

WHAT IS CHURCH?

In this session we will explore how varied the church is and how far it goes around the world as well as looking at what our role is as part of the global church.

MEMORY VERSE - MATTHEW 5:13&14 (10 MINS)

vs. 13 - You are the salt of the earth

vs. 14 - You are the light of the world.

One creative way to get the children involved in remembering the verse: use a ball pool and fill it with balls. Stick the words of the verses on a number of the balls and get the children to take turns to jump in and find the words. They then have to try to put the verse in order.

PRAYER MAP - COLOURING (20 MINS)

This pack contains one of our 'where in the world' maps. All the countries our missionaries work are listed at the bottom. Get the children to colour in the different areas we are working by looking at the completed map also attached. This can then but used to remember to pray for our missionaries. Finish the task by choosing a five of the countries and praying for the linked missionaries. Stick some of the maps on the wall to remind you to pray together for our missionaries around the world.

LOVE IN ACTION (15 MINS)

- Give each a folded bit of card and ask them to write a letter or card to a friend who they think needs to know they are loved by God. Get them to draw a picture of a shining sun on the front to represent them being the light of the world.
- For the older children ask them to write down some practical ways they can be salt and light when they leave church.

GAME IDEAS

Derived from the game 'Pirate Ship'The leader is to shout out commands, that link to actions, that the children will follow

Commands can inc:

- Corners of the room named after countries that children must run to, i.e Paraguay, India, France, Kenya.
- Feed the hungry (stir the batter bowl)
- Help the homeless (grab a partner and pick them up)
- Be a light in the darkness (big action star jump *shine*)
- Love one another (create a group of four for a group hug)
- Live peacefully (lie down)

Ladders

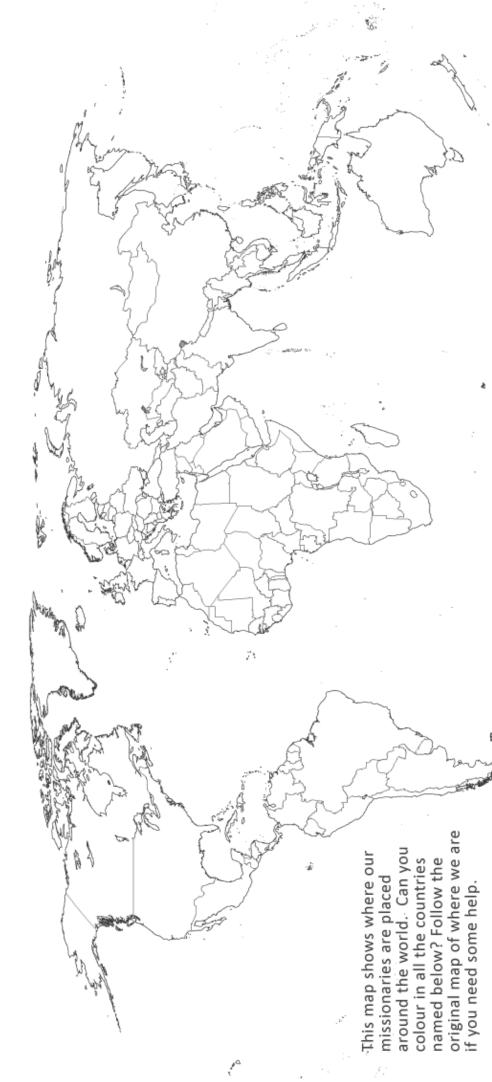
Get the children to sit in pairs opposite each other with their legs straight and their feet touching. Each pair sits around half a metre away from the next pair creating a human ladder on the floor.

Give each pair a different country name.

Shout out a country at a time. When a pair's country is called, they have to run down the ladder around the outside and then back down the ladder until they are in their place again.

The point is given to the side of the ladder who got back to their place first.

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