

“Windows” - LESSON 2

“Open The Window”

Main Focus:

God can use us to open windows of opportunity around the world.



Power Verse:

“And the Good News about the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it...”

– Matthew 24:14



Whatchagaddaknow:

“I Will Pray, Give, and Go!”

LEADER'S INFO

There are countries all over the world where the window of opportunity is closed, and they haven't had the opportunity to hear the name of Jesus. In these countries, some people have tried to open the window, but so far - the window remains closed.

There are a lot of different reasons why. But, no matter the reason, there are people in those countries that need the opportunity to hear the name of Jesus. So, what do we do? How do we open the window of opportunity so others can hear about the love of Jesus?

There are several things we can do to open the window of opportunity. Even as kids - we have the chance to be a part of opening the window of opportunity in some of these closed countries. In this lesson, the children will learn that each of them can PRAY, GIVE, and ultimately GO.



“The Spark” Intro Video

“Open The Window”



“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

Boudreaux teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



Character Skit

“Walter Streakfree”



Offering Time



Game Time!

“Go Where?”



Missions Story

“Tyler In Tuva”



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Call To Action

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Rewind!

Review Game



Small Group Experience

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Lesson 2 Materials Needed:

“The Spark” Intro Video

- “Lesson 2 - The Spark” Intro Video

“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

- “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video
- “Whatchagaddaknow” Trigger Video

Character Skit

- “Walter Streakfree” Theme Graphic/Music

Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

Game Time!

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video
- “Go Where?” Graphics

Bible Story

- “Tyler In Tuva” Graphics

Power Verse Video

- “Lesson 2 Power Verse” Video

Call To Action

- “Open The Window” Graphics

Rewind!

- “REWIND!” Bumper Video
- “REWIND!” Lesson 2 Graphics

Small Group Experience

- Missions Story Pictures
- Pray-Give-Go Print Pieces
- Bean Bags
- Dry-Erase Markers
- Whiteboard

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Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video

Leader: Hey, kids! Today, we are continuing our series called “Windows.” We are learning about how to take advantage of windows of opportunity around the world to share the love of Jesus!

Have you ever tried to open a window in your house, but it seemed to be stuck? *(allow response)* Isn't that so frustrating? You really want to open the window, but you just can't seem to do it.

We are going to talk about how to handle it when windows of opportunity seem to be closed, today. But first, check this video out...

(play “The Spark - Intro Video Lesson 2”)

Leader: Everyone can do their part to open the windows of opportunity around the world. We can't just accept closed windows as permanent. We have to pray for our missionaries, give money in missions offerings, and pray for God to open the window of opportunity in places that need to hear about Jesus!

You're going to learn all about that in your lesson, today. But right now we need to find out “Whatchagaddaknow.”

(play “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video)



CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “Walter Streakfree” *(He is a passionate window cleaner who always has his bucket and a squeegee while sporting a work jumpsuit. He is a loveable goofball who looks for dirty windows to clean while quizzing people about the science of glass.)*

Walter: *(Enters with his equipment)* Hello! It's me! Walter Streakfree is my name, and glassware is my game.

Leader: Hello, Walter! Welcome back. I hope your week was awesome.

Walter: Oh, it was! I was on Window Call all week, so I was incredibly busy. Lots of dirty windows out there. Lots of dirty windows in this place as well. In fact, I see some dirty eyeglasses, too. *(Takes a pair off a kid and cleans them)* There ya go! Now, the world will be much clearer for you. You're welcome!

Leader: I don't understand how you can stay so busy washing windows.

Walter: Excuse me? *(Gets close to the leader)* Do you know how many windows there are in the world?

Leader: Ummm, well, no, I don't. How would I know something like that?

Walter: Who wants to guess how many windows there are in the world? *(Allow some kids to guess)* Those are good guesses. Before exploring the number of windows in the world, it is important first to define what a window is. A window is an opening in a wall or roof, typically fitted with glass and designed to admit light or air. Windows can be made from various materials, including wood, metal, plastic, and composite materials.

Leader: Wow, Walter! You sure know windows!

Walter: Well, of course I do! I take what I do seriously. No one really knows the number of windows in the world, but I can safely say there are billions and billions and billions! All shapes and sizes are designed for hundreds of different structures. Wow! *(Tearing up)* I really love what I do!

Leader: I can tell! I never knew someone could love windows so much. You have to be the only person in the world who knows this much about windows.

Walter: Funny you should mention that. There are many Facebook pages for window lovers. There are even Window Conferences! I, Walter Streakfree, am usually a speaker at these conferences. And I have my own podcast with a hundred monthly listeners. So, no, many others share my passion for windows.

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CHARACTER SKIT

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Leader: I'm glad you are so passionate, Walter. I'm passionate as well about getting the message of God out! I want everyone to know how much He loves them, and we all have windows of opportunity to tell others about Jesus!

Walter: There is one thing that bothers me, though. Many windows do not open. They have to be cleaned from the inside and the outside. Have you seen people washing windows outside of buildings?

Leader: Oh, I could never do that job! No way! How many of you kids could be a window washer from the outside of those giant buildings? *(Allow kids to respond)* Not me! NOOO WAY!

Walter: These windows of opportunity you mentioned – are they open or sealed shut?

Leader: They are open, but we are the ones that must open them. That's what we are learning today. There are certain things we have to do to make that happen.

Walter: That sounds exciting! *(Feels his phone ringing)* Excuse me please, it's the window hot line. *(Answers the phone)* Walter Streakfree. Yes. Uh huh. Yes. Oh my! Got it! Please send me the coordinates to this location. Walter out!

Leader: That sounds serious.

Walter: Oh, it is! On a scale of 1-10, it's a 99! No time to waste! Dirty windows await. Take care, everyone, and learn a lot today. I am Walter Streakfree. With my bucket and squeegee in hand, all windows will sparkle no matter where I land!

(EXITS WHILE HIS THEME MUSIC PLAYS)



GAME TIME

“Go Where?”

Items Needed For Game:

“Go Where?” Graphics (*provided*)

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Preparation:

Start with the game title slide, “GoWhere?” Choose an even number of boys and girls to compete against each other.

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How To Play:

Each slide will describe places mentioned in the Bible. Each team (*with or without the help of the audience*) will take turns determining the place that is being described. For every correct answer, their team will receive a point. The team with the most correct answers wins the game.



Missions Story

“Tyler In Tuva”

Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 2; begin with the slide that says “Missions Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story; tell it with feeling

The Story:

Today, I’m going to tell you a Missions Story about a young boy who made a HUGE impact for God. (*show pic*) His name was Tyler, and when he was around five years old, he sat in a church service and watched a video about Missions. It was in that video that Tyler heard about a country called Tuva. He had never heard of this country before. He learned that the people of Tuva were living in a CLOSED country. There was not one missionary in the entire country.



Tyler was very moved by what he heard. Even though he was only five years old, he knew he had to do something. So every night, (*show pic*) he knelt beside his bed with his dad and prayed for the country of Tuva. Tyler prayed that God would send a missionary to that country.



Tyler prayed for Tuva every night for a long time. One day, he heard that God had answered his prayers - a missionary had felt the call of God to go to Tuva and preach the message of Jesus to the people there. Tyler knew he HAD to be involved in helping to OPEN the window of opportunity in Tuva, so he began saving money (*show pic*) and bringing it regularly to church in order to give in the missions offering for Tuva. He was determined to do what was possible for him to do as a kid.



Many years passed, but Tyler never lost his love for the country of Tuva. When he was a young adult, he got the opportunity he had prayed about for many years. He got a chance to go on a trip to the country of Tuva. (*show pic*) Tyler was able to meet Christians there and tell them that they were answers to his prayers.



Then something amazing happened. While Tyler was praying over one of the pastors in a restaurant, a waitress came over and asked him what he was doing. Tyler talked to her about his prayers for Tuva and how Jesus had opened the window of opportunity for him to come to Tuva after many years. The waitress, a native of the country of Tuva, asked Tyler and the pastor how to become a Christian. They prayed with her in the middle of the restaurant, and that waitress is now a believer in Jesus.

To think - it all started when one boy decided to pray for Tuva. Then, he gave to send the missionary. And, ultimately he had an opportunity to go! In your lesson today, you are going to learn that these are three things that YOU can also do to open windows of opportunity around the world!



Call To Action

“Open The Window”

Materials Needed:

The “Open The Window” graphics; a window; a hammer

Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled, “Open The Window”



The Message: *(title slide)*

In this series, we are talking about windows of opportunity. Sadly, as you may remember from last time, the window of opportunity to share the love of Jesus is closed in many countries around the world. People, governments, and many others have made sharing the name of Jesus illegal in those countries.

We are faced with a huge problem. The window of opportunity is closed. What must we do? *(pick up the hammer and walk over to the door)* Should we take a hammer and bust the window to force our way in? *(allow reponse)* Yeah, that wouldn’t be smart. Then, you might be wondering, “How do I open the window - especially since I am so far away.” Today, I’m going to share three simple, yet powerful things you can do to open the windows of opportunity in these countries around the world.



We Can Open Windows By Praying *(slide)*

How many of you have ever prayed before? We pray for a lot of things. We pray for others to be healed. We pray to ask for forgiveness for our sins. Sometimes, we pray just to talk to God and let Him know how much we love Him. Well, you can also pray for God to open windows of opportunity. You should all pray for countries where the windows are closed.

Prayer is so important. The missionaries, pastors, and everyday people in those countries need your prayers. Prayer is a powerful thing, and it works. Let me tell you one story of how prayer opened a window of opportunity in the country of Cuba.

For many years, Cuba was closed to the Gospel. It was illegal for churches to meet. Being a Christian was illegal. In Cuba, it was illegal for people to gather in groups of more than five. The stories of Christians being tortured and mistreated are heartbreaking. Christians were thrown in prison camps, tortured, beaten, and threatened to be killed. The window was closed. But, inspite of all the bad things going on, pastors and church members all over Cuba prayed. They prayed for God to open up the door for the name of Jesus to be shared throughout Cuba. People here in America also prayed for Cuba to be opened up to the Gospel.

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Call To Action *(Continued)*

Guess what? It happened! The window of opportunity opened because of all of their prayers. Today, there are over 5,000 churches in Cuba! Prayer works. Prayer opens windows of opportunity. What else can we do to open the window?



We Can Open Windows By Giving *(slide)*

Our missionaries and pastors need our support by our giving. That's why we take up Missions Offerings. That money goes to help our missionaries purchase supplies, buildings, Bibles, and more. All of these things are used to help the people in countries all over the world come to know the love of Jesus.

Many of you don't have much money. You don't have jobs to make money just yet. But, that doesn't mean you just sit around and make excuses. I am thankful that many of you sacrifice a lot to help open windows of opportunity around the world. *(list some of the things your children have done in the past to raise money for Missions)* Many of you have held garage sales selling old toys or clothes in order to give the money to missions. Don't stop! You are already opening windows all over the world through your giving.

There's one final way that you can open windows of opportunity...



We Can Open Windows By Going *(slide)*

Are you willing to GO? We can all go into all the world and preach the gospel. For some of you, that means going to your school and starting a Bible Club. Are you willing to go out into your community and serve the homeless alongside your family?

God might be calling some of you to become a Foreign Missionary that will go to another country where the window is currently closed. Are you willing to GO? Not everyone will go to another country, but someone must. I believe today in this room there are some who God may be calling to go to another country. I am not just talking about the easy places, but the hard places. God may be calling some of you to go to places where the window of opportunity is currently closed.

Remember the story of the little boy, Tyler, who prayed for Tuva from our Missions Story? He wasn't willing to do nothing. He wanted to do what he could to see the window of opportunity open up for Tuva. Are you willing to do your part? Will you open windows by praying, giving, and going? We are all called to do our part! Will you answer the call?

ALTAR RESPONSE: *(play soft music)*

Pray for the kids to open windows by praying, giving, and going. Take additional time to pray specifically for the kids who are willing to go.



Materials Needed:

“REWIND!” Lesson 2 Graphics; “REWIND!” Bumper Video

Preparation:

Play the “REWIND!” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

1. Whatchagaddaknow today?

Answer: “I Will Pray, Give, And Go!”

2. What was the name of the country in our Missions Story?

Answer: Tuva

3. What was the little boy’s name in our Missions Story?

Answer: Tyler

4. How old was Tyler when he started praying for Tuva?

Answer: Five

5. Did Tyler eventually get to visit Tuva?

Answer: Yes

6. Can every child be a part of opening windows?

Answer: Yes

7. According to our lesson today, “We Can Open Windows By _____.”

Answer: Praying

8. According to our lesson today, “We Can Open Windows By _____.”

Answer: Giving

9. According to our lesson today, “We Can Open Windows By _____.”

Answer: Going

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: Matthew 24:14