

# SESSION 12 FAMILY GUIDE

## HOW CAN I BE USED BY GOD?

**The Bible tells us what is true about God's mission for us.** It's pretty amazing that the God of all creation has a job for us! What could be more exciting than joining God on His mission and being used to bring Him glory? No matter who we are, God desires that every follower of Jesus be on mission with Him. God wants to use each of us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Every person is unique in the ways God can use him. Some of us will take the gospel to far places of the world and some of us will lead our next door neighbor to Christ. As Christians, we have the best news that ever existed! Though being on mission with God may sometimes be scary or cause people to mock us, we are called to trust Him and be obedient to His calling. Just as Jesus loved lost people, so should we show our love for all people by sharing the gospel.

**Key Verse:** *Romans 10:14-15*

**Key Passage:** *Acts 17:16-34*

## STUDY

Do I have a heart for the lost?

- God has a heart for the lost. Our heart should find compassion and even grief over those who do not know Jesus. Just as Paul took the gospel to all different people, so should we share Jesus with others. Jesus invites us to be a part of His work and has given us everything we need in His Word to share this truth with others. We have the joy of being called a laborer for Christ, and He's calling us to help Him reap a harvest of people who love and trust Him for His glory.

How do I know what to say?

- Paul was a student of God's Word. He knew the Scriptures and believed that all of God's Word was truth. In these verses, Paul quoted Old Testament passages in order to persuade the men of Athens to believe in the one true God. It is important to know the words of truth in order to speak truth to others. Being in the Word gives us the confidence, the power, and the knowledge to share the gospel with others. While we should be a

student of the Word, God does not expect us to know everything. But we do have the answer to salvation—Jesus! We can begin sharing our faith by telling others about Jesus.

What if people mock me?

- God does not promise us that being on mission with Him will always go smoothly. There will be many times when people may laugh at you or make fun of you for your faith—even Paul had people who mocked him when he shared Christ. Yet we do not let people's reactions interfere with our obedience. We don't always know how the listener will respond, but we can be obedient to share the gospel with all who will hear. God will do the hard work of changing hearts.

## DISCUSS

- Why is it important that I share the gospel with others?
- How can I overcome my fear of sharing the gospel?
- Who in my life needs to hear the good news of the gospel?

## PRAY

Take a few moments to pray with your preteen. Ask God to help you be on mission for Him. Ask God to give you the boldness and the obedience to faithfully share His Word with others. Thank God for His promise to help us in times of need and be with us always. Ask God to use you for His glory.

## MISSIONARY CARDS

- Collect missionary index cards from your church. (If you do not have any, use the IMB website to print off missionaries you can pray for. ([www.imb.org/pray/](http://www.imb.org/pray/)))
- Using an index card ring, create a booklet of the different cards.
- Commit to praying for these missionaries.