



## Mission: Possible! Sunday School Lesson: Youth



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# Me, a Missionary?

How did I become a Missionary to Haiti? Well, it began one Sunday as I left a church service. I was thinking there has to be more to serving God than within the four walls of the church. There was an ache in my soul that needed to be filled. I knew there had to be more for me!

My desire was to no longer live a mediocre life in Christ! I remember praying and saying to God, "I really want to know you. I really want to walk by faith and not by sight, and I want to depend on you for everything." I did not know how much that prayer would change my life.

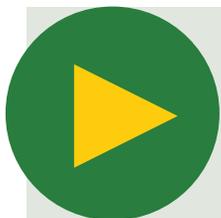
That month our church had a three-day prayer service. The leader was Vera (affectionately called Mother) Boudreaux, a missionary serving in Haiti. As she shared about the country, the people, and her service, I felt

excitement in my spirit and felt my call to missions come alive. A month later, after seeking direction from the Lord, everything changed!

I shared the news with my pastor and Mother Boudreaux, and in January 1998, I was on my way to Haiti. I had accepted God's call to the Great Mission.

### Discussion Questions:

- If everyone is a missionary right where they are, how will the good news of Jesus Christ be heard by people who don't have access to the churches or the Bible?
- How would you know if you have been called to be a missionary?
- How difficult would it be for you to leave your family, friends, and way of life to serve God in another country? 🇧🇩



### Optional Recommended Resource

*Who Is a Missionary* [Short Video - 3:20]

by Pioneers

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLDxHvoiNeA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLDxHvoiNeA)

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# ***Bible Background***

One of the most powerful scenes in the gospel of Matthew is the closing (chapter 28:16-20), which is often described as the Great Commission. In these few verses, the risen Christ appears to his disciples on a mountain in Galilee and announces to them that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to him. Jesus then commissions his disciples to embark on a new mission. He charges them to make disciples of all the nations, and instructs them to baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. He tells them to teach and to obey all that he has commanded them, and he sends them on their mission with the comfort and assurance that he will be with them always.

These five verses that conclude Matthew's gospel are a fitting, powerful, and memorable end to the gospel. Matthew surely wrote his

gospel to be read from beginning to end, and the Great Commission was written as the climax of his long narrative. But the Great Commission does more than conclude and recap Matthew's gospel.

It is important to remember that Jesus' command is not an order to "make Christians" or to "make converts." Jesus' order was to "make disciples." Becoming a Christian is a moment in time; it is just the beginning. Being a disciple of Christ is a lifelong journey. Disciple making is a long-term investment in a person's life.

## **Discussion Question**

- Jesus tells his disciples to GO to all the nations to make disciples. Does that apply to disciples of Christ today? What does that mean for us? 🌍

### **Matthew 28:16-20**

#### **New King James Version**

<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

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#### **New Living Testament**

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# **Confirmation of My Call**

Many situations and circumstances confirmed my call to missions and specifically to Haiti. One of those circumstances was the amazing sense of love that grew inside me for the country and the people of Haiti. When my foot first touched the ground, I had an immediate sense of belonging.

While others saw poverty and hopelessness, I saw beauty and hope. While others saw obstacles, I saw possibility and opportunities. I felt a peace and joy I could not explain. This peace and joy were preparing my spirit to know and align with God's agenda for my life.

My first year in Haiti I couldn't speak Creole, the language in Haiti. One of my first assignments was to teach English classes. In Haiti, voodoo is practiced. Though people who practice voodoo would not allow their children to come to church on Sundays, they would allow them to come to English classes.

The English classes began to grow, students started to excel, and adults began to attend. Our students were Christian, non-Christian, professionals, bankers, lawyers, business owners, pastors, teachers, youth, parents, and young children. Everybody wanted to learn English, and we used the Bible to teach English. Glory to God!

One day, a Haitian businessman visited our class. He invited me to be a guest instructor at his downtown school. That Saturday morning, I didn't feel like going, and excuses ran

through my head to cancel my visit. However, I knew I must go. When we arrived, I was introduced and I began to teach.

There was a young man who asked many questions. He continued to raise his hand even as the class was ending. Have you ever experienced someone continuing to raise their hand and ask questions when you wanted a class to end? Well, then you know how most of the class was feeling.

Finally, he asked, "What must I do to get this Christ?" Whoa! Wow! The class erupted. The young man accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior! This—just knowing that one person wanted to follow Jesus to become a disciple of Christ—was worth missing family, having no electricity, every mosquito bite, and missing friends and the comforts of home.

One person would be a seed for generations to come. One would lead to many. That day I realized I would give up everything all over again! This was my call, my Great Mission!

## **Discussion Questions**

- God doesn't call everyone to serve on a foreign field of mission, but we are still called and accountable to the Great Commission! In what ways can you be on mission for God in your community?
- What if God has an agenda for your life that you don't know about? What would it take to confirm to you that God has called you to the Great Mission? 🌍



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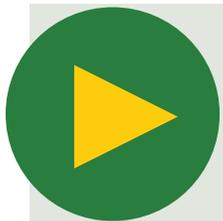
### **On Mission for God!**

Missionaries serve! As believers, disciples, and followers of Christ, we are servants first. There are many ways to be On Mission for God! Each of us has a God-given S.H.A.P.E. (Spiritual gifts; Heart's passions; Abilities gifted by God; Personality; and Experiences, both positive and negative). Each of us should use whatever gift we have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms (1 Peter 4:10 NIV).

Christ followers are called to go into all the world and share their talents, skills, gifts, and abilities to build the Kingdom of God. People's needs are very much the same all around the world, and just as there is no monetary gift too little or too small, there are

no gifts of service too little or small. I usually share with my team members that "many hands make light work." There are so many needs, even if you are not going on a short-term ministry experience, you can still participate in serving. Together we are better. An example of this is when we were using the Bible in Felt and literally had 1,000 pieces that had to be cut out. The work of cutting the pieces out was done by small groups in the United States and then sent to Haiti. Remember, each of us has been uniquely created for a purpose. Use whatever gift, talent, skill, and ability that you possess to be **On Mission for God!**

But why should we be answering God's call to reach others for Jesus? 🌍



### **Optional Recommended Resource**

*State of the Remaining Task* [Short Video - 4:36]

by Global Frontier Missions

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=WvHC7hXNoV8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WvHC7hXNoV8)

### **Processing Questions**

As you begin to explore different paths, keep in mind that serving God and having a career or profession are not mutually exclusive and do not have to be compartmentalized. Whatever career path you choose, you are **On Mission for God!**

1. Do you think missionaries are only needed in developing countries?
2. What is your S.H.A.P.E.?
3. What have you been thinking about as a career?
4. How can you work in missions and have a career in sports, teaching, music, medicine, or another profession?



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## A New Kind of Missionary

Cross-cultural evangelism has changed. Faith-sharing missionaries today seek to “evangelize, not Westernize.” They are often highly-trained to share the good news in culturally sensitive ways.

A study completed by Barna in 2020 on attitudes of Christians about missions and missionaries made some startling discoveries. The study, *The Future of Missions*, also provided several snapshots of missionaries serving in unconventional, non-typical roles.

One missionary was an artist. She moved to a country where she wanted to pursue her call to missions, set up an art studio, became involved in the art culture, lived her life as a

Christian artist, influencing people and sharing her faith in Jesus as she created art.

Other missionaries highlighted in the study were musicians or business people who chose to GO and connect with people of a different culture, while using their talents, gifts, and education for the kingdom of God.

There are missionaries running restaurants and sharing the gospel. There are missionaries surfing and backpacking as a way to reach a specific group of people.

The Barna study reports that young adults are more likely to be potential missionaries. Can you imagine yourself serving in a specific missionary role? Live **On Mission for God!** 🌍

## Recommended Teaching Resources

### Short Videos

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### Websites

- **Beyond All Boundaries, International**  
[www.beyondallboundaries.org](http://www.beyondallboundaries.org)
- **Short-Term Evangelical Missions**  
[www.stemintl.org](http://www.stemintl.org)
- **Youthworks**  
[www.youthworks.com](http://www.youthworks.com)

### Reading

- *The Call: Finding and Fulling the Central Purpose in Your Life*  
by Os Guinness  
[www.amazon.com/dp/B007VDH4HQ/](http://www.amazon.com/dp/B007VDH4HQ/)
- *Reciprocal Missions: Short-Term Missions That Serve Everyone*  
By D.J. Schuetze & Phil Steiner  
[www.amazon.com/dp/B07CR17G22/](http://www.amazon.com/dp/B07CR17G22/)

### Community

- **Mission: Possible! Facebook Group**  
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