

# Making it stick!

## Missions Discipleship teaching tips

### Using Visuals

- We know that kids are visual learners, so we use a simple slide presentation along with the poster kit to help draw attention. Using slides allows us to show more photos and help connect the missions/Bible story to life. We still use the posters and activities to bring the lesson to life.
- Take your kids on a virtual mission trip during class by using google maps. This help you show them the areas you are studying and you can include prayerwalking prayer moments to pray. You will need to look for the locations mentioned in the study ahead of time.

### Making Connections

- We use a slide that helps connect the Biblical concept to the missionary's story and to the missionary call our life. (see slide)  
Starting with Day 1, we use the Bible scripture to point out the truth about God, then how He continues to weave that Biblical truth in the lives of our missionaries, then we explain that we are to share that truth to others as well. We always make the connection that sometimes God calls us to share His hope to a people group that are experiencing something similar to what the scripture is describing. (i.e. Moses and the Exodus story > Missionary and Immigrants > God's faithfulness when you live in a different place).

- We also communicate that because our God is faithful, He continues to work in and through us today to continue sharing His hope. He calls faithful believers (missionaries) to reach people with His hope when they are experiencing .... you fill in the blank using the big idea. (This month lessons is about missionaries who are reaching immigrants from central and south America and how they might need hope just like the Israelites in Exodus because life looks different.



- Then we bring it home and identify people in our own community who might have experiences just like those in the missionary story and those in Exodus. Then we explain how we too are to share Hope with them. By making this connection, we are then able to guide the kids in finding ways to apply the lesson.

### Teaching Objectives

- We use tools to emphasize the 4 Characteristics as a overarching theme for what we desire our kids to learn. We use “teachable moments” to explain why we learn, pray, support, do and tell about missions.
- We created posters with SBC agency logos and point to them as we talk about IMB and NAMB. We also reference our own church’s missions focus. We teach 3 circles to our kids as a way they can share the gospel.
- We have a word wall to help define words like “MK/TCK”, “stateside”, “affinity”, “missions”, “gospel”, etc. This helps them understand missions discipleship key words.
- At every class session we remind participants of the Great Commission and our role as believers.