

# Missions Teaching Guide

Love Him Love Them VBS, 2017



# Missions

## Getting Ready for the Mission Rotation:

- Study the lessons. Allow Him to teach you as you study beforehand what you will teach the children.
- Pray for the children that will enter this rotation. Pray that God will teach them through you.
- Gather Supplies
- Decorate your room to look like kids have traveled to Haiti. Your director has decorating tips that you may use for helpful ideas.
- The **“bold”** text is a scripted guide given to help you know what to say as you teach the lesson. Read over and adjust as you feel God lead, but we hope this helps you prepare and teach your lesson.
- If you would like to wear a Love Him Love Them T-shirt this week, go to the store at [LoveHimLoveThem.org](http://LoveHimLoveThem.org)
- Add to and adjust lessons to meet your church's needs.
- There are coloring sheets provided that have been drawn by other children and youth who help *Love Him Love Them* ministry. You may use these sheets during your rotation time, or leaders can use the sheets as needed during any rotation time where there might be extra down time. Children can take the color sheets home at the end of the day's VBS.
- Your director should have the Love in Action project letter you can send home with the children to inform parents of the themed donations.

## **Missions Day 1**

Materials: Projector/TV, computer/DVD, Mission Video Day 1- approx 5 min, gift bag with a pair of flip flops inside, rocks or items as listed in lesson for children to walk on, parent letter for Love in Action Project

### Introduction:

**“God created ALL people everywhere, and He loves you and each person He created, all over the world. There are some people, who because of their love for God, are showing love to people in Haiti.”**

### Video:

**“Do you know where the country of Haiti is? Let’s watch this video to find out about where Haiti is and begin to learn about a ministry that helps in Haiti.”** Watch video- Mission Video Day 1-approx 5 min.

### Lesson:

**“Children in Haiti do not live the same way as we do here in America. Many children do not have shoes, food, running water, and so much more that we take for granted. Let me ask you a question...What is something that you really want and would be very excited to receive?”** Wait for responses and show a gift bag with hidden flip flops inside. Then tell them ... **“Years ago, when Love Him Love Them first went to Haiti, they went to an orphanage where they gave ...”** and then pull out flip flops. **“Flip Flops! The children were so excited to be given flip flops! Those children had been praying for shoes. God used *Love Him Love Them* to show His love that day when they gave the shoes to the children.”**

### Game/Activity:

**“Let’s play a game as we think about what it would be like to live in Haiti.”**

Children will take off their shoes then go to the opposite side of the room or area.

In the area between the children and their shoes, adults will place small river rocks, blocks, or other items to provide a rough walking experience. Place rocks close together to prevent the risk of falling.

Children will walk the rough path to get their shoes. This can be done as a relay race or can be adapted to the age and size of the group.

### After Activity:

**“In Haiti, the ground is very rocky which makes it hard to walk, just like the items made it harder for you to walk across.”**

### Love in Action:

**“Here’s a way you can love them! We want you to wear flip flops to VBS tomorrow that you will give to the children in Haiti. You will leave the flip flops you want to give here for us to collect, and you can go home barefoot that night (or bring shoes if your parent would rather) as a reminder to pray for the children in Haiti. When you give, you are showing God’s love. When you bring shoes, you are helping the children protect their feet and you are giving them something they not only want, but need.”**

Closing and Prayer Time:

**“We can love others in this world because of the love that God gives us. You can show God’s love this week as you bring an offering or the items throughout the week for the ministry in Haiti. Let’s pray for the people in Haiti to know God’s love.”** Please lead the children in prayer.

Extras:

Materials: pencils, construction paper, scissors, crayons

If time allows, have students trace around their foot or shoe on a piece of construction paper and cut it out. Then the children can draw or write, depending on the age ability, things they want to pray about. Guide them, especially the older children, to pray for the children in Haiti as well as the ministry and needs there. Display the cutouts or encourage children to take their cutout home and display it as a reminder to pray for the people of Haiti and *Love Him Love Them* ministry.

\*Please send the reminder/Love in Action letter home today for parents to know about the money and/or flip flop donation.

## Missions Day 2

Materials: Projector/TV, computer/DVD, Mission Video Day 2, dirty item, bar of soap, basket or bucket and small items for relay, parent reminder for Love in Action project

*\*Decoration Tip: If you previously set up your room with decorations resembling Haiti, add trash items to your river and around the room (cups, spoons, napkins, etc). Haiti is polluted with trash, and this can also help the children understand how they have very dirty water there. You can explain that many children go through the trash to find items to use for their toys.*

### Introduction:

**“Yesterday, we talked about how God is your Creator and He loves you. Did you know that God showed His love for you by sending Jesus? God sent Jesus so that whoever believes in Jesus, as their Savior, can be saved from their sins. Everyone has sinned. That means me, you, the children in Haiti, and children and all people all over the world. Everyone has sinned, but we will learn more this week about how Jesus is our hope. He is our Savior. Sin separates us from God and makes us dirty, but Jesus washes us clean.”**

Show a dirty item(s) such as dirty dish, dirty towel, dirty shoe, etc. Using a cup works great! You can show the outside of the cup as clean, but the inside of the cup as dirty. This can help children think about how our outside might be clean, but our inside can be dirty because of sin. **“Do you think these are clean? What should I do to make them clean?”** Allow time for responses. **“Just like we are dirty when we sin, many of our things get dirty and they need to be cleaned. How can we be clean from sin? How can I clean these dirty items? Does anyone like doing chores like washing dishes or washing clothes? Well, let’s watch today’s video from Haiti to learn more about how kids in Haiti do some of their chores.”**

### Video:

Watch Mission Video Day 2

You can ask questions and discuss what children saw in the video. You can also tell the children that the kids in the video did not have the shower and water cistern before the ministry *Love Him Love Them* helped them.

### Game/Activity:

**“Let’s play a game as we think about what it would be like to live in Haiti.”**

Materials- Basket or Bucket, small items for relay

Have children form 2 teams. Place items on the other side of the play area. Children will walk with the basket or bucket on their head. When they get to the items, they will place one item in the basket/bucket and bring it back to the group. If items are heavy, have children take the item out of the

basket when they return to the group. Then, they will hand the basket to the next person in line to do the same activity. Once the entire team is back, the team finished first is the winner.

After Activity:

**“In Haiti, children work hard to help their family with chores. Many children carry heavy buckets every day with water or other items needed for the day.”**

Love in Action:

**“Here’s a way you can love them! Many people in Haiti do not have running/clean water and soap to clean with to stay healthy. We want you to bring soap to VBS tomorrow that you will give to the children in Haiti. As you bring your soap, remember to pray for the children in Haiti. When you give, you are showing God’s love. When you bring soap, you are helping the children stay healthy and clean.”**

Closing and Prayer Time:

**“We can love others in this world because of the love that God gives us. You can show God’s love this week as you bring an offering or the items throughout the week for the ministry in Haiti. Let’s pray for *Love Him Love Them* as they help meet the needs of the people in Haiti.”** Please lead the children in prayer.

\* Please send a reminder home today for parents about the money and/or soap donation.

### **Missions Day 3**

Materials: Projector/TV, computer/DVD, Mission Video Day 3, treat for children (skittles or M & Ms if want to teach the plan of salvation using some of the colors), parent reminder for Love in Action project

Introduction:

**“Yesterday we talked about how Jesus is our Savior. Isn’t that wonderful? That is good news! We want to share the good news with everyone all around the world. *Love Him Love Them* shares the good news of Jesus being our Savior. Let’s watch another video from Haiti.”**

Video:

Watch Mission Video Day 3

**“Just like *Love Him Love Them* ministry tells people about Jesus, we can tell others about Him too! How can you tell others about Jesus where you live?”** Have a discussion with the children of ways they can share Jesus.

Lesson:

**“When someone has good news, they like to tell their family and friends. We have the best news; Jesus came to be our Savior! There are many people in the world that have never heard about Jesus. Many people in Haiti do not understand that Jesus came to be their Savior. If we don’t share about Jesus and God’s love to people, they won’t hear the good news.”**

Have a volunteer go out of the room, with adult supervision. Give other children a treat - candy/sticker/etc. When you give them the treat, tell them, **“Jesus loves you.”** See if someone notices all children got a treat except the child that is outside of the classroom.

**“How can we give it to \_\_\_? Can we throw it to him/her? No, we have to go to him/her.”** Then allow a child to go get the child and give him/her a treat. **“We must GO to people and TELL them about Jesus.”**

*Optional to use with candy- teach the Plan of Salvation with the colors as they eat their treat. Black is for our sins. Red is for Jesus dying for our sins. White is for how Jesus washes us clean when we ask him to forgive us. Green is for how we grow in our relationship with God. Yellow is for Heaven.*

Game/Activity:

Play freeze tag. One child is chosen as “it”. The other children run in a designated area to try to not get tagged. When a child is tagged, they must freeze until another child comes up to them and says, “Jesus loves you.” Play as time allows.

After Activity:

**“When you were tagged, you needed rescuing. We all need rescuing. Who came to rescue us from sin? Jesus! Wasn’t it nice for someone to unfreeze you by saying, “Jesus loves you.”? We need to help rescue people in this world by going and telling them about Jesus.”**

Love in Action:

**“Here’s a way you can love them. We want you to bring toothpaste or toothbrushes to VBS tomorrow, for the children in Haiti. As you bring the toothbrushes and/or toothpaste, remember to pray for the people in Haiti to learn more about Jesus and to tell others about what they have learned. When you give, you are showing God’s love. When you bring the toothpaste and/or toothbrushes, you are helping the children stay healthy.”**

Closing and Prayer Time:

**“We can love others in this world because of the love that God gives us. You can show God’s love this week as you bring an offering or the items throughout the week for the ministry in Haiti. Let’s pray for the people in Haiti to learn more about Jesus.”** Please lead the children in prayer.

\* Please send a reminder home today for parents about the money and/or toothpaste/toothbrush donation.

## **Missions Day 4**

**Materials:** Projector/TV, computer/DVD, Mission Video Day 4, CD player or some device to use to play music, worship song, chairs, parent reminder for Love in Action project

### **Introduction:**

**“Yesterday, you saw a little of how *Love Him Love Them* in Haiti is sharing God’s love. The people in this ministry are helping children who are orphans. An orphan means that a person’s mother and father are no longer living. You heard a testimony from an orphan in the video yesterday. The orphans from the choir have no other family, so they live in a place that is called an orphanage. These children are all different ages. Some may have a brother or sister with them; some are related to no one in the orphanage. The children from the orphanage are learning more about Jesus being their Savior, just like you. These children sing songs to God. Let’s watch another video about Haiti and the orphans in the *Love Him Love Them Orphan Choir*. “**

### **Video:**

Watch Mission Video Day 4

**“These children, who lost it all, have more than they need because they have Jesus. All anyone needs is Jesus.”**

### **Lesson:**

**“When you know God’s love for you, you want to worship and praise God. How do people praise God? One way people praise God is through music. The choir will travel singing as they are praising God. When do you praise God? When should we praise God?”** Have children see that they can praise God anywhere, not just at church. **“When did people in the Bible praise God?”** Discuss examples like David, Paul in prison, etc. **“We should praise God when we are happy or when we are sad, because we know He loves us and He is God.”**

### **Game/Activity:**

**“Let’s praise God while we play.”**

Play a worship song during the activity. You can order the *Love Him Love Them* CD online if you would like to use the choir’s songs. There is a song entitled, “Every Praise,” that the choir sings or you can use any song they sing. Then, play musical chairs. Place chairs in a circle with one less chair than children and start the music as children walk around the circle. After a short amount of time, pause the music; the child not in a chair will be out. Have a designated area the children who get out will sit to keep order during the activity. Remove another chair and then start the music again. Continue playing until there is a winner. Have children sing praises along with the music while they walk. You can also play a song while passing a ball or similar item, and play “Hot Potato” during the praise songs.

Love in Action:

**“Here’s a way you can love them! The items you bring for tomorrow will help the choir when they are in the United States. Just like you need certain things at home to help your family, the children need these things at the house where they will stay while traveling on the choir tour. These are some things they need: laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, clorox wipes, toilet paper, and paper towels.”**

Closing and Prayer Time:

**“We can love others in this world because of the love that God gives us. You can show God’s love this week as you bring an offering or the items throughout the week for the ministry in Haiti. Let’s pray for the children in the choir and for the people and churches they will sing at this year.”**

Please lead the children in prayer.

\* Please send a reminder home today for parents about the money and/or choir house donations.

## **Missions Day 5**

Materials: Projector/TV, computer/DVD, Mission Video Day 5

Introduction:

**“This week you have learned a lot about Haiti and the ministry *Love Him Love Them*. God is using *Love Him Love Them* ministry to help people in Haiti and in other places in the US and around the world. Let’s watch our last video to review what we’ve learned and to see what God is continuing to do in Haiti.”**

Video:

Mission Video Day 5

Lesson:

**“When God tells us to do something, we need to do it. Some people know what to do, but they don’t do it. Have you ever known your parents wanted you to do something, like clean your room, but you didn’t want to, so you didn’t? Well, God tells us to show His love to others. Sometimes He tells us to help others and tell others about Him, but we choose not to do it. We need to obey God. When we follow Him, we will have a joy that only He can give us.**

**Can you think of people in the Bible who did what God asked them to do?”** Discuss these and others briefly: Abraham, Noah, Moses- at first didn’t want to obey, but then they did.

**“God has told some people to work in Haiti. *Love Him Love Them* is ministering in Haiti because they are following God’s lead to do what He has asked them to do.”**

Game/Activity:

**“Let’s play a game as we think about following God.”**

Choose from these ideas: Follow the Leader, Simon Says, Mother May I, Red Light Green Light  
All of those games show how you must listen or watch and then do as directed.

After Activity:

**“As you spend time with God, He will begin showing you more and more what He wants you to do. He will guide you. How do we spend time with God? .... When God tells you to do something, obey Him. One important thing about obeying God is when we love Him with all of our heart, we will WANT to obey Him. Have you ever cleaned your room because your parent told you to, but you had a bad attitude as you didn’t really want to clean it? When we love God with all of our heart, we will want to obey Him and it will bring us joy. ”**

Love in Action:

**“Thank you for the things you brought for the children in Haiti. Now, think of other ways you can share God’s love with others. How can you continue to show God’s love to people who live near you?”**

**How can you continue to show God's love to others around the world? Follow God's lead and obey Him."** Allow time for children to share their ideas.

Closing and Prayer Time:

**"We can love others in this world because of the love that God gives us. Thank you for showing God's love to those in Haiti this week. Let's pray a special prayer today for all of the money and donations we have given to *Love Him Love Them*. Let's pray that God will use these things to bring other people to know God's love. You can continue to show God's love by obeying who God tells you to serve. Let's stay on mission for God as we Love Him and Love Them!"**

\*Encourage children to put their love in action at home or in your community. Children can be challenged to continue to show God's love. Leaders and children can write down what they want to do next to show God's love to others.