them to stress and worry. Camp is a great way for them to relax, have some fun, and maybe learn a little about Jesus! The Wrights try to tell the kids that they don't have to worry because God keeps His promises. God is faithful with the big things in life, and He will be faithful with the small things too. Psalm 100:5 says, "For the LORD is good, and His faithful love endures forever; His faithfulness through all generations."



### WELCOME

- Preschool Missions Video
- Video playing device
- Box for collecting food items for the mission project

The missionaries' goal is for all the millions of people in Thailand to hear the good news of Jesus and to plant healthy churches. Let's pray for the people of Thailand, the Wright family, and the rest of the missionary team. Pray that God's spirit will move in Thailand and that the Thai people will ask Jesus into their hearts.

Remember, God sees us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us. We can praise God together! We were made to magnify God!

## SEARCH FOR ANIMALS

- Post an allergy alert for tasting and touching rice.
- Fill a plastic bin about two inches deep with rice and put the bin on a large towel. Hide plastic tigers, elephants, monkeys, and leopards in the rice.
- Show pictures of tigers, elephants, monkeys, and leopards on your phone or tablet and mention that these animals are found in Thailand.
- Encourage kids to sift through the rice and find the animals. Mention that Thailand has beautiful beaches, mountains, and rivers. Thank God for the animals and the beautiful land of Thailand.

## HOLD AN EYE CLINIC

- Tape the "Eye Chart" to the wall at preschoolers' height with a chair placed a few feet in front of the eye charts. Place eye glasses with empty frames on each chair.
- Recall that the Wrights use eye charts with Bible verses when they have clinics to help people who need new glasses.
- Prompt boys and girls to pretend to be doctors. Suggest that they use the unsharpened pencils to point to letters on the eye charts as other children look through the frames and name the letters. Help children read the words on the eye charts.

## TASTE RICE

- Place cooked rice in small cups and give each child a cup of rice and a plastic spoon.
- Mention that much rice is grown in Thailand. Pray, thanking God for the food.
- As children eat the rice, review the ways missionaries in Thailand help people learn about God. (*talking to people at the gym, medical clinics, eye clinics, summer camp*) Remind boys and girls they can tell people about Jesus wherever they go.

## FOOD BAG PROJECT (MISSION PROJECT)

- Attach info labels or cards from Day 3 on any food items brought in today.
- Distribute bags and cards or labels made in previous sessions.
- Guide children to pack each bag with a variety of food items from the collection box. Supervise kids as they choose items to evenly distribute the food among the bags.
- Encourage kids to place at least one note card or label in each bag.
- If your church has a food pantry and if time allows, take the kids to deliver the food to the pantry to be distributed.

## PRAY

- Pray and thank God for the Wrights, Dr. Derbyshire, Nathan, and other people on their team who help people learn about Jesus. Ask God to keep them safe and help them continue to find ways to show God's love to the people in Thailand.
- Pray for the families that will be receiving the donated food items. Pray that they will know that God loves them and people at church love them too.

## SEARCH FOR ANIMALS

- Plastic bin
- Large towel
- Uncooked rice
- Plastic figures of tigers, elephants, monkeys, and leopards
- Option: add slotted spoons for children who do not want to put their hands in the rice.

## HOLD AN EYE CLINIC

- "Eye Chart" (p. 20)
- Copy paper
- Empty eye glass frames
- Unsharpened pencils
- Print copies of "Eye Chart"

## TASTE RICE

- Cooked rice
- Small cups
- Plastic spoons
- Cook enough rice for each child to have a small helping.

**Leader Tip:** Consider providing chopsticks for children to try. Explain that many people in Thailand use chopsticks when they eat certain foods.

## FOOD BAG PROJECT

- Grocery bags, cards and extra labels made on Days 1–4.
- All donated food items



# SUPPLIES LIST

## DAY 1

### WELCOME

- Preschool Missions Video
- Video playing device

### LOOK AT A WORLD MAP

- World map
- String or yarn
- Colored dot stickers
- Tape

### LEARN HAITIAN CREOLE WORDS

- "Creole Word Cards" (p. 17)
- Cardstock
- Letter-size envelopes
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers

### PLAY OUT A HOME BIBLE STUDY

- Cushions or large towels
- Read To Me Bibles* (9781433648632 - available from [www.lifeway.com](http://www.lifeway.com)) or other Bibles with pictures

### MISSION PROJECT

- Prepared food bag
- "Mission Project Letter" (p. 17)
- Paper
- Large paper grocery bags
- Markers or crayons
- VBS 2025 Theme Stickers* (9798384512998) or *VBS 2025 Sticky Foam Shapes* (9798384512974)

## DAY 2

### WELCOME

- Preschool Missions Video
- Video playing device
- Box for collecting food items for the mission project

### SET UP A CHURCH

- Offering plate or basket
- Rhythm instruments
- VBS 2025 Music for Preschoolers* (9798384514039)

### PLAY A MATCHING GAME

- Pairs of items like small blocks, paintbrushes, markers, plastic people figures, small balls, and so forth
- Two large gift bags
- Pocket-size Bible

### FOOD BAG PROJECT

- "Jesus Loves You!" template (p. 18)
- "Mission Project Letter" (p. 17)
- Cardstock
- Colorful tissue paper cut in squares
- Glue sticks

## DAY 3

### WELCOME

- Preschool Missions Video
- Video playing device
- Globe or world map
- Box for collecting food items for the mission project

### DECORATE AN OUTLINE OF THAILAND

- "Thailand Outline" (p. 19)
- Heavyweight paper or cardstock
- Green tissue paper squares
- Blue dot markers
- Clean play sand
- Plastic spoons
- Shallow pans
- Glue
- VBS 2025 Tablecloth* (9798384513452) or other table covering

### PRETEND TO BE DOCTORS

- Chairs
- Play doctor kits
- Bandages (non-latex)

### PLAY A RELAY GAME

- Chairs
- Two bowls or baskets for each team of kids
- First aid supplies like non-latex bandages, cotton balls, cotton swabs, pieces of gauze
- Tweezers or tongs for each team

### FOOD BAG PROJECT

- Letter-size sheets of adhesive labels (3-inch labels or larger) or similar-size cards
- VBS 2025 Theme Stickers* (9798384512998)
- Colored pencils or markers
- "Mission Project Letter" (p. 17)

## DAY 4

### WELCOME

- Globe or world map
- Preschool Missions Video
- Video playing device
- Box for collecting food items for the mission project

### WORK OUT

- Basket
- Empty water bottles
- Hula hoops
- Jump ropes
- Clean play sand
- Wide tape
- VBS 2025 Music for Preschoolers* (9798384514039)

### PACK AND TRAVEL TO THAILAND

- Painter's tape
- Backpacks or small suitcases
- Items to pack such as T-shirts, socks, hats, toothbrushes, combs, and Bibles

### PLAY A "GOD LOVES YOU" GAME

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Marker

### FOOD BAG PROJECT

- "Mission Project Letter" (p. 17)
- Cards or labels made on Day 3
- Tape (if needed for cards)

## DAY 5

### WELCOME

- Preschool Missions Video
- Video playing device
- Box for collecting food items for the mission project

### SEARCH FOR ANIMALS

- Plastic bin
- Large towel
- Uncooked rice
- Plastic figures of tigers, elephants, monkeys, and leopards

### HOLD AN EYE CLINIC

- "Eye Charts" (p. 20)
- Copy paper
- Empty eye glass frames
- Unsharpened pencils

### TASTE RICE

- Cooked rice
- Small cups
- Plastic spoons

### FOOD BAG PROJECT

- Grocery bags, cards or letters, and extra labels made on Days 1–4.
- All donated food items



## LETTER TO PARENTS



Dear Parents,

At **Magnified VBS**, kids are discovering God's beautiful world. They will experience the awe and wonder of our great God and humbly discover how special and important each person is to Him. Children will hear that God made them, cares about them, loves and forgives them, and He is faithful to keep His promises to them. Kids will hear about missionaries' efforts in both the United States and in Thailand to show people how amazing and important God is. Boys and girls will learn about ways they can magnify God within their own communities. This year's mission project will meet one of people's basic needs—food. Kids will be encouraged to donate nonperishable food items that will be shared with a local food distribution organization. People without the means to purchase food will be blessed by the contributions of our VBS kids. Children will also prepare items to be included with the food distribution, including items that explain the gospel, the good news of Jesus, to the recipients. In addition to praying, giving, and encouraging people through missions, kids will:

- **Learn about missions.** We hope you intentionally ask your child what she learned in missions each day.
- **Get involved with missions.** Please help your child participate in the mission project by bringing nonperishable food items to be donated to a local food distribution center.
- **Pray for missions.** Pray with your child for the missionaries he or she learns about this week and for the people in our community who will receive donated food items.
- **Give to missions.** Encourage your child to give to the VBS missions offering.
- **Encourage people through missions.** Kids will creatively encourage the recipients of the food items by drawing pictures and writing Bible verse truths to share.



FEELING MARKETS

This year, we will be collecting nonperishable food items to be given to people in our community who are hungry. The food distribution organization will distribute the items to people in need. We have consulted with a local organization and are requesting donations of the nonperishable items listed below. Thank you for helping your child be an active part of missions!

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Make a copy for each child.

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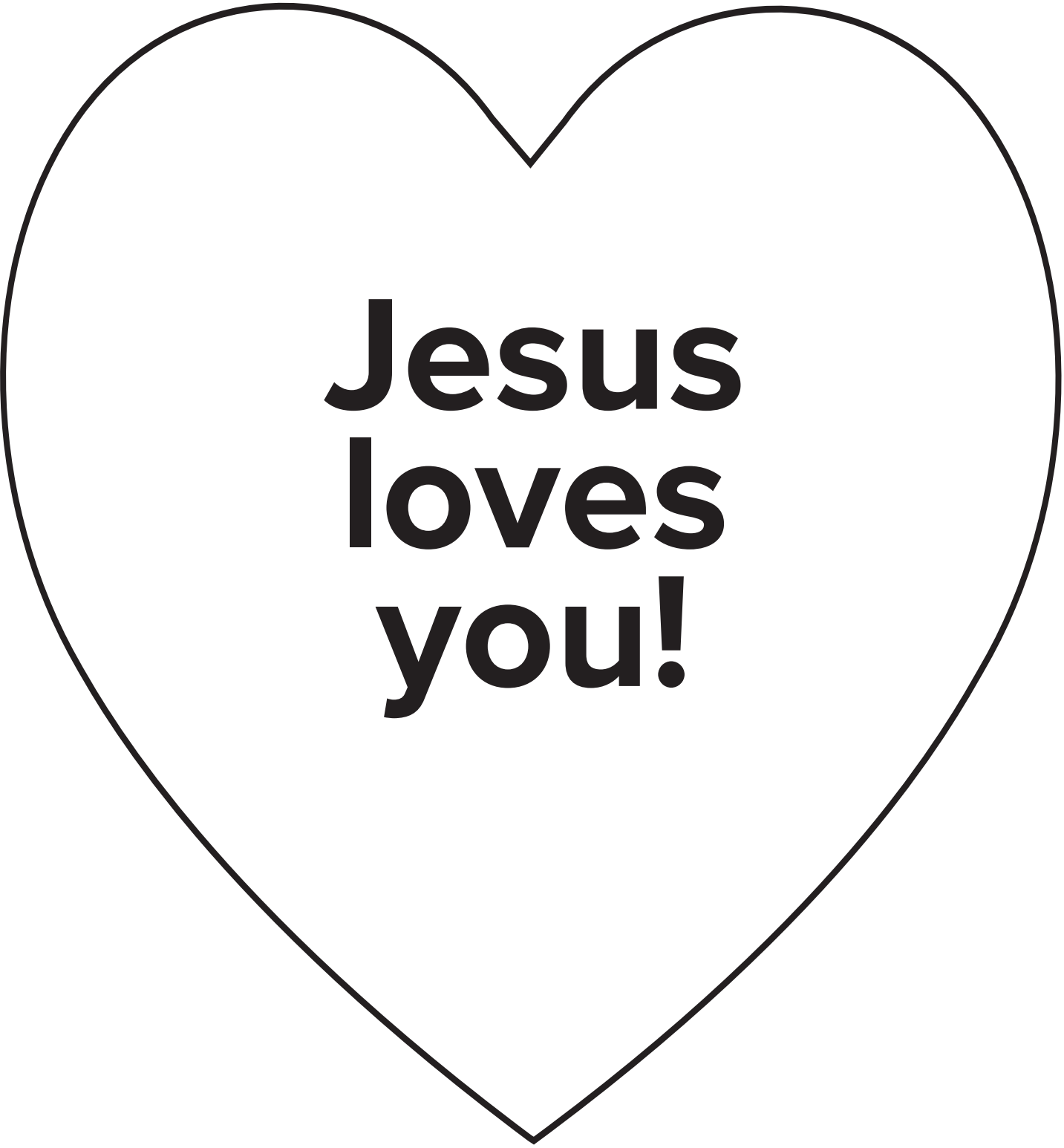
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# MADE TO MAGNIFY GOD!

Hold in your hand a tiny acorn that will someday become a giant oak. Bend down to sniff a wildflower and notice the delicate curl of a single petal. Observe the intricate design of a butterfly's wings as it floats effortlessly in the sky and settles on your finger. Our amazing God is not only the Creator of all things, but He also cares about His creation, right down to the tiniest detail. Magnified! VBS will encourage kids to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. We can praise God together! We were made to magnify God!