Mission to Myanmar

*Opening*

Day One

**Materials Needed:**

YouTube Video -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKfDsqhFz18&t=66s> (Airplane taking off)

YouTube Video -- <https://youtu.be/1mBKfVIbKdc> (About Asian Children’s Mission Video)

Inflatable Globe -- Oriental Trading Item # IN-13757023 ($9.99)

YouTube Video -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5GJ5accXXQ> (Song – Be A Missionary!)

YouTube Video -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uv54Jm4gSQk> (Song – He’s Got the Whole World)

YouTube Video -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoehyq6X650> (Creation Song)

Welcome to “Mission to Myanmar” Vacation Bible School! My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I will be one of your guides during our amazing adventure as we learn more about this country that is so far away.

How far away is Myanmar from us? Well…you can’t walk there and you can’t drive there. You have to take a looong plane ride. Ready to go? Spread your wings, rev up your engines, and let’s go!

Video of airplane taking off -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKfDsqhFz18&t=66s> (00:38 – 1:40)

(Let the kids pretend to be airplanes!)

Here we are! We are in Myanmar! It is very far away. Let me explain (Use inflatable globe). We live in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which is in the US, which is in North America. To get to Myanmar, we have to leave our continent and fly half way around the world to Asia!

 Let’s take our first look at this amazing country! Let’s meet a young lady named E-E as she gets ready to go to school.

<https://youtu.be/1mBKfVIbKdc> (36 – 2.27)

Wow! Myanmar is such an interesting country!

What did you notice about EE’s life that is different from the way you live? (Let kids respond). As we go through our VBS time together, you will learn even more about Myanmar. Each day you will have a Bible lesson, a craft project, a snack time and a time for games. All of these will help you learn about Jesus and how he loves you, and loves children like EE who live half way around the world!

You are on a mission!

A mission is an adventure in which you want to accomplish something. A missionary is a person who goes on a mission. Christian missionaries go to help people, and to tell people about Jesus. Our offering this VBS will go to help special children in Myanmar learn more about Jesus. We will talk more about that tomorrow. For now, let’s learn a new song today and Be a Missionary! We will also pass the offering plate around, so if you have bought money for our mission, you can put it in the plate.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5GJ5accXXQ> (Be A Missionary)

If you go to Myanmar, one of the first words you will learn is “Mingalaba” – it is the traditional greeting. It can mean Good morning, good afternoon, good evening and “How are you”? It is just a nice way of saying hello to friends. Will you say it with me? Mingalaba!

There’s another custom in Myanmar you should know. People take off their shoes before going into a house or place or worship. So – you might want to wear sandals or flip flops so you can easily take off your shoes. Also, people often sit on the floor in Myanmar, even eating at low tables while sitting on the floor. You are going to experience all that while you are on your Mission to Myanmar!

Different places in the world have different customs, but no matter where God is the Lord over the entire world! So, let’s sing about that! He’s Got the WHOLE World in HIS Hands!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uv54Jm4gSQk> (He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands)

(Note – although I am including only three songs, you may wish to add more of your church’s favorites to the list, and/or take away some of these suggestions! That’s OK because the most important thing is that children feel comfortable in worshipping God.)

Our lesson today is that God made the world! Our memory verse today is “From beginning to end, you are God.” Help the children say this, and show them the sign language for this verse.

Let’s sing a song about how God made the world!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoehyq6X650> (The Creation Song)

Think for a moment about all that God created – land, plants, animals and people! Now pretend to be something God created – and strike that pose. Then I’ll try to guess what you are. (Give the kids a few moments to decide). Guess as many as you can – trees, dogs, cats, other animals, flowers, etc.

It is time now to go to your activities. In Myanmar, people usually take off their shoes before entering a house, and people usually sit on the floor! So…you will also take off your shoes and sit on the floor! Remember – we are on a Mission to Myanmar!

Prayer for children

Dismiss to next activities.

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Day Two

**Materials Needed:**

YouTube Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5GJ5accXXQ> (Be a Missionary)

YouTube Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8ocApLgX_8&t=11s> (Joshua School Video)

YouTube Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LjqcnFjVF6k> (Doxology)

Large wrapped present box (Christmas wrapping paper)

YouTube Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sf90f0Lz0_o> (Alive, Alive, Alive Forevermore!)

Mingalabar! Welcome back to “Mission to Myanmar” Vacation Bible School!

Throughout this Vacation Bible School we are learning that God’s love is for everyone and we are on a mission to Myanmar!

Who can tell me what a mission is? (Ask kids to respond) It is an adventure with a purpose. What is a missionary? (Ask kids to respond) It is a person who goes on a mission. Let’s sing our song about being a missionary.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5GJ5accXXQ> (Be a Missionary)

Let’s take a few minutes and watch this video about special needs kids in Myanmar.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8ocApLgX_8&t=11s> (Joshua School Video -- From Beginning through 4:10)

When you give your money to this mission, it is doubled! So – if you give $1.00, it will be matched by a family in North Carolina, so $1.00 becomes $2.00, $5.00 becomes $10.00 and so on.

When we give to God, we are not only helping send his message across the world, we are also worshipping Him, because every good thing we have comes from Him. Christians have sung the Doxology for about 350 years! A doxology is a song that praises God. Praise means that we are thankful to God and we love Him for His goodness.

As the offering plates are passed, let’s sing our praise – let’s sing the Doxology. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LjqcnFjVF6k>

Our Bible verse today is “God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world.” God sent his son, Jesus, here to Earth to show us his love. Let’s do some sign language to help us remember this important verse. (Sign language)

Today we are learning that God is love. In today’s true story from the Bible, we’ll learn how God sent the best gift of all – his very own Son, Jesus, to show his love.

(Show the large wrapped present)

Jesus is the gift of pure love from God to us. You will learn more about this special gift in our Bible Adventures.

In fact – Jesus is alive forevermore – let’s sing it! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sf90f0Lz0_o> (Alive, Alive, Alive Forevermore!)

Dismiss with prayer.

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Day Three

Materials Needed:

YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5GJ5accXXQ> (Be A Missionary)

YouTube video: <https://youtu.be/Q8ocApLgX_8> (Mission to Myanmar -- Joshua School, Starting at 4:13)

YouTube videoL <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hXrqnfcW_Y8> (He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands)

Mingalaba!

Here at Mission to Myanmar we have been learning that God’s love is for everyone! As we have learned not everyone knows this. That’s why we need to be missionaries!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5GJ5accXXQ> (Be A Missionary)

Yesterday we looked at the some of the kids in Myanmar that the Joshua School would like to help. (Explain Joshua School and matching grant). Today we are going to look at the rest of video – the part that is about you being a missionary to differently abled kids in your schools and families.

<https://youtu.be/Q8ocApLgX_8> (Mission to Myanmar -- Joshua School, Starting at 4:13)

Suggestion: Have kids break into their groups and discuss how they can be friends with “differently abled” children they know. After a few minutes, ask the groups for the ideas they came up with.

Prayer and Offering (reminder of matching grant)

Song – He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hXrqnfcW_Y8>

Today’s Bible verse – “God sent His son as a sacrifice for our sins.”

A sacrifice is something you give up. Sin is something we do or say that is wrong. God sent his son as a sacrifice for our sins.

Teach kids the sign language for this verse.

In our classes and craft time today we will talk more about sacrifice, and also about how Jesus overcame death.

Dismiss to groups.

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