

WEEK 5

God's Plan for Us - We are on Mission

Reminds Us

That God sends us out on mission to make disciples of all peoples.

Main Themes

Jesus gives us a mission.

Jesus gives us power through the Holy Spirit.

Scriptures

Matt. 28:18-20; 1 Cor. 12:12; Acts 1:8; Rom. 1:16;

1 Cor. 1:18; 1 Pet 3:15

Candle

Mission Candle

Songs of the Season

Glorious Day

In Christ Alone

Look and See

You Hold Me Now

December 25 - December 31

Devotional

The Savior's plan did not end when he left this earth. He sent out His followers empowered by His Holy Spirit to continue His mission (Acts 1:8).

They were given the mission to continue to offer the gift of the gospel to the ends of the earth (Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8). As those who have received this gift, we are invited to join in spreading the message of the good news of Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 12:12).

Discussion Questions

How has God called you into His mission? What opportunities for mission has God given you personally?

Who could we pray for together locally or internationally in light of our calling?

What are some of the things that can keep or distract us from the mission we have in this life?

How could you express the gospel to others this Christmas season?

Additional Resources for Families

Discussion Questions

What is our mission? (To make disciples, teach people about Jesus, share the Good News-the Gospel)

Why do we not need to be afraid when we share the gospel? (He has given us the Holy Spirit)

Do you think Jesus meant that we all have to go to a foreign country to make disciples? (No, We are all on mission everywhere we go, we can tell anyone about Jesus)

Jesus Storybook Bible Stories

Going Home p. 318

God Sends Help p. 326

A New Way to See p. 334

Family Activities

Over dinner talk about the best day you have ever had. What made it so great? Talk about a better day and the day that Jesus will return. Talk about why this day is the best day for believers. How does the Bible tell us to prepare for that day?

As you prepare to travel for the holidays, talk about how you are diligently preparing for your Christmas vacation with your family. Talk about how we can diligently prepare for Christ's coming.

Go on a grocery store scavenger hunt for all the ingredients for dinner. Give each child a list of things to look for in the store. As you prepare dinner together, talk about the fact that many people throughout your community and the world will go without food that day. How can we love and care for them while we await Jesus' return?