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10 Week Cross-Cultural Disciple-Making Journey

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INTRODUCTION & HOW TO USE THIS MANUAL

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WELCOME TO LAUNCH KIDS

What if children were not simply the future of the Church? What if they could participate in the mission of Jesus right now?

What if an 8-year-old could learn to pray for a friend? What if a 10-year-old could notice the lonely child at school and invite them to sit together? What if an 11-year-old could share what Jesus means to them?

LAUNCH KIDS is not simply another children's Bible curriculum. It is a 10-week disciple-making journey designed to help children move from KNOWING about Jesus, to FOLLOWING Jesus, to HELPING SOMEONE ELSE follow Him.

Jesus' Great Commission is to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19-20). His mission is not limited to pastors, missionaries or adults. Children can participate in His mission too.

WHY LAUNCH KIDS?

Children often learn Bible stories in church. That is valuable. But there is another question we need to ask: What are our children learning to DO with what they discover?

LAUNCH KIDS introduces a simple idea: Don't just teach children Bible stories. Teach children to follow Jesus. Then take it one step further: help them help someone else follow Jesus.

OUR FOUNDATION IS GRACE

LAUNCH KIDS does not teach children, 'Work harder so God will love you.' We begin somewhere completely different: God loved first. Jesus came first. Jesus finished the work. Grace comes first.

Our children do not pray, serve, obey or make disciples in order to earn God's acceptance. They live from the acceptance they have received in Christ.

I don't serve so Jesus will love me. Jesus loves me, therefore I can serve. I don't share Jesus so God will be impressed with me. I share because I have discovered Good News worth sharing. Grace is the foundation. Mission is the response.

WHO IS LAUNCH KIDS FOR?

LAUNCH KIDS is designed primarily for children approximately 8-12 years old, but it can easily be adapted for younger or older groups.

It can be used in children's church, Sunday school, small groups, Christian schools, home-school groups, holiday clubs, children's camps, family discipleship, community outreaches, cross-cultural ministry, after-school programmes, and one-on-one discipleship.

You do not need a large group. Disciple-making can begin with two people.

THE GOAL

By Week 10, we want children to be able to say: I know how to follow Jesus. I know how to pray for people. I know how to listen. I can welcome someone. I can serve someone. I can tell my Jesus story. I can explain the Gospel simply. I can read a Bible story with a friend. I can ask Discovery Bible Study questions. I can help someone else follow Jesus. And eventually, I can help them help someone else.

THE BLESS LIFESTYLE

B - BEGIN WITH PRAYER: Before talking to people about Jesus, we learn to talk to Jesus about people.

L - LISTEN: People are not projects. We learn their names, stories, joys, fears and questions.

E - EAT TOGETHER: We make room for people. Food, friendship and hospitality can build bridges.

S - SERVE: We listen for people's needs and look for practical ways to help.

S - SHARE: When the opportunity comes, we share our story and Jesus' story naturally and respectfully.

BLESS is not meant to become another religious checklist. It becomes a way of living.

THE LAUNCH METHOD

I DO - Watch me. The leader demonstrates.

WE DO - Let's do it together. The leader and children practise together.

YOU DO - Now you try. Children begin doing it themselves.

YOU LEAD - Now help someone else. This final step is crucial. We want children who can pass it on.

HOW TO USE EACH WEEK

We recommend allowing approximately 60-75 minutes per session. Do not feel pressured to cover every word in the guide. The goal is participation, not rushing through material.

A typical session can follow this rhythm: Welcome and review (5-10 minutes); Game or object lesson (10 minutes); Bible discovery (15-20 minutes); Practice (10-15 minutes); LAUNCH Mission (5 minutes); Prayer (5-10 minutes).

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Keep it interactive. Children should talk, move, draw, pray, practise, ask questions, read Scripture, tell stories, work together, and go and try what they learned. Talk less. Ask more. Practise often.

CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Children must know that LAUNCH KIDS is a safe place to ask questions. Never laugh at a child's question. Never shame a child for a wrong answer. Never pressure a child into sharing personal information. Never pressure children into evangelistic conversations.

People are not projects. Friendship is not conditional on someone's response to the Gospel.

If a child tells you they are being harmed, abused, threatened, or are unsafe, do not promise secrecy. Tell an appropriate trusted responsible adult and follow your church or organisation's safeguarding requirements.

CROSS-CULTURAL DISCIPLE-MAKING

LAUNCH is intentionally cross-cultural. Encourage children to build friendships beyond their normal circles: different language, culture, community, nationality, traditions or economic background.

We do not try to make people copies of our culture. We point them toward Jesus with dignity, humility and respect.

INVOLVE PARENTS

At the end of each week, tell parents what the children learned and what their LAUNCH Mission is. Encourage families to pray together, eat together, serve together, do a DBS together, and talk about where they see God working.

KEEP A LAUNCH JOURNAL

Give every child a small notebook. Each week they can record: What did I discover about Jesus? What did I learn about people? Who am I praying for? What did I try this week? What happened? What is Jesus showing me? Who can I share this with?

CELEBRATE OBEDIENCE, NOT NUMBERS

Do not ask only, 'How many people did you bring?' Ask: Who did you pray for? Who did you listen to? Who did you include? How did you serve? What did you learn? Did you have an opportunity to share? What happened when you opened the Bible together?

We are developing faithful disciples, not creating competition.

A WORD TO THE LEADER

You do not have to be perfect. You do not need all the answers. But children need to see that you are following Jesus too.

Do not only teach BLESS. Live BLESS. Pray for people. Listen. Open your table. Serve. Share Jesus. Open Scripture with people. Help someone else lead.

OUR PRAYER

Our prayer is for a generation who knows Jesus, is secure in His grace, understands the finished work of Christ, loves without judging, crosses cultural barriers, notices lonely people, serves quietly, shares Jesus naturally, opens Scripture with friends, and makes disciples who make disciples.

We do not want simply to entertain children until they become adults. We want to equip them for the mission of Jesus now. They are not too young. Jesus is with them. The Holy Spirit can work through them. The Gospel is Good News. The mission is still going. It's time to LAUNCH.

WEEK 1 - JESUS CHOSE ME!

Following Jesus starts with saying 'Yes!'

Theme	Following Jesus
Main Bible Passage	Matthew 4:18-20
Memory Verse	Matthew 4:19 - 'Come, follow me... and I will send you out to fish for people.'
Big Idea	I am never too young to follow Jesus and help someone else follow Him.

WELCOME - WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE TO BE CHOSEN?

Ask the children what it feels like to be chosen for a team, a game, or a special job. Most of us enjoy knowing that someone noticed us and wanted us involved.

Jesus chose ordinary fishermen and invited them to follow Him. They were not famous, powerful or highly educated. Jesus saw what their lives could become when they followed Him.

BIBLE DISCOVERY

Read Matthew 4:18-20 together. Ask: Who did Jesus call? What were they doing? What did Jesus ask them to do? What did He promise to make them?

A disciple is someone who follows Jesus, learns from Jesus, becomes more like Jesus, and helps someone else follow Jesus.

I DO - JESUS SHOWS US

Jesus loved people. Jesus listened to people. Jesus served people. Jesus welcomed people others ignored. Read Mark 10:13-16 and notice that children mattered to Jesus.

The first step in disciple-making is not having all the answers. It is learning to follow Jesus ourselves.

WE DO - NOTICE PEOPLE

Ask the group to think of people around them who may need encouragement, friendship, prayer or hope. Practise a simple response: 'I'm sorry you're having a hard day. Can I pray for you?'

YOU DO - MY THREE PEOPLE

Each child writes down three names. Pray: 'Jesus, show me how I can love these three people this week.'

GAME - FOLLOW THE LEADER

Play Follow the Leader. Afterwards ask: What made it possible to follow? You had to watch, listen and respond. Connect this to following Jesus.

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LAUNCH MISSION

For seven days, pray for your three people. Listen to them. Love them. Encourage them. Do one secret act of kindness without telling anyone.

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Ask at home: 'Who helped you learn to follow Jesus?' As a family choose one person or family to pray for this week.

GRACE MOMENT

Jesus does not love you because you are a good disciple. We follow because we are already loved. 'We love because He first loved us' (1 John 4:19).

DISCOVERY / DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

14. What did Jesus ask the fishermen to do?
15. What is a disciple?
16. Why are children not too young to follow Jesus?
17. Who are your three people?
18. What is one loving action you can take this week?

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

Read the memory verse together several times. Add simple hand movements. Let children say it in pairs, then as a group. The goal is not competition but hiding God's Word in their hearts.

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for Your grace and for inviting us to follow You. Help us live what we have discovered. Teach us to love people, listen well, serve with humility, share without pressure, and point people to You. Give us courage for this week's LAUNCH Mission. Amen.

LAUNCH KIDS DECLARATION

I am loved by Jesus.

I am a follower of Jesus.

I can love people like Jesus.

I can tell people about Jesus.

I can help someone follow Jesus.

I am not too young.

Jesus can use me TODAY!

NEXT STEP

Next week: BEGIN WITH PRAYER - Before we talk to people about Jesus, we learn to talk to Jesus

about people.

WEEK 2 - BEGIN WITH PRAYER

Before we talk to people about Jesus, we talk to Jesus about people.

Theme	B - Begin With Prayer
Main Bible Passage	Luke 11:1-4; Matthew 9:36-38
Memory Verse	Colossians 4:2 - 'Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.'
Big Idea	Prayer is where disciple-making begins.

REVIEW

Ask what happened as children prayed for their three people during Week 1. Celebrate every attempt, even if nothing dramatic happened.

OBJECT LESSON - THE BALLOON

Show an empty balloon. It cannot do what it was made to do without air. In the same way, disciple-making does not begin with our cleverness. It begins with God. Prayer reminds us that God is already working and that we are joining His mission.

BIBLE DISCOVERY

Read Luke 11:1-4. The disciples did not ask Jesus to teach them to preach; they asked Him to teach them to pray. Prayer is talking with God and listening to Him. It does not require fancy religious words.

INTRODUCE BLESS

B - Begin with Prayer. L - Listen. E - Eat Together. S - Serve. S - Share.

Prayer comes first because we want to ask: 'Jesus, what are You already doing in this person's life, and how can I join You?'

JESUS' COMPASSION

Read Matthew 9:36-38. Jesus saw people with compassion and told His disciples to pray. Prayer changes the way we see people.

FIVE-FINGER PRAYER

Thumb: family and people close to me. Pointing finger: teachers and leaders. Middle finger: people with responsibility. Ring finger: people who need help. Little finger: me.

PRAYER WALK

Walk slowly around the room, school grounds, church property or safe community area. Pray quietly for the people who live, work or learn there.

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PRAYER DETECTIVE

Listen for phrases such as 'I'm worried', 'I'm scared', 'I wish', or 'I'm struggling'. Ask gently: 'Would you like me to pray for you?'

LAUNCH MISSION

Pray daily for your three people. Ask one person: 'Is there anything I can pray about for you?' Listen carefully and pray a short, simple prayer.

FAMILY MISSION

Create a prayer list for the fridge. Add names and needs. Celebrate answered prayer without turning prayer into a performance.

GRACE MOMENT

We are not trying to convince a reluctant God to care. He already loves people. Pray: 'Father, You love this person. Show me how I can join You in loving them.'

DISCOVERY / DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

19. Why does BLESS begin with prayer?
20. What did Jesus' disciples ask Him to teach them?
21. What is one simple question you can ask someone?
22. Who will you pray for this week?

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

Read the memory verse together several times. Add simple hand movements. Let children say it in pairs, then as a group. The goal is not competition but hiding God's Word in their hearts.

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for Your grace and for inviting us to follow You. Help us live what we have discovered. Teach us to love people, listen well, serve with humility, share without pressure, and point people to You. Give us courage for this week's LAUNCH Mission. Amen.

LAUNCH KIDS DECLARATION

I will begin with prayer.

I can talk to Jesus about people.

I can listen for needs.

God already loves the people around me.

God can use me TODAY!

NEXT STEP

Next week: LISTEN - Before I tell someone my story, I care enough to hear theirs.

WEEK 3 - LISTEN

Before I tell someone my story, I care enough to hear theirs.

Theme	L - Listen
Main Bible Passage	Luke 18:35-43
Memory Verse	James 1:19 - 'Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak...'
Big Idea	Listening is one of the simplest ways I can love someone like Jesus.

OPENING ACTIVITY - 30 SECONDS OF SILENCE

Ask everyone to be silent for 30 seconds. Afterwards list the sounds they noticed. Explain: sounds were there before we noticed them. In the same way, people around us may be communicating needs that we miss because we are too busy talking.

BIBLE DISCOVERY

Read Luke 18:35-43. The crowd told the blind man to be quiet. Jesus stopped. Then Jesus asked, 'What do you want me to do for you?'

Jesus did not assume. He asked and listened.

LISTEN WITH EYES, EARS AND HEART

Eyes: notice facial expression and body language. Ears: hear the words. Heart: care about what the person is experiencing.

THE LISTENING TRAFFIC LIGHT

RED - Stop planning what you want to say and put away distractions. YELLOW - Listen without interrupting. GREEN - Ask: 'Tell me more.' 'How did that make you feel?' 'How can I help?' 'Would you like me to pray for you?'

ROLEPLAY

In pairs, act out a bad listener who interrupts, looks away and changes the subject. Then act out a good listener. Ask the group what changed.

PEOPLE ARE NOT PROJECTS

We do not listen as a trick to get permission to preach. We listen because people matter to Jesus. Genuine love remains genuine even if the person never agrees with us.

YOU DO - ASK THREE QUESTIONS

Practise asking three questions, then be quiet long enough to hear the answers.

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LISTENING DETECTIVE

Listen for words such as worried, wish, excited, struggling, hope, scared. These may help you understand what matters to the person. Do not gossip about what someone shares.

CHILD SAFETY

If another child tells you they are being hurt, abused, threatened or are unsafe, do not promise to keep it secret. Tell a trusted responsible adult.

LAUNCH MISSION

Pray. Listen. Remember. During the week, ask one person a good question. Later, remember what they said and ask them how it went.

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Have a no-interrupting conversation at home. Ask: 'What was the best part of your day?' and 'What was the hardest part?'

GRACE MOMENT

You do not need to solve everyone's problems. It is okay to say, 'I don't know, but we can discover together.' Jesus is the Saviour, not us.

DISCOVERY / DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

23. Why did Jesus ask the blind man what he wanted?
24. What are the three parts of listening?
25. What does the traffic light teach us?
26. Why are people not projects?

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

Read the memory verse together several times. Add simple hand movements. Let children say it in pairs, then as a group. The goal is not competition but hiding God's Word in their hearts.

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for Your grace and for inviting us to follow You. Help us live what we have discovered. Teach us to love people, listen well, serve with humility, share without pressure, and point people to You. Give us courage for this week's LAUNCH Mission. Amen.

LAUNCH KIDS DECLARATION

I will listen before I speak.

People matter to Jesus.

I can ask good questions.

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I do not need all the answers.

God can use me TODAY!

NEXT STEP

Next week: EAT TOGETHER - Sometimes the best place to make a disciple is around a table.

WEEK 4 - EAT TOGETHER

Sometimes friendship grows best around a table.

Theme	E - Eat Together
Main Bible Passage	Luke 19:1-10
Memory Verse	Romans 12:13 - 'Practice hospitality.'
Big Idea	Jesus made room for people. I can too.

OPENING - TWO SNACKS

Give a child two small snacks: one to eat and one to share. Ask what changed when the second snack became an invitation to someone else.

BIBLE DISCOVERY - ZACCHAEUS

Read Luke 19:1-10. Zacchaeus was an outsider. Jesus noticed him and chose to spend time at his house.

Notice the order: welcome and grace came before Zacchaeus' change. Jesus saw a person where others saw a problem.

THE EMPTY CHAIR

Place an empty chair in the group. Ask: Who could sit here? A best friend? A new child? Someone who speaks another language? Someone from another culture or faith? Someone others avoid?

CROSS-CULTURAL FRIENDSHIP

Do not only love people who are like you. Be curious and respectful. If someone's food or custom is unfamiliar, ask: 'What is that? Tell me about it.' Never make fun of differences.

JESUS ATE WITH OUTSIDERS

Read Luke 5:27-32. Sharing a table can communicate: 'You are worth coming close to.' Food is not a trick to preach; the person is more important than the food or the programme.

ROLEPLAY

Practise: 'Can I sit here?' 'Would you like to join us?' 'Tell me about the food you brought.'

TABLE DETECTIVE

At school, church or camp, notice who is sitting alone or being excluded. Ask how you can make room.

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LAUNCH MISSION - OPEN TABLE

Pray, listen, share a snack or meal, and include someone who may be left out. Do not force a conversation about Jesus.

FAMILY MISSION

Invite a person, neighbour, newcomer or family to share a simple meal. Hospitality does not need to be expensive or impressive.

GRACE MOMENT

Religion often says: change first, then maybe you will be accepted. Zacchaeus experienced grace first, and grace produced change. We welcome because Jesus welcomed us.

DISCOVERY / DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

27. What did Jesus do when He saw Zacchaeus?
28. What can an empty chair remind us to do?
29. How should we respond to cultural differences?
30. Why is food not an evangelism trick?

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

Read the memory verse together several times. Add simple hand movements. Let children say it in pairs, then as a group. The goal is not competition but hiding God's Word in their hearts.

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for Your grace and for inviting us to follow You. Help us live what we have discovered. Teach us to love people, listen well, serve with humility, share without pressure, and point people to You. Give us courage for this week's LAUNCH Mission. Amen.

LAUNCH KIDS DECLARATION

Jesus made room for me.

I can make room for others.

I can welcome people who are different from me.

Grace comes first.

God can use me TODAY!

NEXT STEP

Next week: SERVE - Love isn't only something we say. Love does something.

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WEEK 5 - SERVE

Love isn't only something we say. Love does something.

Theme	S - Serve
Main Bible Passage	John 13:1-17
Memory Verse	Galatians 5:13 - 'Serve one another humbly in love.'
Big Idea	Because Jesus served me, I can serve others.

OBJECT LESSON - THE HEAVY BACKPACK

Fill a backpack with safe heavy items. Let a child carry it, then let someone help. Serving often means helping carry another person's load - visible or invisible.

BIBLE DISCOVERY - THE KING WITH A TOWEL

Read John 13:1-17. Washing feet was a servant's job. Yet Jesus knelt and washed His disciples' feet. The King picked up the towel.

Jesus said He had given them an example.

WHAT CAN I USE TO SERVE?

My hands. My ears. My feet. My skills. My time. My heart. Children do not need money or a title to serve.

LISTEN BEFORE SERVING

Serving works together with listening. Do not assume what someone needs. Ask: 'How can I help?'

NEED TO ACTION

Someone struggles with maths - offer help. Someone is lonely - include them. Someone drops books - help pick them up. A parent is tired - help with a task. A new child looks lost - show them around.

ROLEPLAY

Give the group simple situations and let them suggest practical ways to serve.

THE UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM

The world often asks: Who will notice me? Who will choose me? Who will serve me? Jesus asks: Who needs help? How can I serve? Mark 10:45 reminds us that Jesus came to serve.

SECRET SERVANT

Do one act of kindness without telling anyone. Serving does not need applause.

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LAUNCH MISSION - FIND ONE NEED, MEET ONE NEED

Pray. Listen. Connect. Serve. Expect nothing back.

FAMILY COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

Choose one practical service project as a family: help a neighbour, clean an area, prepare food, visit someone lonely, or assist someone with a task.

GRACE MOMENT

Do not serve to earn God's love. God's love is not a salary. GOD LOVES ME -> THEREFORE I CAN SERVE. The greatest act of service is Jesus giving Himself for us.

DISCOVERY / DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

31. Why was washing feet surprising when Jesus did it?
32. What resources can a child use to serve?
33. Why should we listen before serving?
34. What is one need you can meet this week?

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

Read the memory verse together several times. Add simple hand movements. Let children say it in pairs, then as a group. The goal is not competition but hiding God's Word in their hearts.

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for Your grace and for inviting us to follow You. Help us live what we have discovered. Teach us to love people, listen well, serve with humility, share without pressure, and point people to You. Give us courage for this week's LAUNCH Mission. Amen.

LAUNCH KIDS DECLARATION

Jesus served me.

I can serve others.

I will notice needs.

I do not serve to earn God's love.

I serve because I am loved.

God can use me TODAY!

NEXT STEP

Next week: SHARE YOUR STORY - You don't need to be a preacher to tell someone what Jesus has done for you.

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WEEK 6 - SHARE YOUR STORY

You don't need to be a preacher to tell someone what Jesus means to you.

Theme	S - Share
Main Bible Passage	John 9:1-25
Memory Verse	Mark 5:19 - 'Tell them how much the Lord has done for you.'
Big Idea	I may not know every answer, but I can tell my story.

REVIEW

Ask children about their secret service challenge. Remind them that BLESS now includes prayer, listening, eating, serving and sharing.

OBJECT LESSON - WHAT DID YOU SEE?

Place an object in a box. Let one child see it and describe it. Explain: they do not need to know everything about the object; they can tell what they personally saw. A testimony is similar.

BIBLE DISCOVERY - ONE THING I KNOW

Read John 9:1-25. The healed man was questioned repeatedly. He did not have every answer. His simple testimony was: 'One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!'

YOUR STORY CAN BE ORDINARY

Your story does not need to be dramatic. You may say: Jesus helps me when I am afraid. I discovered that God loves me by grace. I learned I am not alone. I discovered forgiveness.

THE THREE-PART STORY

1. BEFORE - 'I used to...' 'I felt...' 'I believed...' 2. JESUS - 'Then I discovered...' 3. NOW - 'Now I know...' 'Now Jesus helps me...'

60-SECOND STORY

Give children time to write a short BEFORE -> JESUS -> NOW testimony. In pairs, practise sharing it in about one minute.

JESUS IS THE HERO

Our story is not mainly about how strong or good we became. Point to Jesus: His love, grace, forgiveness and finished work.

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MISSION BEGINS CLOSE TO HOME

Read Mark 5:18-20. Jesus sent the man home to tell what the Lord had done. Mission can begin with family, friends, class, sport and neighbourhood.

CROSS-CULTURAL SHARING

Do not make people become like you or your culture. Point them to Jesus. Listen to their questions and respect their background.

ASK PERMISSION

Try: 'Can I tell you something I've learned about Jesus?' or 'Can I tell you my story?' If the answer is no, say, 'Okay,' and keep loving them.

WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW

Say: 'I don't know, but we can find out together.' Open the Bible together instead of pretending.

LAUNCH MISSION

Share your 60-second story naturally with one person. Listen again after you share.

FAMILY CHALLENGE

At home, let each person tell a short story about what Jesus means to them.

GRACE MOMENT

Your testimony is not: 'I was bad, I tried harder, and now I am good.' The Gospel is: 'I needed Jesus. Jesus loved me. Jesus saved me. My life now belongs to Him.' See Ephesians 2:8-9.

DISCOVERY / DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

35. What did the healed man know for certain?
36. What are the three parts of your story?
37. Who is the Hero of your testimony?
38. What can you say if you do not know an answer?

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

Read the memory verse together several times. Add simple hand movements. Let children say it in pairs, then as a group. The goal is not competition but hiding God's Word in their hearts.

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for Your grace and for inviting us to follow You. Help us live what we have discovered. Teach us to love people, listen well, serve with humility, share without pressure, and point people to You. Give us courage for this week's LAUNCH Mission. Amen.

LAUNCH KIDS DECLARATION

I have a story.

Jesus is the Hero.

I am saved by grace.

I can share without pressure.

I can love people even when they disagree.

God can use me TODAY!

NEXT STEP

Next week: SHARE JESUS' STORY - The Gospel is Good News about what Jesus has done.

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WEEK 7 - SHARE JESUS' STORY

The greatest story isn't about what we do for God. It's about what God has done for us.

Theme	Share the Good News
Main Bible Passage	Luke 15:11-24
Memory Verse	Romans 5:8 - 'While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.'
Big Idea	The Gospel is Good News about what Jesus has done, not good advice about what we must do.

OPENING - TELL US GOOD NEWS

Ask children to give examples of good news. Good news is an announcement about something that has happened. The Gospel is not merely advice about what we should do; it announces what God has done through Jesus.

BIBLE DISCOVERY - THE FATHER RUNS

Read Luke 15:11-24. The returning son prepared a speech about becoming a servant. The father ran, embraced him and restored him. Grace came before the son's attempt to work his way back.

WHAT DOES GOSPEL MEAN?

Gospel means Good News. Advice says, 'Do this and maybe something good will happen.' News says, 'Something has happened - come and see.'

THE SIX-PICTURE GOSPEL

1. CREATION - God made us for relationship with Him. 2. BROKENNESS - sin and independence from God broke what He intended. 3. JESUS - God came to us in Jesus. 4. CROSS - Jesus did what we could not do; 'It is finished.' 5. RESURRECTION - Jesus rose and is alive. 6. NEW LIFE - we receive new life in Christ by faith.

GOSPEL ON YOUR HAND

Thumb: God loves. Index: sin broke things. Middle: Jesus came. Ring: Jesus died and rose. Little finger: trust Jesus. Close your hand into a fist: new life in Christ.

DRAW THE STORY

Children draw six simple pictures: world, broken heart, crown/Jesus, cross, sunrise/empty tomb, new plant. Then practise explaining the story.

WHAT THE GOSPEL IS NOT

Not: 'Be good or God will not love you.' Not: 'Go to church so God accepts you.' Not: 'Stop all bad behaviour first and maybe God will save you.' The Gospel says: GOD LOVED. JESUS CAME. JESUS DIED. JESUS ROSE. WE RECEIVE.

GIFT OBJECT LESSON

Offer a small wrapped gift. Ask whether it is still a gift if the receiver must pay or do push-ups first. Grace is a gift. We receive by faith; we do not earn it.

SHARE WITHOUT PRESSURE

After sharing, ask: 'What do you think about Jesus?' 'Have you heard the Gospel explained like that?' 'Would you like to know more?' Then listen.

WHEN SOMEONE DISAGREES

Do not argue, insult their religion or culture, or end the friendship. Continue to BLESS them and love them.

LAUNCH MISSION

Draw and share the six-picture Gospel. Start with family if that feels easier. Pray for a natural opportunity and do not force it.

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Around the table, divide the six parts among family members and let each person explain one part.

GRACE MOMENT

Christianity is not DO, DO, DO, and maybe God accepts you. The Gospel is DONE. Jesus did what we could not do, dealt with sin, died and rose, and offers life. We do not work FOR acceptance; we live FROM acceptance in Christ.

DISCOVERY / DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

39. What does Gospel mean?
40. What are the six pictures?
41. Why is grace like a gift?
42. How should we respond if someone disagrees?
43. What did Jesus mean by 'It is finished'?

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

Read the memory verse together several times. Add simple hand movements. Let children say it in pairs, then as a group. The goal is not competition but hiding God's Word in their hearts.

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for Your grace and for inviting us to follow You. Help us live what we have discovered. Teach us to love people, listen well, serve with humility, share without pressure, and point people to You. Give us courage for this week's LAUNCH Mission. Amen.

LAUNCH KIDS DECLARATION

God loves me.

I need Jesus.

Jesus came for me.

Jesus died for me.

Jesus said, 'It is finished.'

Jesus rose again.

I have new life in Christ.

The Gospel is Good News.

I will share Jesus without pressure.

God can use me TODAY!

NEXT STEP

Next week: DISCOVER THE BIBLE TOGETHER - I don't need all the answers. We can discover what Jesus says together.

WEEK 8 - DISCOVER THE BIBLE TOGETHER

I don't need to have all the answers. We can discover what Jesus says together.

Theme	Discovery Bible Study - DBS
Main Bible Passage	Luke 10:25-37
Memory Verse	Psalm 119:105 - 'Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.'
Big Idea	I don't have to be a Bible expert to help someone discover Jesus.

WELCOME - DID YOU SHARE THE GOOD NEWS?

Review the six-picture Gospel: Creation -> Brokenness -> Jesus -> Cross -> Resurrection -> New Life. Ask what happened when children practised sharing it.

OBJECT LESSON - THE MAP

Show a map. If you are lost, a trustworthy map is more useful than someone pretending to know the way. When we do not know an answer, we can ask: 'What does the Bible say?'

GOD'S WORD IS A LIGHT

Read Psalm 119:105. Use a torch in a dim room if appropriate. A lamp may not show the whole journey, but it gives enough light for the next step.

JESUS USED SCRIPTURE

Read Luke 24:27. Jesus helped confused disciples understand by opening Scripture and showing how it pointed to Him.

WHAT IS DBS?

DBS means Discovery Bible Study. It is simple. You do not need a church building, microphone, Bible degree, pastor or long sermon. You need a Bible, a few people, willingness to discover, and willingness to respond.

DON'T JUST TEACH - HELP PEOPLE DISCOVER

Instead of immediately answering every question, ask: 'What do you see in the story?' We do not want people dependent on us. We want them to learn to follow Jesus.

THE FIVE DBS QUESTIONS

1. What do we learn about God or Jesus? 2. What do we learn about people? 3. What surprised you? 4. What will I do? 5. Who can I share this with?

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LET'S TRY IT - THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Read Luke 10:25-37 twice. Ask someone to retell the story in their own words. Then work through the five questions. Do not rush to correct every detail; let the group look back at the text.

INFORMATION ISN'T THE GOAL

Read James 1:22. Bible study is not only about knowing more facts. Every DBS asks: 'What will I do?' Obedience is not the price of grace. It is a response to grace.

ACTIVITY - STORYTELLER

In small groups use Mark 4:35-41, Luke 15:1-7, Mark 2:1-12 or Luke 18:35-43. Read, retell and ask the five questions.

START SMALL

If a friend asks a difficult question, say: 'I don't know every answer, but there's a story about Jesus. Want to read it together?'

WHERE CAN DBS HAPPEN?

At home. Under a tree. During break. At camp. After sports. Around a table. At church. DBS is people gathering around God's Word and discovering Jesus together.

CROSS-CULTURAL DISCOVERY

When someone comes from another culture, listen and let them read Scripture. They may notice something you have never noticed. We learn together.

LAUNCH MISSION - YOUR FIRST MINI-DBS

Choose one person. Ask: 'Would you like to read a short story about Jesus with me?' Use Mark 4:35-41 and the five questions.

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Read Luke 15:1-7 at home. Let the children lead. Parents should resist turning every answer into a sermon.

THE DISCIPLE-MAKING CIRCLE

YOU read with JOSH. Ask Josh who he can share with. Josh reads with DANIEL. Daniel shares with someone else. YOU -> JOSH -> DANIEL -> SOMEONE ELSE. That is multiplication.

GRACE MOMENT

We are not trying to create children who say, 'My leader says...' We want children who learn to ask, 'What does Jesus say?' You do not have to be everyone's answer. Point them to Jesus.

DISCOVERY / DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

44. What does DBS stand for?
45. What are the five DBS questions?
46. Why do we ask instead of always giving answers?
47. Why is 'What will I do?' important?
48. Who could you read a Bible story with?

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

Read the memory verse together several times. Add simple hand movements. Let children say it in pairs, then as a group. The goal is not competition but hiding God's Word in their hearts.

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for Your grace and for inviting us to follow You. Help us live what we have discovered. Teach us to love people, listen well, serve with humility, share without pressure, and point people to You. Give us courage for this week's LAUNCH Mission. Amen.

LAUNCH KIDS DECLARATION

God's Word points me to Jesus.

I don't need all the answers.

I can open the Bible.

I can ask good questions.

I can listen to others.

Grace comes before obedience.

I can help someone discover Jesus.

God can use me TODAY!

NEXT STEP

Next week: HELP SOMEONE ELSE FOLLOW JESUS - A disciple doesn't only follow Jesus; a disciple helps someone else follow Jesus.

WEEK 9 - HELP SOMEONE ELSE FOLLOW JESUS

A disciple follows Jesus and helps someone else follow Jesus too.

Theme	Disciples Making Disciples
Main Bible Passage	Matthew 28:16-20
Memory Verse	Matthew 28:19 - 'Therefore go and make disciples...'
Big Idea	Jesus can use me to help someone else learn to follow Him.

WELCOME - DID YOU TRY A MINI-DBS?

Ask what happened in Week 8. Celebrate attempts. Disciple-making is not about being perfect; it is about following Jesus one step at a time.

OBJECT LESSON - ONE LIGHT BECOMES MANY

Use battery candles or torches. Switch on one, then let that child signal another to switch theirs on, continuing until the room is full of light. The first light did not become smaller; the room became brighter.

BIBLE DISCOVERY - THE GREAT COMMISSION

Read Matthew 28:16-20. Jesus did not only say, 'Go and get people to attend meetings.' He said, 'Make disciples.'

WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

A disciple follows Jesus, learns from Jesus, becomes more like Jesus, and helps others follow Jesus. Believing in Jesus is the beginning of a beautiful journey.

JESUS' PLAN WAS PEOPLE

Jesus spoke to crowds but invested deeply in a smaller group. He walked with them, ate with them, answered questions, demonstrated prayer and service, sent them to try, and helped them learn.

THE LAUNCH WAY

I DO - Watch me. WE DO - Let's do it together. YOU DO - Now you try. YOU LEAD - Now help someone else.

SANDWICH OBJECT LESSON

You can lecture about making a sandwich, or you can demonstrate, make one together, let the child make one, and then ask the child to teach someone else. Disciple-making works similarly.

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PAUL'S MULTIPLICATION PLAN

Read 2 Timothy 2:2. Paul -> Timothy -> reliable people -> others. Paul was not only asking, 'How can I teach Timothy?' He was asking, 'How can Timothy teach someone who can teach someone else?'

ADDITION AND MULTIPLICATION

Helping one person is wonderful. Multiplication begins when the person you help also learns to help someone. Numbers are never the goal; every number represents a person God loves.

ANDREW FINDS PETER

Read John 1:35-42. Andrew discovered Jesus and brought his brother Simon Peter. Andrew did not know what Peter would become. He simply helped one person meet Jesus.

WHO IS YOUR ONE?

Look again at the three people you have prayed for. Ask: 'Jesus, is there one person You want me to walk with?' Choose someone you genuinely care about, not someone who makes you look impressive.

MY ONE

Write: The person I would like to help follow Jesus is _____. Why did I choose them? What can I pray for? What could we do together?

THE DISCIPLE-MAKING LADDER

Pray. Listen. Eat. Serve. Share your story. Share the Gospel. Discover Scripture. Then ask: 'Who could YOU help?'

DON'T BECOME THEIR JESUS

Do not make someone dependent on you. You are not their Saviour or the Holy Spirit. Say: 'Let's go to Jesus together.'

ALL NATIONS MEANS ALL PEOPLE

Disciple-making crosses language, culture, community and background. The Gospel does not belong to one culture. We do not make people copies of us; we help them follow Jesus.

DISCIPLE-MAKING IS NOT CONTROL

Helping someone follow Jesus does not mean they must do everything you say. We create followers of Jesus, not followers of ourselves.

LAUNCH MISSION - WALK WITH ONE

Choose your ONE. Pray daily. Invite them to read Mark 4:35-41. Use the DBS questions and finish with: 'Who could you share this with?'

DRAW YOUR DISCIPLE-MAKING MAP

Write ME -> MY ONE -> THEIR ONE. Leave space for more arrows. This is a prayer map, not a competition.

GRACE MOMENT

You cannot change a heart, give new life, or force someone to believe. Jesus can change hearts. Our job is to pray, love, listen, serve, share and open Scripture. Disciple-making is participating in what God is already doing.

DISCOVERY / DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

49. What did Jesus command His disciples to do?
50. What are the four stages of LAUNCH?
51. Who is your ONE?
52. Why should people not become dependent on us?
53. What happens when your ONE helps someone else?

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

Read the memory verse together several times. Add simple hand movements. Let children say it in pairs, then as a group. The goal is not competition but hiding God's Word in their hearts.

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for Your grace and for inviting us to follow You. Help us live what we have discovered. Teach us to love people, listen well, serve with humility, share without pressure, and point people to You. Give us courage for this week's LAUNCH Mission. Amen.

LAUNCH KIDS DECLARATION

I am a disciple of Jesus.

I follow Jesus.

I learn from Jesus.

I can help someone else follow Jesus.

I will point people to Jesus.

I DO. WE DO. YOU DO. YOU LEAD.

Disciples make disciples.

God can use me TODAY!

NEXT STEP

Next week: YOU LEAD! - You have not finished LAUNCH; you are being launched.

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WEEK 10 - YOU LEAD!

You haven't finished LAUNCH - you are being launched.

Theme	From Disciple to Disciple-Maker
Main Bible Passage	Matthew 28:18-20
Memory Verse	1 Timothy 4:12 - 'Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young...'
Big Idea	I don't have to wait until I'm older. Jesus can use me now.

WELCOME - YOU MADE IT!

Review the journey: Week 1 Jesus Chose Me. Week 2 Begin With Prayer. Week 3 Listen. Week 4 Eat Together. Week 5 Serve. Week 6 Share Your Story. Week 7 Share Jesus' Story. Week 8 Discover the Bible Together. Week 9 Help Someone Else Follow Jesus. Week 10 You Lead!

OBJECT LESSON - PAPER AEROPLANE

Give every child paper and make an aeroplane. Ask: What was this made to do? What if we decorate it, discuss it and have meetings about it but never launch it? LAUNCH KIDS was not designed only to give information. It is time to fly. Count 3...2...1...LAUNCH!

BIBLE DISCOVERY - JESUS SENDS

Read Matthew 28:18-20. Notice three things: Jesus has authority. Jesus sends us. Jesus goes with us. You are not being sent alone.

YOU ARE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER

Read Acts 1:8. One ordinary disciple helps another, who helps another. Like ripples in water, the Gospel moves outward.

BUT I'M JUST A CHILD!

Read 1 Timothy 4:12. You do not have to wait until you are 18, 25, 40, a pastor or a missionary. You can pray, love, serve, share and follow Jesus today.

YOUR MISSION FIELD

Your first mission field may be home, school, sports team, neighbourhood, family and friends. Wherever God has placed you, you can live on mission.

BLESS IS NOW YOUR LIFESTYLE

Begin with Prayer - 'Jesus, who can I love today?' Listen - 'Tell me your story.' Eat Together - 'There's room for you.' Serve - 'How can I help?' Share - 'Can I tell you what Jesus means to me?'

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REMEMBER THE LAUNCH WAY

I DO - Watch me. WE DO - Let's do it together. YOU DO - Now you try. YOU LEAD - Now help someone else. Today you reach YOU LEAD.

WHO IS YOUR ONE?

Your ONE is not your project. This is a person Jesus loves. Do not pressure or control them. Jesus is the Saviour. You simply walk with them.

CREATE YOUR 90-DAY PLAN - MONTH 1 LOVE

Pray for your ONE. Listen. Spend time together. Serve. The goal is not 'How quickly can I preach?' The goal is 'How can I genuinely love this person?'

MONTH 2 DISCOVER

If they are interested, invite them to read stories about Jesus. Suggested four weeks: Mark 4:35-41; Luke 15:1-7; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 19:1-10. Use the five DBS questions.

MONTH 3 MULTIPLY

Ask: 'Who do YOU know who might enjoy discovering these stories?' Help your ONE invite that person. YOU -> YOUR ONE -> THEIR ONE.

MY 90-DAY LAUNCH CARD

Write: My name. My ONE. I will pray for them. Something we enjoy doing together. One way I can serve. Our first Bible story. When we could meet. Someone they might eventually help. Across the bottom write: JESUS, USE ME.

MY MISSION MAP

Put your name in the middle of a page. Around it write Family, School, Activities, Neighbourhood, Church, Friends. Add names. Ask: 'Jesus, who are You asking me to love?'

CROSS-CULTURAL CHALLENGE

Add one more question: 'Who is different from me that I could learn to know?' Not because they are a project, but because they are a person Jesus loves.

DON'T BUILD YOUR KINGDOM

Disciple-making can become about us if we are not careful. The goal is not 'Look how many people I lead.' The goal is that Jesus becomes greater.

GRACE MOMENT

God does not love you more if you make ten disciples. He does not love you less if someone refuses your invitation. Your identity is not 'successful disciple-maker.' Your identity is 'loved child of God.' Mission flows from grace.

PASS ON WHAT YOU RECEIVED

Read 2 Timothy 2:2. MY LEADER -> ME -> MY ONE -> THEIR ONE. This is how movements can begin: ordinary people faithfully passing on what Jesus has given them.

COMMISSIONING

Leader: Who will follow Jesus? Children: I WILL! Who will love people? I WILL! Who will pray? I WILL! Who will listen? I WILL! Who will serve? I WILL! Who will share the Good News? I WILL! Who will help someone else follow Jesus? I WILL! Who will help them lead? I WILL!

DISCOVERY / DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

54. What does it mean to be launched?
55. Where is your mission field?
56. What will you do in Month 1, Month 2 and Month 3?
57. Why is your ONE not a project?
58. What is your identity even if someone says no?

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

Read the memory verse together several times. Add simple hand movements. Let children say it in pairs, then as a group. The goal is not competition but hiding God's Word in their hearts.

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for Your grace and for inviting us to follow You. Help us live what we have discovered. Teach us to love people, listen well, serve with humility, share without pressure, and point people to You. Give us courage for this week's LAUNCH Mission. Amen.

LAUNCH KIDS DECLARATION

I am loved by Jesus.

I am saved by grace.

I belong to God.

I am a disciple of Jesus.

I will follow Jesus.

I will begin with prayer.

I will listen.

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I will make room for people.

I will serve.

I will share my story.

I will share Jesus' story.

I will open the Bible with others.

I will help someone follow Jesus.

I will help them help someone else.

I don't need to be famous.

I don't need to be perfect.

I don't need to know everything.

Jesus is the Hero.

The Holy Spirit is my Helper.

God's Word is my guide.

Grace is my foundation.

Love is my way.

I am not too young.

JESUS CAN USE ME TODAY!

NEXT STEP

3... 2... 1... LAUNCH! Don't just finish the programme. Live the mission.

90-DAY LAUNCH PLAN

Don't just finish the programme. Live the mission.

MY NAME: _____

MY ONE: _____

MONTH 1 - LOVE

I will pray for: _____

Something we enjoy doing together: _____

One way I can serve: _____

MONTH 2 - DISCOVER

Our first Bible story: _____

When we could meet: _____

The five DBS questions:

59. What do we learn about God/Jesus?
60. What do we learn about people?
61. What surprised you?
62. What will I do?
63. Who can I share this with?

MONTH 3 - MULTIPLY

Someone my ONE might eventually help: _____

My multiplication prayer map:

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

JESUS, USE ME.

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LEADER COMMISSIONING PRAYER

Father, thank You for every child who has walked through LAUNCH KIDS. Thank You that they do not have to wait until they are adults before they can participate in Your mission.

Thank You that they are loved because of Jesus, not because of their performance. Fill them with Your Holy Spirit. Give them courage without pride, confidence without pressure, compassion without judgement, and love without conditions.

Help them notice the lonely, listen to the hurting, welcome the outsider, serve those in need and share Jesus with gentleness. May they never build their own kingdoms. May everything they do point people toward Jesus.

As they go into their homes, schools, sports teams and communities, remind them of Your promise: 'I am with you always.' We send them - not alone, but with Jesus. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION
LAUNCH KIDS

10 Week Cross-Cultural Disciple-Making Journey

This certifies that

_____

has completed LAUNCH KIDS and has been equipped to:

Follow Jesus

Love People

Make Disciples

Multiply

Date: _____ Leader: _____

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