

NEPAL

LESSONS FOR MISSION MINDED KIDS

LESSON 4

E.C. WORK IN NEPAL



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Goals for Lesson 4:

- Children will feel part of the E.C. work in Nepal as they get to know Rev. Janga and his family better.
- Children will understand the plight of Christian orphans in Nepal.
- As children memorize our verse, they will identify it with the Christian orphans and what the E.C. Church is working for in Nepal.

Verse for Nepal:

“The humble will see their God at work and be glad. Let all who seek God’s help live in joy. For the Lord hears the cries of His needy ones; He does not despise His people who are oppressed.” Psalm 69: 32-33

Before Class:

- Read through lesson and decide what you will use according to your age group and time allotted.
- Prepare pictures (including the cover photo of Jiudo church sign) to be shown to the class. Enlarge them and mount them on stiff paper for stability, or prepare them as slides to be shown on a screen.
- Prepare picture frame craft materials as directed. According to their age level, you can save as much of the preparation as is reasonable for the children to do themselves.
- Make copies of the crossword puzzle as needed. The answer key is provided for your use. Make only one copy of it for yourself. Make copies of the maze if your class is made up of younger children.

Lesson Plan:

- Begin your lesson time with prayer. (5 min.)
- Take a few minutes to review the verse out loud together, using the visual verse as a reminder. Hand out copies of the crossword puzzle and give the students time to complete it. If you have mostly older children, they will be able to complete the puzzle by themselves. If you have a mixed group, plan to pair one older child with a younger child, but give each a copy of the paper, explaining how the older student can help the younger one to read and fill in the puzzle. If you only have younger non-readers, use the visual verse poster to review the verse out loud together. Then give each child a copy of the maze, explaining that sometimes it is difficult and confusing to bring the gospel to people who live far away in the mountains (like a maze). Tell them to follow the words of the verse (they will be able to match one word at a time in the same order as the words in the center) to make their way through the maze to the verse in the middle. Give them a few minutes to complete the maze, giving help as needed. (10-15 min.)
- Read or tell the story part of the lesson, showing pictures as directed. Talk about each picture and learn from it. Notice how the congregation worships, what the church building is made from, how the people are dressed, how the Nepalese language looks on the sign, etc. The children learned about the Hindu religion in Lessons 2 and 3. Talk about the plight of the orphans and why it would be difficult for them to live with their Hindu relatives if their parents taught them about Christ. Relate the verse to the orphans and help your students to put themselves in the place of those little boys in the picture and understand how the verse applies to those little boys. (15-20 min.)
- Follow directions to make picture frame craft. Tell your students to put the frame on a metallic surface where they will see it often, and help them to see the urgency of prayer for one another as we reach out to understand and love fellow Christians around the world. (15-20 min.)
- Spend time in prayer together. Encourage each child to say a prayer out loud for the people in the picture frame they made. Promote a deep sense of connection and empathy in your students to the people they are learning about. Don't let them leave your room untouched and interested only in their own small life. (5-15 min.)

Lesson 4 Story: E.C. Work in Nepal

One day in 1967, a baby boy was born into a Christian home in Manipur, India. The baby's parents were so thankful to God that they decided to dedicate their baby to be God's missionary when he grew up. Although India is mostly a Hindu nation, the northeast part of India, where the baby grew up is the home of most of the country's Christian population. (2-3% of the total population in India is Christian.)

As this little boy grew, he learned about the One, True God, who had come to earth to make a way for him to live in Heaven eternally. When he was a teenager, he asked Jesus Christ to forgive his sins and become his Savior. He dreamed of attending a Bible College to become a pastor so that he could lead many more of his countrymen to Jesus. In 1987, his dream came true when he entered the Evangelical College of Theology, a seminary run by the Evangelical Congregational Church of India.

During his time in seminary, the young man learned of a great need across the mountains in Nepal. People needed to hear the Good News of Jesus, but Christian workers were being arrested and put in jail. The young man promised God that after graduation, he would go to Nepal to teach the people about Jesus.

Upon graduation in 1990, this young man became Rev. Th. Janga. He told his parents and his local E.C. Church that he would be traveling to Nepal to teach the Nepalese people about Jesus, but they were afraid for his safety. They told him that he should stay in India and work with the E.C. Church there, but Rev. Janga knew that God had called him to Nepal. So in June of 1990, he started his journey to Nepal. Three days later, he arrived at the Indian border with only a few cents in his pocket. (50 rupees) He decided to sleep under a tree for the night, but God saw him and sent what he needed. A Baptist pastor came walking by the tree and offered to give Rev. Janga a place to stay until he got settled.

Rev. Janga soon found a job teaching in a private school. For ten years he worked there, telling everyone he met that Jesus had died to make a way for Nepalese people to go to Heaven. Rev. Janga married a girl named Lhingcha and together they started to raise a family. Finally, after ten years, the E.C. Church of India appointed Rev. Janga as a full-time E.C. missionary to Nepal. Meanwhile, the laws in Nepal had changed and it was now legal to preach about Jesus and convert to Christianity. He was no longer in danger of being arrested and thrown in jail for talking about Jesus Christ.

Rev. Janga left the school where he was teaching and began planting churches and training pastors to lead the congregations of new Christians. Soon there were a group of Nepalese pastors preaching to many people. Together, they established 16 E.C. Churches and began 4 new fellowships. (church plants) **(Show pictures of Jiudo Church sign and congregation)**

Rev. Janga and Lhingcha had five children together and were raising them to love Jesus. **(Show picture of Janga's family)** But they began to hear about orphaned children who had nowhere to live. If the parents had been Christians and had taught their children to love Jesus, the children would not be allowed to live with their Hindu relatives unless they turned away from Jesus and accepted the Hindu beliefs. Rev. Janga could not let this happen. At first, he brought four orphaned brothers to live with them in their house. Then they had nine children, but they loved each one and taught them about the love of Jesus. Every time he heard of other Christian parents who died, he would make sure the children had a safe place to grow up in a Christian home. Eventually, Rev. Janga and his wife started a Christian orphanage called Mercy Home, where they could care for many orphans all together. **(Show picture of orphan children.)**

Rev. Janga continues to plant more E.C. churches throughout Nepal. One congregation walked 12 hours to help begin a new church in another village. **(Show picture of village church)** Many Hindu families are accepting the love and hope that Jesus offers, because they have found only rejection and emptiness in the Hindu religion. Pastor Janga makes sure that the Nepalese pastors know how to help the new Christians grow, and he finds Christian homes for orphaned children of Christian parents. He has become the director of the E.C. work in Nepal and is in charge of making sure the E.C. church continues to grow and is running smoothly.

Please pray for Rev. Janga and Lhingcha and the children they care for. Pray for the E.C. church in Nepal and the many new Christians who are reaching out to their Hindu neighbors in love. Pray for their Hindu neighbors to understand who Jesus is and be able to put their trust in Him.



Rev. Janga, Lhingcha, and their 5 children: Eunice, Hannah, Elizabeth Alice, Angel and Nelsonthang, along with another young lady who stays with them.

Rev. Janga's family also takes care of a group of Christian orphans





Nepali believers walked for 12 hours to visit this village where they planted a new E.C. Church.



Nepali believers worship in Jiudo E.C. Church.

Picture Frame Craft

If you would like to order pre-cut foam picture frames, Oriental Trading has a large selection that can be ordered online at www.orientaltrading.com Craft stores also carry sheets of colored craft foam, pre-cut, self-adhesive foam shapes, and may have pre-cut picture frames. Shop ahead of time and gather the materials you will need in order to make the craft.

Materials:

Colored craft foam cut into a picture frame shape

Glue/Markers

Self-Adhesive Magnets

Stickers or pre-cut craft foam shapes

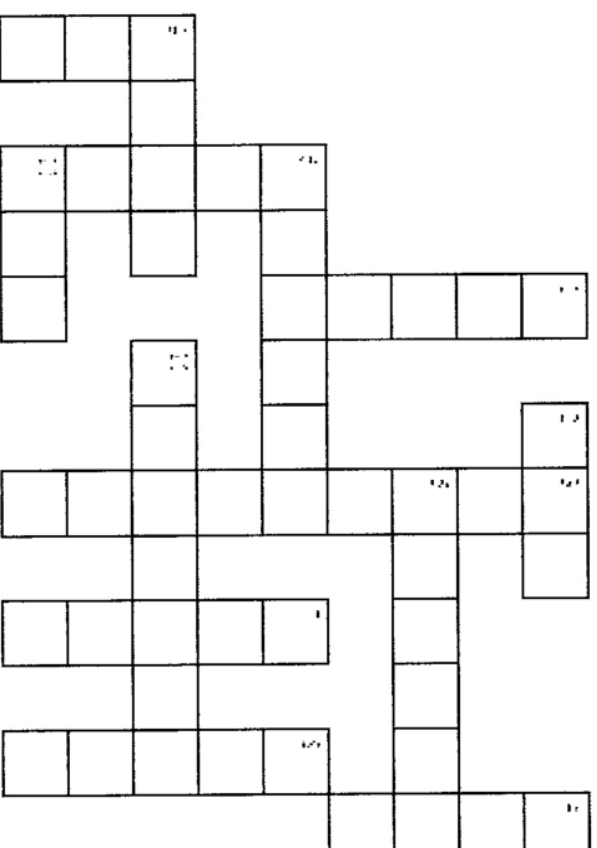
Printed pictures of Rev. Janga's family on cardstock paper

Directions:

Before Class: Use cardstock paper to print one picture for each of your students of Rev. Janga's family or the four orphan boys who live with him. If you will be cutting your own frames, make one rectangle for each child. Cut a 4 x 6 inch rectangle out of the middle, leaving at least one inch of foam to frame the picture. Cut out card stock pictures using zig-zag or scalloped scissors, leaving a small (1/4 inch) margin of cardstock to stick out beyond the outer edge of the frame. Write "Pray for Rev. Janga", or "Pray for Nepalese Orphans", or "Pray for Nepal" on one long edge of each frame. ***If you have older children in your class, consider doing minimal preparation and having them do as much of the cutting and preparing as they are able to do.***

During Class: Children will choose a frame and a picture. They should turn the picture over and write their name and then place at least two magnets on the back of the picture. They will then center the foam frame over the picture and use glue to secure it in place. They will use stickers or foam shapes to decorate their frame, leaving the words uncovered. Frames can be placed on a magnetic surface at home as a prayer reminder and as a discussion starter for the children to tell others about what they are learning about Nepal.

Memory Verse



ACROSS

- 2 Delight
- 5 Humans
- 6 Meek
- 9 Happy
- 10 Hate
- 11 What we do with our eyes

DOWN

- 1 Book of the bible that the verse is found in
- 3 Kept down
- 4 Search
- 6 Listens
- 7 Shed tears
- 8 Poor
- 9 Almighty

Nepal's Verse

