



God's People Respond



THE MISSION AIM

To have a relationship with God we must choose to accept God's salvation.



KEY VERSE

Romans 10:9 (NIV): "If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your hearts that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."



Pre-Mission Activity



Supplies Needed

- Write out Romans 10:9 on sheets of paper in large print and with lots of space
Romans 10:9 – "If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your hearts that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."
- Pencils,
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Paper if any of the recruits want to write their songs or raps
- Copies of the phrases - GOD LOVES ME, I HAVE SINNED, JESUS DIED FOR ME, I NEED TO DECIDE TO LIVE FOR GOD! (For the recruits to use to make up a song, rap, and cheer)
- Camera or phone to send Intel back to the team

Directions

DO: One or both of the activities suggested.

SAY: Today is a crucial day. A great key verse for you to remember after today is Romans 10:9 - "If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." So, we're going to use that verse for our pre-mission activity. You have a few options with it. You can take a copy of the verse and draw pictures for many of the words to help you remember it. For example you might draw a mouth for "mouth"; you might draw a cross for "Jesus" etc. OR You could take the words and create a song of the verse OR you can take the written verse and cut it out to create a puzzle. OR you can think of your own idea to use to help you memorize the verse.

SAY: Though we don't have all the details yet, the following four phrases will be very important this week. Make up a song, rap or cheer with some actions to help us remember them...GOD LOVES ME, I HAVE SINNED, JESUS DIED FOR ME, I NEED TO DECIDE TO LIVE FOR GOD!



Mission Uplink 1



Have ready YouTube playlist: "Season 1 - In the Beginning Episode 6: God's People Respond"

Play "In the Beginning (S1) Episode 6 (1/3)". Episode begins with the *Ready to Serve* theme song, followed automatically by the MISSION # 1 VIDEO. Pause the video when the MISSION # 1 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 1.

If using PPT for video, have ITB-Episode_6-Gods_People_Respond.pptx ready and play slide one. Pause on the MISSION # 1 CARD so you and your recruits can complete Mission # 1.



Mission #1



Supplies Needed

- Three to four charts with the word SIN on them posted on the wall
- Markers
- Tape
- Chart of the definition of SIN ready to post but still rolled up and hidden - "It says in Matthew 15:16-20 – that sin comes from the depths of our heart. Sin can be an action, a thought, or even not doing something that we know we should. Sin is anything that keeps us from God and brings trouble to us, our family, our friends, and our world."
- Write out the following text twice, include the title and the STEPS for each one; once on a large sheet of paper to be posted on the wall (you may have this left from last week) and then create a puzzle out of the other copy; cut the puzzle into enough pieces for each of your recruits to have a piece; before class roll a piece or two of tape on the back of each puzzle piece so the recruits are able to stick them on the wall

"What steps did God take to reunite us with Him? STEP ONE - send His son to earth. STEP TWO Jesus died on a cross for us so that we could be forgiven of our sins.



Mission Assignment

SAY: What a relief to know that Simon is okay. It's such a horrible feeling when you are sure a friend is in trouble and you don't know what to do about it. It's also awful when you have made your own wrong choices, when you have sinned and you feel the weight and guilt of it all.

SAY: (Leader who had carried full back pack last two weeks, carrying the backpack with one or two rocks in it) I am so grateful that I didn't have to carry that load anymore. I wouldn't have been able to handle it. The problem is I noticed that I started adding more things to it this week. A little guilt about a lie and a little fear about whether God loved me enough to forgive me... I really need some help here.

SAY: Well, I think this might be the perfect time to get going on our first mission. Christie seemed to note that it might be about reviewing God's plan for us so I'm sure that it will



help you. Let's find out. On the count of three let's get this mission going!...1, 2, 3...
(Reading mission card from satellite uplink) "Mission # 1 – Review God's plan to save everyone from their sin."

SAY: Alright, let's do a quick review. First off, remember that we have all sinned! Of course we should also remind each other of what sin is. You'll notice we have a few charts on the other side of the room with the word SIN in the middle of them. As you think of one thing you know about sin, run over to one of the charts and write or draw one thing that you know. If you're not comfortable writing then one of the leaders up near the charts can help you. If there are a few people up at the charts then feel free to go up there but don't push or shove. Just wait. We will have three minutes. Any questions? Okay, Go!

DO: Make sure there are one or two leaders or older recruits at the charts to help add ideas.

SAY: Okay, let's take a look at your review charts and at our definition (pull out the definition) to see if we are missing anything.

DO: Compare the lists and share anything that is missing.

SAY: Now we can't just leave things here. Remember that the fact that there is sin in our lives creates a barrier in our relationship with God. He absolutely hates sin and can't even look at it. So...let's recall, the steps God took make sure that we could be with Him and have a good relationship with Him. You'll notice the steps posted up on the wall but it's important not just to be able to see them but to get them firmly planted into our minds. So to help us out I have a puzzle that has the same text as is posted on the wall. We are going to time ourselves and see how quickly we can put the puzzle together. But, we are going to do it one step at a time. When I say go, if you have the first word(s) of the puzzle then go and stick it on the wall, as soon as that's stuck and you are back, the next person can go and so on until we are done. Please feel free to help each other out. Now, remember we want to do this as quickly as possible. "On your mark, get set, Go!"

SAY: Well done my friends. God's first step in His plan was to send His son to earth as a little baby. That's why we celebrate Christmas! Then there's STEP TWO...Jesus died on a cross for us so that we could be forgiven of our sins. I hope you recall that's the story of Good Friday and Easter! Wow! How glad I am that Jesus came to earth as a baby, showed me how to live and then died on the cross for my sins.

SAY: I think we've accomplished our first mission but I feel like we need to do more with it. I think that Tara and Simon need details as to how to really make this happen. Let's send our Intel back to the Recon Team and see if there is something more that we need to do.

SAY: Okay, let me get a picture of this Intel to send back to the team. Speaking of the team, let's gather around to find out what is going on with them.





Mission Uplink 2



YouTube: Play "In the Beginning (S1) Episode 6 (2/3)". Pause the video when the MISSION # 2 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 2.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when MISSION #2 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission #2.



Mission #2



Supplies Needed

- Music and music player or someone to play the piano with some of the quiet songs that the recruits know
- Cross (either a paper one posted on the wall or a real one that you might have at the corps; provide a place to come and kneel and reflect on the cross)
- TWO booklets created from template "God's Plan For _____" for each recruit (one is for segment 3); write the name of each recruit on their booklet (Fold each sheet in half lengthwise and then fold in three using the guides.) (make copies of attachment page 7)
- Stickers pre-cut into groups of about five; heart stickers would be great if possible for the girls and perhaps happy faces for the boys
- Rocks from knapsack from previous two lessons and any extras required so that each recruit has a rock; place the rocks at the back of the room
- Pencils
- Small white sheets of cloth in a gift bag (cut up sheets from a Thrift store – noted in Lesson 4); one for each recruit



Mission Assignment

SAY: Wow! This is it. This is what we have been waiting for. We have talked a lot about our sin and God's plan but we haven't really addressed how to deal with it. Let's have a drum roll for Mission # 2... (Reading mission card from satellite uplink) "Recruits find out what to do about your sin and accept the gift of God's forgiveness."

SAY: That sounds great.

DO: Give each recruit a booklet of "God's Plan For _____"

SAY: You've each received a booklet. For the next few minutes we are going to look at it to help us unfold God's plan for us. Turn to page one. What does it say? (GOD LOVES YOU!) You need to remember that! You're each going to get some stickers. Stick them on page 1 and as you do, keep saying GOD LOVES ME!

DO: Give the recruits a moment to add their stickers.



SAY: Now turn to page two. In a nice loud voice say 'I HAVE SINNED'. There we have it! We've all sinned. As the music plays, take a moment to ask the Holy Spirit to show you your sin. Then write down in the cross any sin that is in your life. Actions, thoughts or even things you haven't done that you should have.

DO: Pray for the recruits as they reflect. Have leaders prepared to provide assistance to any recruits who might find it difficult to consider their sin and to spending time talking with them as they complete this.

SAY: Okay, on to page three. This is the exciting part!!! In the loudest voice of all, say JESUS DIED FOR ME. All that we need to do is receive the gift of God's forgiveness through Jesus. It really is that simple. We need to believe that "JESUS DIED FOR ME". This is where you get to receive the gift of God's forgiveness. All you need to do is believe that Jesus died for you and to tell Him that you are sorry for your sins. While the music is playing and when you are ready, pick up a rock from the back of the room and bring it to the cross as a symbol of your sins, the sins that weigh you down. Come to the cross and kneel. With a friend, leader or by yourself read the prayer on page 3 of your booklet. If you truly mean the prayer, sign your name, put your rock at the bottom of the cross and get a clean white cloth from the gift bag that's at the front. This is a reminder that when you bring your sins to Jesus, He cleans you up; you don't have to carry your burdens of guilt and sin any more.

SAY: If you feel that you are still not sure about asking Jesus to forgive you that's okay. You don't need to do this today but please respect those around you who are making the decision to ask for Jesus' forgiveness.

DO: Wait for recruits to really have a chance to pray, have leaders praying with the recruits, be aware of recruits who may be struggling with this decision and pray for those who may not be ready to make the choice today.

SAY: Recruits, some of you have made decisions today to believe in Jesus for the very first time and some of you are coming to ask God to forgive you for the sins that you have committed. Both of these are such huge things. I'm so amazed at all that God is showing you. Let's pray before we move on and find out what is happening with the team.

DO: Pray a seal of protection over the recruits.



Mission Uplink 3



YouTube: Play "In the Beginning (S1) Episode 6 (3/3)". Pause the video when the FIELD MISSION CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when FIELD MISSION CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.





Field Mission Project



Supplies Needed

- Pencils
- God's Plan for _____ booklets (attachment page 8)
- Copy of Doctrine 7 from The Salvation Army Song Book



Today's PRAYER HUDDLE is incorporated into the Field Mission Project.

Mission Project

SAY: This has been quite a tough but wonderful week. It's not over yet though. Just like Simon had to deal with the consequences of his choices we do too. Michael has given us some hints as to what our third mission is about, but let's get the details. A drumroll for Mission # 3 please... (Reading mission card from satellite uplink) "Now that we have accepted God's plan of salvation and forgiveness what is next?"

SAY: – Let's turn to the fourth page of your booklet. What does it say? (*"I NEED TO DECIDE TO LIVE FOR GOD"*.) Now that we have been forgiven and saved we need to make some choices about how we live each day. You see when we truly repent, which means to turn around; we turn from our poor choices and need to start making good ones. So, before we move on I need everyone to start walking toward me. As you do, I want you to think of one of the sins you left at the cross...when I say REPENT you need turn around and start going the other way, thinking of the good choices that you are now going to make. Go!

DO: Repeat this activity a couple of times so the recruits get the idea of repentance and to give them a chance to move around.

SAY: Now, we need to spend some time preparing ourselves for this week. On the last two pages of your booklet, there are some pages that I'd like you to look at as you prepare some goals for the week. I'm going to put you into some small groups and I'd like you to answer at least two of the questions that are there. If you want someone to help you write down your ideas for you that's fine.

DO: Put the recruits into small groups and have leaders assigned to them. Ask any leaders to find out if anyone has made a decision to follow Jesus for the first time. Give the recruits an extra booklet of "God's Plan". Also, have the leaders discuss Junior Soldiership with the recruits.

SAY: Recruits this has been a crucial day. You have also been given an extra booklet of "God's Plan for _____". Over the next week or so I'd like you to start praying about whom you could share God's plan with and give them the booklet. You can also answer more of the questions in your booklet as you are ready to follow more of God's Plan for your life.

SAY: Now, I want to summarize this week by reading doctrine seven of The Salvation Army to you...We believe that repentance towards God ...which means asking for forgiveness and turning the other way, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ...which means believing that Jesus died for you and regeneration by the Holy Spirit which involves allowing the Holy Spirit to help you make good and right choices are necessary to salvation.



SAY: You have worked hard my friends. Remember that GOD LOVES YOU, THAT YOU HAVE SINNED, THAT JESUS DIED FOR YOU AND THAT YOU NEED TO DECIDE TO LIVE FOR GOD. Let's pray.

DO: Pray for your recruits.

SAY: Have a super week and keep your white cloth handy to remind you that Jesus forgives you and that you are now clean!

NOTES



GOD'S PLAN FOR



1. GOD LOVES ME

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, so that whosoever believes in Him will be saved. John 3:16

For God so loves:



Is there someone who can help me to live for God this week? (a friend, parent or squad leader?)

What can I do this week to show others that God loves them?

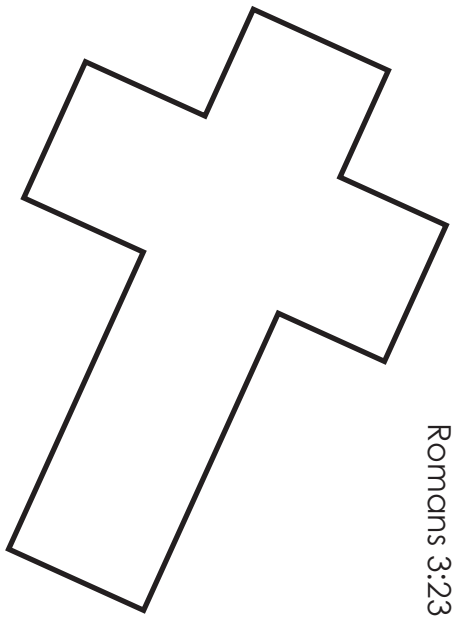
What will I do if I sin this week?

How will I live this week?



2. I HAVE SINNED

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23



4. I NEED TO DECIDE TO LIVE FOR GOD



If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved. Romans 10:9

What will I do? Is there anyone I have hurt that I need to apologise to? Is there something I need to fix?

Who will I tell that I believe in Jesus and that He has forgiven me?



3. JESUS DIED FOR ME

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23

Dear Jesus,
I believe that you died for my sins. Thank you for taking away my sins and guilt.
I'm sorry for _____.
Please forgive me. Thank you so much for this gift of a clean heart. I love you.

Signed:
