

GOOD NEWS BEARS CLUB  
**BIBLE DISCOVERY**

**“Missions: Calling all Children to Global Prayer”**

Recommended for: All

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**LESSON AIM:** To train children to pray effectively for the salvation of the nations.

**MEMORY VERSE:** *“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”* I Timothy 2:3,4 (for older children)

*“Pray for one another.”* James 5:16 (for younger children)

**SUPPLIES:** Globe or map, encyclopedia, flag from another country, cut-out figures of children from other countries (optional), and appropriate visuals for preschool children.

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**OPENING:**

Older children: As children arrive talk about current events familiar to the kids, (i.e., war zones, refugees, third world dictators, homeless or hungry children). Ask them if they have ever visited or lived in another country. Do they have relatives in another country? Do they know from what country their parents or grandparents came? Discuss how far away these places are, the time changes, lifestyles, etc.

Younger ages: Have coloring pages of maps or of children of the world, or have related puzzles ready for the kids to do. Talk about people in other countries. Talk about how they do different things and may talk in a different language, but God still loves them and He wants them to know that.



**BIBLE DISCOVERY:** (For younger ages, use visuals) Did you know that there are over 230 different countries in the world? The people who live in these countries not only dress differently, they speak differently, and believe differently. In some countries, there will be a lot of different groups living in that one country. These are called “people groups.” There are more than twelve thousand such groups. Each one of these groups need the protection of your prayers.

Do you know how important your prayers are? God wants you to love and pray for children everywhere to be saved. First, pray that children everywhere will know Jesus. Pray that every person will hear the Gospel and that every person will have a church. So many children do not know the love and peace of having a relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray that the Gospel gets through so they can know and experience that love no matter what is going on around them!

Prayer is simply talking to God, just like you would talk to anyone else. When we pray, we are actually joining God in what He wants to do—spread His love to the world. We can pray any time and any place. You can pray aloud or “in your head.”

What we don’t always realize is that there are spiritual powers that are trying to prevent people from knowing God. So we have to keep praying for people.



**ACTIVITY:** Bring a globe or large world map and an encyclopedia to look up flags of the nations. Have the children lay their hands on a specific area on the map and pray for the people in that country. Here are some things to pray for:

Salvation, peace, physical needs, health, church, homes, happiness.

Have the children then draw the flag for that country and take it home and pray for the people on a daily basis. If the flag is difficult for them to draw, have them just draw the colors in a box shaped like a flag.

**SNACK:** Popcorn. Explain that although the kernel is small, once a fire is lit under it, it explodes to much larger dimensions. The same holds true with our prayers.



**CONCLUSION:** Pray for the children as they reach out to touch children in other countries. Pray for their spiritual protection, salvation, physical needs, homes, happiness, and church. As a leader, you need to realize that they are also facing spiritual attacks. They need strength in order to minister to others.

**OPTION:** Purchase cut-out figures of children of the world from a teacher supply store. Pray for those countries during your class meetings. Or choose one country each week to pray for throughout the year.