

Passport to the Nations

Elementary Lesson Plan



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“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations...”

Matthew 28:19

Welcome to our Passport to the Nations program!

Jesus' last words to his disciples in Acts 1:8 were "ends of the Earth." At Unknown Nations, we believe those words are extremely important and that is why we focus our ministry in the hard-to-reach places of the world where people have never heard the name of Jesus.

Unknown Nations works daily toward the fulfillment of the Great Commission. We focus our work mainly in the 10/40 window because that is where over 2.9 BILLION people live who have never had a gospel witness!

The lesson guides in this packet have been designed to assist in planning out your discussion. This is a great way to introduce your students to unreached people groups. **Activity sheets, corresponding videos, and other resources are available at unknownnations.com/passport.**

Included in this kit is a package of materials and information for your use during the program. We're providing an Unknown Nations passport for students to follow along as they "travel" around the world putting stamps (stickers) in their passport. There is also a second sticker on the sticker sheet for each country that students can use as a reminder to pray for that country and tell others about what they've learned.

In the packet you'll find the following themes/lessons:

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We pray that this program inspires younger generations and brings excitement about sharing God's Word to make Jesus known. We have included several projects for students to get involved in the Passport to the Nations program. **Please be advised that some of the content in the lesson plan covers sensitive topics which may not be appropriate for younger children. As always, use discretion when reviewing materials for your students.**

We hope you enjoy participating!

Blessings,

Unknown Nations



Unknown Nations: What?

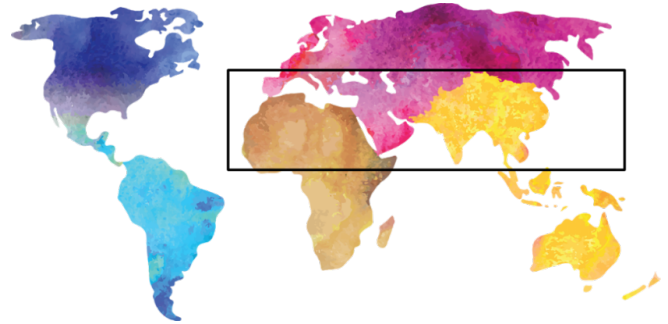
Unknown Nations is a Christian, nonprofit ministry, started in 1994, that works with and through Christian churches, schools, businesses, and individuals to spread the gospel message.

Our Focus: Where and Why?

Unknown Nations' ministry is focused in what is called the 10/40 window (see box on map).

The reason for being laser-focused on that area is because that is the area where most people live who have never had a gospel witness – over 2.9 BILLION people! There is very little mission work done in those hard-to-reach places, so very little opportunity for people to hear of Jesus.

Studies show that up to 70% of these people are oral learners, meaning that they are either illiterate or they prefer to learn orally. That indicates that even if they did have a written Bible in their language, they would not be able to read it.



Zooming In:

- **Treasure Ministry** - We distribute Audio Bibles, called Treasures, which come in over 6,000 dialects that contain some or all of the scriptures based on what has been translated. Each Treasure impacts many people through listening groups. These Treasures are strategically distributed by our Indigenous Leaders, who are native to the people they are ministering to.
- **Humanitarian Aid** - As we provide needed assistance, we also present the gospel message.
 - Medical Aid
 - Emergency Relief
 - Clean Water Solutions
- **Leadership and Discipleship Training** - We equip and train the next generation of Christian leaders through the investment of quality training at our Leadership Training Centers.

Ultimate Goal:

Fulfill the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20) by the spreading of the gospel to the ends of the Earth, discipling people, and planting churches.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20



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Lesson 1 – Kenya

Main Idea: All people were made by God and were created to love God.

Video: Called to the Nations (available at unknownnations.com/passport) *Note: In 2023 World Mission changed their name to Unknown Nations.*

Memory Verse: Matthew 28:19 “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...”

Talking Points/Interesting Facts:

- Kenya is 9.8% unreached – 5,384,000 people!
- 32 of their 109 people groups are unreached.
- Although Kenya has the highest percentage of Jesus followers of any country in the world, it has nine people groups that are 0.0% Jesus followers.
- Dowries are common in Kenya which means the groom’s family will pay at least 10 cows to the bride’s family in order to marry the bride.
- There are 2.5 million Somalis living in Kenya that are 0.18% Christian.

Prayer Topic: Pray for the people of Kenya, and for opportunities to reach the 32 people groups that have never heard of Jesus.

Question: What would it be like if you had never heard the name of Jesus or didn’t know about Jesus? How can you show others that they are made by God and loved by Him?

Crafts & Activities: Kenya Coloring Page, African Shield, How To Make Maracas

Passport Sticker: Kenyan Flag & Pray for Kenya Sticker



Lesson 2 – Myanmar

Main Idea: God always has a plan for our lives – even when we can't see or understand it.

Video: Persecution Story (available at [unknownnations.com/passport](https://www.unknownnations.com/passport)) *

Memory Verse: Matthew 28:19 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..."

Talking Points/Interesting Facts:

- Myanmar is 83% unreached – 45,303,000 people!
- 52 of their 149 people groups are unreached.
- There are over 31 million Burmese in Myanmar. This Buddhist people group is made up of just 0.08% Jesus followers.
- Buddhist leaders regularly persecute people for becoming Christians. Land is confiscated, families are refused water, and stoning has become more common.

Prayer Topic: Pray for the safety of this family and other people who love Jesus in Myanmar. Pray for those who persecute them to believe in Jesus. Pray for Unknown Nations' partners in Myanmar to reach the people in the 52 unreached people groups.

Question: What would you do if someone was mean to you because of your faith in Jesus? Sometimes people are hurting, and we don't even know it. How can you be an encouragement to someone today? What can you do to help bring Jesus' love to the people of Myanmar?

Crafts & Activities: Myanmar Coloring Page, Paper Bag Puppet People, Praying Hands Cards

Passport Sticker: Myanmar Flag & Pray for Myanmar Sticker

** Note: Sensitive Topic, please review materials and consider age group/maturity.*



Lesson 3 – Indonesia

Main Idea: God is always with us and can use our skills and talents to tell people about Him.

Video: Mary's Story (available at unknownnations.com/passport) *

Memory Verse: Matthew 28:19 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..."

Talking Points/Interesting Facts:

- Indonesia is 70% unreached – 193,937,000 people!
- 240 of their 787 people groups are unreached.
- Indonesia is the 4th most populated country in the world and the most populated Muslim-majority country.
- The largest people group are the Sunda who are Muslim - 38 million people - and less than 0.06% are Jesus followers.
- Indonesia is the world's largest island nation with over 18,000 islands.

Prayer Topic: Pray for safety of Mary, her family, and the new Christians. Pray for them to reach many people in Indonesia with God's love. Pray for Unknown Nations' Indigenous Leaders in Indonesia to reach the people in the 240 unreached people groups.

Question: How can we love those in need like Jesus did? How do we know that God is with us? How can you use your skills or talents to reach others for Jesus?

Crafts & Activities: Indonesia Coloring Page, Batik Design, Jesus Loves You Map

Passport Sticker: Indonesian Flag & Pray for Indonesia Sticker

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Lesson 4 – India

Main Idea: God always does what’s best for us, even when we don’t know His plan.

Video: Sanjay’s Story (available at unknownnations.com/passport)

Memory Verse: Matthew 28:19 “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...”

Talking Points/Interesting Facts:

- India is 95% unreached – 1,352,947,000 people!
- 2,048 of their 2,279 people groups are unreached.
- India has more English speakers than any country in the world besides the United States.
- By 2050 India will have simultaneously the most Muslims and Hindus of any country in the world.
- India has more unreached people groups than any other country in the world.

Prayer Topic: Pray for believers like Sanjay to find ways that they can be bold with their faith. Pray for Unknown Nations’ Indigenous Leaders in India to reach the people in the 2,048 unreached people groups.

Question: What is something creative you can do to spread the Good News of Jesus to others? What is a creative way that Jesus can use you to be a blessing to someone else?

Crafts & Activities: India Coloring Page, Lotus Flower Sand Painting, Flag Banner

Passport Sticker: Indian Flag & Pray for India Sticker

Supplemental Resources:

Unknown Nations Bingo

This game can be introduced during any part of the program. We suggest kicking it off with the first lesson, so your students can complete it over the course of the entire program. The content of this grid was created for older students, but we have provided suggestions for use with younger age groups. See the worksheet for more information. Available at: unknownnations.com/passport.

Word Search Puzzle

We've also created an Unknown Nations themed word search with a teacher's guide to test your attention to detail! Available at unknownnations.com/passport.

Prayer Updates

As you're going through the program, we encourage you to utilize the listed prayer topics. We also encourage you to join our prayer list by visiting www.unknownnations.com/pray.

Podcast

Journey with Greg Kelley, a visionary author, and the driving force behind Unknown Nations, as we explore reaching the nations where Jesus is unknown. Immerse yourself in compelling stories, profound Bible teachings, and thought-provoking conversations that will redefine your perspective on global missions. This podcast is more geared toward adults & high school students. Available at: unknownnations.com/podcast.

Thank you!

We hope you and your students have a wonderful time with this Passport to the Nations program!

As a reminder, all materials are available for download at unknownnations.com/passport. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office: 616.534.5689.

We look forward to working together to fulfill the Great Commission!



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***Note: All statistics used in our materials are from Joshua Project (joshuaproject.net) and were updated as of 4/2024.*