

# Small Group Experience

## LESSON 2 - “Open The Window”



**Whatchagaddaknow?:**

“I Will Pray, Give, And Go!”



**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**

### Retelling The Missions Story

#### SUPPLY LIST:

\* Missions Story pictures (provided; print one set)

#### TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

*Before the small group begins, print the Missions Story pictures and review the key highlights to familiarize yourself with the talking points. Once you're with the group, hold up the pictures individually and discuss the story together. This Missions Story is inspiring and thought-provoking, addressing challenging topics and deep concepts. Be ready to guide the conversation, listening carefully to their thoughts. Allow God to work through you as you help prepare the next generation to reach the world for Christ!*

**Say-** I am so excited because today we are discussing MISSIONS! For every follower of Jesus, missions is essential. Let's begin by taking a closer look at the story of Tyler in Tuva. I will hold up pictures from the Missions Story, and we will discuss them together. Share your thoughts, and feel free to ask questions!

**-Review the pictures together. Use the story highlights as a guide if needed-**

#### Tyler In Tuva Story Highlights:

- After attending a missions service, Tyler felt led to pray for Tuva. He was 6 years old
- Tuva is a region of Russia, and at the time Tyler started praying, it was fairly untouched by the gospel. The door was shut to Jesus
- People heard that Tyler was praying Tuva and joined him as he faithfully prayed
- Tyler faithfully gave money to missions
- One day, Tyler got a letter saying that missionaries were getting ready to go to Tuva
- Because of prayers, offerings, and the missionaries' work, there began to be churches in Tuva
- As a young adult, Tyler had the chance to go to Tuva. He met Christians in Tuva and told them they were answers to prayers

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- In Tuva, Tyler was praying for a pastor, and a waitress noticed. Tyler shared with the waitress, and she asked to pray and receive Jesus as her Savior

- The window in Tuva was closed, but Tyler prayed, gave so others could go, and finally was able to go!

**Say-** What an amazing story! Because one kid decided to pray and give, God opened a window so missionaries could GO and tell people about Jesus!

**Ask-** What do you think might have happened if Tyler had ignored the tug on his heart for lost people and never prayed for Tuva?

**-Allow time for response; discuss thoughts with the group-**

**Ask-** What did you learn from this story?

**-Allow time for response; discuss thoughts with the group-**

### **Game/Activity**

#### **SUPPLY LIST:**

- \* Pray-Give-Go Print Pieces (provided; print one set)
- \* Bean bags
- \* Dry-erase markers & whiteboard to keep track of the team's progress

#### **TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:**

*Before the small group begins, print and cut out the Pray-Give-Go Print Pieces. Once activity time begins, divide the group into teams. Scramble the letters and lay them on the ground. Choose a spot several feet away from the letters as the tossing spot. Teams will take turns tossing a bean bag at the letters. The goal is to land the bean bag on the letters in the correct order to spell the phrase, Pray-Give-Go. For instance, the first player should try to land their bean bag on the letter P for Pray. If they land on the correct letter, write it down for their team, collect the bean bag, and allow the next team to have a turn. If they do not land on the correct letter, collect the bean bag and allow the next team to go. Continue this way until a team has landed on all the letters in the correct order. This will be a fun activity to reinforce the lesson concept and can be played in multiple rounds as time allows.*

**Say-** I am dividing you all into teams and placing the letters to the words Pray-Give-Go on the ground. However, you might notice that they are not in the correct order! That's part of the game! Your team's goal is to put the letters in the correct order, which sounds pretty simple, but there's a twist. You will not be using your hands; you will be using a bean bag! One at a time, team members will take turns tossing the bean bag at the letters. Your goal is to land on the letters in the correct order. If you land on the correct letter, I will write it down for your team, and then you will collect the bean bag and pass it to the next team. If you do not land on the correct letter, collect the bean bag and hand it to the next team. The first team to land the bean bag on the letters in the correct order wins!

**-Play Pray-Give-Go Bean Bag Toss. This can be played multiple rounds as time allows-**

**Group Sharing****SUPPLY LIST:**

\* No additional supplies needed

**TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:**

*Group sharing aims to empower kids to engage in meaningful discussions and connect the lesson concepts with their own experiences. Help facilitate and guide the discussion time.*

**Say-** We’ve been talking about “open windows” and how we can make the most of every opportunity to share Jesus. Today, I want us to think about how we can all be part of God’s mission by praying, giving, and going. You might think, “I’m just a kid. What can I do?” But there are big ways we can participate, even now.

**Say-** One way we can get involved is by praying. When we pray, we ask God to open windows for others to hear about Jesus. We might pray for people in our school, town, or even other countries who don’t know Jesus yet. Prayer is powerful, and through it, we can help open hearts to hear the gospel.

**Ask-** Have you ever prayed for someone who didn’t know Jesus? What did you pray for?

**-Allow time for response; discuss thoughts with the group-**

**Say-** We don’t always know how or when God will answer, but we can trust that He hears us and moves through our prayers. By praying, we’re a part of opening windows for God to move in people’s lives. Another way we can participate is by giving. We might think of giving as just money, but giving can also be your time, talents, or even energy. Giving to support missionaries and ministries opens windows in places we may never be able to go ourselves. Maybe you give some of your allowance, or maybe your church collects money to support a missionary. You’re a part of God’s work when you give.

**Ask-** Can you think of ways we can give to help others who are sharing Jesus? What’s something you could give that might help?

**-Allow time for response; discuss thoughts with the group-**

**Say-** Giving helps to open windows for people to hear the good news of Jesus! Then, there’s going. Going doesn’t always mean you pack up and fly to a far-off country, although some of us might get called to do that one day. For now, going means sharing Jesus with the people around us—our friends, family, and neighbors. Going means being willing to be a light wherever we are, and when God opens a window of opportunity, we can share His love.

**Ask-** How do you think you can “go” and share Jesus with someone in your life right now? Who are some people you can talk to about Him?

**-Allow time for response; discuss thoughts with the group-**

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**Say-** Maybe one day, God will call some of you to go far away and tell people about Jesus in places where no one knows Him. But for today, going can simply mean talking to someone in your class or showing kindness to someone who needs it. God’s mission for each of us is exciting. He invites us to be a part of His plan by praying, giving, and going. When we pray, we’re asking God to open hearts. When we give, we’re helping to support those who are sharing the gospel. And when we go, we’re saying yes to God’s call to share His love with others.

**Ask-** Out of these three—praying, giving, or going—which one do you feel like you can start doing right now? How do you think you can take part in God’s mission today?

**-Allow time for response; discuss thoughts with the group-**

### **Prayer Time**

**Say-** Great job discussing today’s lesson! Let’s close in prayer, asking God to help us pray, give, and go so that others can hear about Jesus! Would anyone like to lead us in prayer?

**-Allow time for a volunteer to pray. If no one volunteers, you can lead the prayer-**

**Pray**

### **Closing**

**Say-** As we wrap up, remember that we all have a role in God’s mission. Whether through praying for God to open windows of opportunity, giving to help others share Jesus, or going ourselves—here in our communities or around the world—we can all make a difference. Just like Tyler, you can help open windows for people to know God. Don’t forget that every prayer, every time you give, and every step of faith you take matters. Thanks for being part of this important mission. I’m excited to see how God will use each of you! See you next time!





















