

God's Love Is Everywhere!

Go Global

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MONDAY – COLUMBIA – JOY

How can we let others see our joy for God?

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation (Psalm 95:1–2).

TUESDAY – DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO – CELEBRATE

How can we celebrate God's love in worship?

Honor the Lord your God by celebrating...Be Joyful, because the Lord has blessed your harvest and your work (Deuteronomy 16:15).

WEDNESDAY – INDIA – WELCOME

How can we welcome others as God's family?

Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother (Mark 3:35).

THURSDAY – ARGENTINA – DISCOVER

How can we discover God's love in new places?

Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love (1 Corinthians 16:13–14).

FRIDAY – OUR COMMUNITY – SHARE

How can we share God's love and be a missionary where we are?

So reach out and welcome one another to God's glory. Jesus did it; now you do it! (Romans 15:7 The Message).

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World Tour

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MONDAY – ISRAEL/PALESTINE – PEACE

How can we share peace with others right now?

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid (John 14:27).

TUESDAY – KENYA – LOVE

How do we show God's love to others?

Don't abuse or take advantage of strangers; you, remember, were once strangers in Egypt (Exodus 22:21).

This can involve a study of refugee communities in the USA.

WEDNESDAY – JAPAN – FRIENDSHIP

How can we be friends to everyone we meet?

But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Your people will be my people and your God my God." (Ruth 1:16).

THURSDAY – HAITI – HOPE

How can we have hope in times of trouble?

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble (Psalm 46:1).

FRIDAY – OUR COMMUNITY – FAITH

How can we share our faith with others where we live?

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see (Hebrews 11:1).

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Latin American Adventure

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MONDAY – NICARAGUA – PEACE

How can we share God's peace with the world?

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone (Romans 12:18).

TUESDAY – BRAZIL – WHOLENESS

How does God make us whole?

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life (Revelation 21:10).

WEDNESDAY – COSTA RICA – LIGHT

How can we be God's light to the world?

You are the light of the world...No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:14–16).

THURSDAY – GUATEMALA – JUSTICE

What does it mean to act justly with others?

What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8).

FRIDAY – OUR COMMUNITY – COMMUNITY

What does it mean to live in community?

Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect (Romans 12:1–2).

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Travels with the Apostle Paul

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The Assembly Leader is dressed as Paul and tells Paul's story. The story can be acted out or read through letters.

MONDAY – SYRIA (ROAD TO DAMASCUS) – FORGIVENESS

What does it mean to forgive and be forgiven?

What a great way to explain forgiveness – here was Paul persecuting Christians, and not only did God forgive Paul, but He asked Paul to share the Good News with everyone! (Acts 9)

TUESDAY – TURKEY (EPHESUS) – GRACE

What is grace and what does it mean to be children of the light?

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light – for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord (Ephesians 6:8–10).

WEDNESDAY – GREECE (CORINTH) – UNITY

What does it mean to be the body of Christ? (1 Corinthians 12:12–27)

THURSDAY – ITALY (ROME) – FAITH

Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:38–39).

FRIDAY – OUR COMMUNITY – WITNESS

Tell others what God has done for you!

Rules for Holy Living, set your hearts on God, pray for one another!
(Colossians 4)

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Where Have You Seen God?

And he said to them, Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation (Mark 16:15).

This session has no specific countries (one or more could be incorporated if desired), but rather illustrates the idea that we can see God everywhere.

MONDAY – WE SEE GOD THROUGH ACTS OF SERVICE

Feeding the hungry (Matthew 25:35–40)

TUESDAY – WE SEE GOD IN UNEXPECTED PLACES

Walk to Emmaus (Luke 24:13–21, 28–33)

WEDNESDAY – WE SEE GOD IN OTHERS

The Story of the Man Born Blind (John 9:1–7)

THURSDAY – WE SEE GOD IN CREATION

Sharing our resources (Leviticus 19:9–10)

FRIDAY – WE SEE GOD IN OURSELVES

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works (Psalm 139:14).

or

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them. God blessed them (Genesis 1:27–28).

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Our Community

Choose countries with ties to your community. Include refugee groups, recent and not so recent immigrants, and perhaps Native Americans. Act out the first four scriptures as well as reading the main scripture verse.

MONDAY – SOMALIA – LOVE

What does it mean to love God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind?
Greatest Commandment – Parable of the Good Samaritan, Part 1 (Luke 10:25–27)

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself (Luke 10:27).

TUESDAY – BURMA – NEIGHBOR

Who is our neighbor? What does it mean to be a neighbor?
Parable of the Good Samaritan, Part 2 (Luke 10:28–37)

WEDNESDAY – MEXICO – HOME

What does it feel like to be away from home?
After we had reached safety, we then learned that the island was called Malta. The natives showed us unusual kindness. Since it had begun to rain and was cold, they kindled a fire and welcomed all of us round it (Acts 28:1–2).

THURSDAY – CUBA – LIGHT

How can we reflect God's love in the world?
You're here to be light, bringing out the God colors in the world (Matthew 5:14 The Message).

FRIDAY – OUR COMMUNITY – WELCOME

How do we welcome others?
For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Matthew 25:35).



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Travels with Jonah

*And he said to them, Go into all the world and
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This is a create your own VBS, based on the story of Jonah (Jonah 3:1–10), to inspire you to continue creating and adapting as you hear God speaking to you and your community.

MONDAY – ISRAEL – HEAR

TUESDAY – TARSUS, SPAIN – GO

WEDNESDAY – MEDITERRANEAN SEA – PRAY

THURSDAY – NINEVEH, IRAQ – ASK FORGIVENESS

FRIDAY – OUR COMMUNITY – HERE