

Lesson 12 / February 21, 2010

A Real Help

for use as

STEP 1 

Lesson 12
Focus:

Jesus wants me to help
those in need.

Lesson 12
Bible Basis:

Mark 1:40-45; Luke
5:12-15

Students will think about ways they can help others in need and learn how one young boy helped the people in Haiti.

When disasters happen—like the earthquake in Haiti—it’s hard to know how to help. As Christians, God wants us to care for those in need. But how can we care for them when we are so far away? We hear some people say that the people in Haiti need manual laborers to clear rubble and do rescue work. Others say the most important thing is medical supplies and fresh water.

Discuss:

- ▶ Do you know anyone who is helping in Haiti?
- ▶ What kind of work are they doing?
- ▶ If you could go to Haiti and do ANY kind of work there, what would it be? (give out food to the hungry, take care of the babies without parents, help people get medicine, clear rubble, etc.)
- ▶ What are some practical ways you could join the efforts being made in Haiti—from home?

In Washington State, there is a small island—only five miles long and two miles wide—called Mercer Island. When the young people of Mercer Island heard about the tragedy in Haiti, they wanted to make a difference.

One evening at the dinner table, the Isaac family discussed the earthquake. Their 9-year-old son, Jonah, asked his mother if there was anything their family could do to help. After thinking about it for a while, he had the idea of doing a bake sale to raise money.

Isaac’s parents sent out an e-mail to the other parents and citizens of the island, sharing their son’s idea, and asking them to participate in the event. After only 48 hours, they got over 50 responses to their e-mail!

The bake sale was only three hours long. And guess how much money the team raised for the Red Cross? \$2,500!

Sometimes the smallest idea can make the biggest impact, as Jonah’s idea demonstrates. There is a way for everybody to do their part!

Lesson 12
Memory Verse

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

—Colossians 4:5

Discuss:

- ▶ **In what ways do you think Jonah could have gotten discouraged when he thought about the effort and planning that would go into arranging a large-scale bake sale like that?** (*people wouldn't agree to contribute, nobody would buy anything.*)
- ▶ **Do you think those reasons are good enough to keep someone from trying? Why or why not?**

If we take the time to get involved, we will find that there are many wonderful opportunities to meet the needs of the people in Haiti. By providing for as many of their needs as we can, the Haitian people will encounter a small taste of God's love for them. Now let's look at the way Jesus met the needs of a man who had a terrible disease.

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your *Upper Elementary Teacher's Guide*; your Step 4 appears below.)

To read the complete story of the Isaac family's bake sale, please visit:
http://www.pnwlocalnews.com/east_king/mir/news/81997657.html

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Lesson 12 Focus:

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To help them remember to pray specifically for the needs of the victims in Haiti, students will make a picture frame with visual aids.

Materials:

- foam craft picture frames - one per student (See the link at the end of the lesson.)
- clipart photos (See the additional links at the end of the lesson.)
- pictures of the earthquake or a map Haiti - one per student (See the links at the end of the lesson.)
- glue sticks

As you prepare for this lesson, copy, paste, and arrange all the clipart onto a single sheet of paper. Print one sheet for each student.


Besides contributing money or raising funds for a charity you trust, there's another way we can help the people of Haiti. It is something that is absolutely guaranteed to help them. It is something that we should always be doing, in addition to our tangible assistance.

What is it? We can pray for the people in Haiti! Not just any short prayer, "God help Haiti" (though He certainly hears it) but a prayer for the specific needs Haiti is facing right now.

Sometimes it's hard to remember to pray. We get easily distracted with things like school and games and other events. It's a fact—when we can't see something, it's hard to keep it in our minds. But it is so important for us to be reminded to pray for the people of Haiti.

Today we're going to work on a picture frame that will help us remember to pray for the specific needs of the Haitian people.

Discuss:

-  What specific needs do you think we should be praying for?

Hand each student a foam picture frame and give them the sheets of paper with the listed clipart.

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Prayer List:

1. Red Cross and syringe: **Remember to pray that those who are hurt will be able to see doctors and nurses and get the medicine and help that they need. Also pray that the rescue teams will be able to find everyone who is missing.**
2. Loaf of bread: **Remember to pray that everyone will have enough food and water as they work and as they try to recover.**
3. Cross: **Remember to pray that they would hear about Jesus!**
4. Silhouettes: **Remember to pray for those who don't know where all their friends and family members are.**
5. Hammer: **Remember to pray for those who are helping to rebuild. Pray that God will make them strong as they help so many people.**

As you discuss these specific needs, ask your students to cut out the printed pictures and glue them around the edges of their frame. When they are finished, give them the printed picture of Haiti to put inside the frame. Remind them to place their frame in a prominent place so they don't forget to pray.

Close your lesson by inviting students to pray for the specific needs that are listed on the frame.

To view pictures from the earthquake in Haiti, please visit:

images.google.com/images?hl=en&um=1&sa=1&q=haiti+earthquake&aq=f&oq=&aqi=&start=0

To use a map of Haiti instead of a photo from the earthquake, please visit:

<http://www.haiti-business.com/images/carte2.gif>

To see an example of the kind of foam picture frame needed, please visit:

createforless.com/Fibre-Craft+Foam+Frames+Rectangle+3.5x+5.6+2pc/pid155420.aspx?utm_

Use the following links to find pictures to print for the edges of the frame:

red cross:

<http://www.topnews.in/files/Red-Cross101.png>

syringe:

<http://www.fotosearch.com/bthumb/SUE/SUE105/TOCL0145.jpg>

loaf of bread:

<http://www.fotosearch.com/bthumb/IMZ/IMZ214/szo0638.jpg>

cross:

www.blowers.dudley.gov.uk/images/clipart/Cross%20Clipart%20with%20Radiant%20Light.jpg

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silhouettes:

www.silhouettesclipart.com/wp-content/uploads/2007/07/family-silhouette-clip-art.jpg

hammer:

http://www.jobsministrysouthwest.com/images/tool_clipart_hammer_2.gif

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