



Lesson 6

ROUND ROCK



STARTUP PREP

Each lesson in this Texas Missions for Kids curriculum volume tells the story of how one church is being the salt of the earth and the light of the world in response to Christ's Sermon on the Mount as found in Matthew 5. Each week prepare your heart for ministry by reading the Beatitudes and following verses as recorded in Mathew 5:1-20. The Bible verse for this unit is Matthew 5:16.

In the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Each couple of lessons will also have a separate focal Bible verse to help the boys and girls in your church learn ways to minister as they focus on ministry throughout Texas and respond to the Word of God in their own lives.



Blessings on each of you who teach children about the missions work of God in Texas through the ministry of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention. We hope you will learn about our state missions efforts as you teach the children in your church and/or community.

STARTUP PREP

Please begin your preparation in prayer.

PRAY FOR

- Guidance from the Holy Spirit as you prepare to share about missions work in the state of Texas and in your own neighborhood
- Your students and their families - pray for the children to have open ears to listen and develop a love for missions work in their home state
- Missionaries, their families and their mission work

As you prepare for the following lesson, print the available downloadable material. Also, you need to acquire a Texas road map. Adhesive putty, yarn or string and a DVD player are also needed.

A family challenge is provided at the end of the lesson. This can be printed and sent home with each child or emailed to parents to explain the day's lesson and to give parents missional ideas to do together as a family at home.

What's Included + Needed

INCLUDED

- Intro activity
- Missions video ([download at sbtexas.com/missions4kids](http://sbtexas.com/missions4kids))
- Missions story
- Missions activities
- Family mission challenge (optional) - Send home with children or email to parents

PRINTED SIGNS

- Unit theme verse, Matthew 5:16
- Focal Bible verse, Mark 16:15
- Pastor Steve Cochran
- CrossWalk Church
- Game signs for bean bag toss
- Mission grab bag cards
- Allergy alert

NEEDED

- Texas state map
- Push pins/tape/adhesive putty
- Yarn or string (seven colors, one for each city or area)
- Video download & device to play video
- Posterboard
- Card stock
- Variety of writing implements
- Optional - computers/tablets with basic art software
- Three small baskets/boxes
- One bean bag per team
- Tape
- Paper sack or bag
- Snack option - sno cones



Focal Bible Verse

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INTRO ACTIVITY

Should last between five to six minutes

BEFORE CLASS—FIND OUT

- 1 How many miles it is from your town to Round Rock
- 2 How long (hours and minutes) it takes to travel from your town to Round Rock
- 3 Locate the towns on the map so you can guide the children to the correct location

LOCATE TODAY'S TEXAS CITY

OBJECTIVE Locate your present city and the cities being discussed.

As children arrive, ask them to gather or sit near the Texas map. Help ensure that each child can see the map.

ASK THE CHILDREN

- 1 Can someone locate our city on the Texas map?
- 2 Does anyone know where Round Rock is located on the map? (If no one knows, give them hints as to where it is located)
- 3 Ask someone to come pin up or tack up a string between your town and Round Rock
- 4 Ask if anyone has ever been to Round Rock. Ask them the best way to get there from where you are - car, train, plane?

Be prepared to say how far and how long it takes to drive to these different cities.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Texas state map
- Push pins/tape/adhesive putty
- Yarn or string (seven colors, one for each city or area)

Depending on the size of your group, this activity may be completed as a class activity or a small group activity.

If you choose to do this activity in small groups, please provide one set of supplies for each group.

Teachers, you can attach the yarn or string from your town to the different cities. For older children, allow a child to attach the yarn length to the map.

SAY "Let's learn about Pastor Steve Cochran and the ministry at CrossWalk Church in Round Rock."



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MISSIONS STORY

(Play the lesson video: The video introduces the Texas Missions story for the day. It is not intended to tell the full story)

Who likes bounce houses and carnival games? Name one of your favorite carnival games. Have you ever thought about using bounce houses and carnival games to tell others about Jesus? The people in our story today used bounce houses and carnival games to reach people in their community and tell them about Jesus.

After serving in ministry for 37 years, Pastor Steve Cochran felt like God was leading him to do something new. After spending time in prayer, Steve and his wife felt God calling them to plant a church. Who knows what a church planter is? A church planter is someone who starts a brand new church, sometimes in an area where there is no church available for people to attend. Many times church plants have to meet in a house, a hotel or even a barn because they do not have a church building like we do. In 2012, Pastor Steve and his wife planted CrossWalk Church in Round Rock. Guess what type of building God provided for them to worship in? A barn!

CrossWalk Church wanted to reach people in their community. They decided to have an outdoor block party with bounce houses, carnival games, giveaways, candy and more. CrossWalk Church invited a preteen group from Southcliff Baptist Church in Fort Worth to help with the event. The students went to every home in the neighborhood and handed out 500

Gospel of John books and invited people to the block party. They also shared the gospel with people in the neighborhood. As a result of their efforts, several families came to the block party, which allowed Pastor Steve and the people at CrossWalk the opportunity to tell their neighbors about Jesus. One family even came to the worship service the following Sunday. It was through the partnership of CrossWalk and the preteen group from Southcliff that the block party was a huge success.

Have you ever thought about sharing the gospel with others in your community? We can share the gospel with others in our neighborhoods too, just like Pastor Steve, CrossWalk Church and the Southcliff preteen group did in Round Rock. But before we can share the gospel with others, can someone tell me what the gospel is? (Allow time for responses.) The gospel is sharing the good news that God sent his one and only son, Jesus, to die on the cross for your sins. Jesus came to be our Savior and take the penalty for our sins. We have great news and hope to tell others. Think of ways you can share the good news of Jesus with others in your neighborhood.

Let's pray together for God to continue to help Pastor Steve and CrossWalk church as they share the gospel with people in Round Rock. Also, pray that God will show us opportunities and ways we can share the good news of Jesus with people in our own neighborhood and community where we live.



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MISSIONS ACTIVITY

OBJECTIVE TO PRAY FOR...

- 1 Review the mission story
- 2 Pray for Pastor Steve and the members of CrossWalk Church
- 3 Pray for the people who live in neighborhoods in Round Rock
- 4 You are never too young to share the gospel with others. Pray that God uses you to share the good news with other people
- 5 Ask someone in your church if there are opportunities where you can serve and share the gospel with others

You can choose between the activities below depending on your time and group size.

ACTIVITY 1 PUBLICITY EXPO

ACTIVITY 2 BEAN BAG TOSS

ACTIVITY 3 MISSIONS GRAB BAG

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Ask students to name the different ways CrossWalk Church used to meet people to tell them about Jesus (block parties, door to door visiting, etc.). Ask them what other ways they can meet people to tell about Jesus in their neighborhoods. Make a list of all the answers. Tell the students that if they want to let people know about the events, they will need to design promotional materials to invite people to the events. Depending on the size of your group, students can either make their own or work in pairs or groups of three or four. Let students design posters, postcards or web home pages to tell about their event. Each design should include today's verse, Mark 16:15. Let the children share their designs with the class and report how they would use their promotional materials to publicize their event.

For older students you might like to have them design a Facebook page for their event. They could also develop a Twitter campaign with hashtags along with key people and verses to mention as they tweet about their event. They could simulate a live tweet of the event and include exciting updates about people being saved and all the fun things going on at the event.

Encourage the children to continue thinking of creative places and ways to share the good news of Jesus.

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MISSIONS ACTIVITY

ACTIVITY 2 BEAN BAG TOSS

Space the baskets in a vertical line. Tape the sign "Go into" on the basket closest to where the children will line up to throw. Tape the sign "Go into all the world" on the basket in the middle. Tape the sign "Go into all the world and preach the good news" on the basket farthest away from the throwing point.

Divide the group into at least two teams. Have the children toss the bean bag to one of the targets, taking turns between teams. The person at the front of the line throws a bean bag into one of the baskets. If the bean bag lands in the first basket, the whole team says or reads the part of the verse on the sign on that basket. Keep score. Give a bean bag landing in the first basket one point, the second basket two points and the third basket three points. If the team can say the reference to the verse (Mark 16:15), add an additional point for each toss. When someone lands a bean bag in the third basket, let him/her look the verse up in his/her Bible or recall from memory the final phrase of the verse "to all creation" for a chance to get an additional point.

At the conclusion of the game, discuss with the children what parts of "all the world" they might be able to go into either now or in the future. It is fine if "all the world" for them now is their school or where their grandparents live. Pray thanking God that he can use students to go into the world and share the good news of Jesus. Older children can keep a tally of their points. Younger children may need some help.

ACTIVITY 3 MISSIONS GRAB BAG

Cut apart the pictures from the missions grab bag cards and put them in a lunch size paper sack or something of similar size. If you want to find small renderings of actual items (a bandage, a small plush farm animal, cowboy hat or skateboard), you can use actual items. Look at your map of Texas and review the six cities you have visited: Boerne, Fort Worth, Bellville, Austin, Houston and Round Rock.

Divide students into two teams. Give students a turn to draw a photo or object out of the bag. When the object is revealed the student must tell you the city that object matches. For example, a cowboy hat matches Boerne but it also matches Fort Worth! If a student can provide a correct answer on his own, award two points. If the student would like to get help from his or her team and he or she gets a correct answer, award one point. If one team cannot provide the correct answer, the other team can try to answer correctly. If they do so, they get one point.

Congratulate the students on their excellent memories. Ask them to remember these stories when they see these various items. Tell them to thank God for the work going on in these Texas cities and to pray for the people there, as well as their own city.



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A FAMILY CHALLENGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Today in our missions lesson we learned about a church that reached out to its community by using something most children enjoy - bounce houses and carnival games. After 37 years of ministry, Pastor Steve and his wife left their home and planted a CrossWalk Church in Round Rock.

CrossWalk wanted to reach people in its community so they hosted, with the help of a preteen group from Fort Worth, an outdoor block party with bounce houses, carnival games, giveaways, candy and more. Before the event the preteen students helped by going door to door, handing out 500 Gospel of John books and inviting people to the block party. They also shared the gospel with people in the neighborhood. As a result of their efforts several families came to the block party, which gave Pastor Steve and the people at CrossWalk the opportunity to tell their neighbors about Jesus.

To see the full lesson about CrossWalk Church you can visit www.sbtexas.com/missions4kids and click on Lesson 6 - Round Rock.

We learned that just like the people at CrossWalk, we can share the gospel with others in our neighborhood and community as well. This week think of ways you could share the gospel with people in your neighborhood, whether by hosting your own neighborhood block party or having some neighbors over for a backyard barbeque. As a family, come up with one way to share the good news of Jesus in your neighborhood and act on it. Ask your children how they can create a promotional piece to advertise your family event. Encourage your family to say a prayer for CrossWalk Church and the ministry pastor Steve is doing in Round Rock as you walk or drive through your neighborhood or have the opportunity to enjoy jumping in a bounce house. Also pray together as a family for God to provide opportunities in your own neighborhood where you can share the good news of Jesus with others.

Thank you for encouraging your child to pray for and contribute to Texas missions!

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Unit Bible Verse

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and give glory to your Father in
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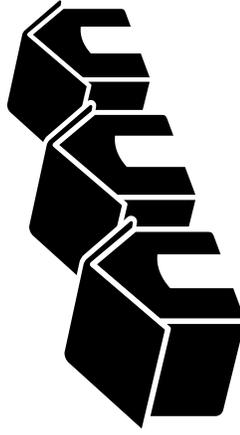
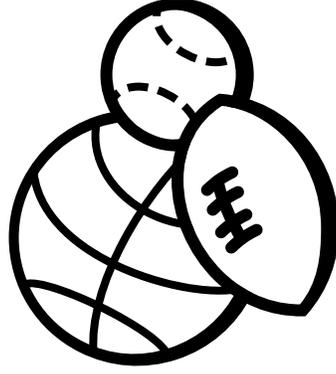
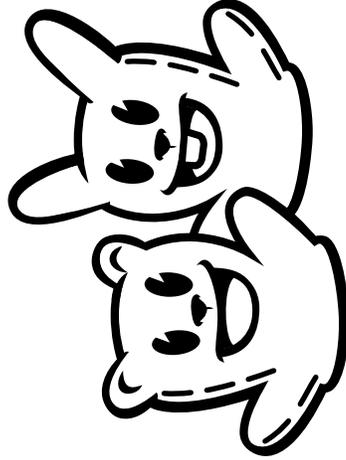
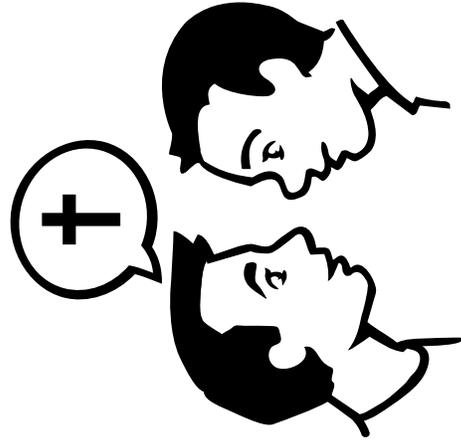
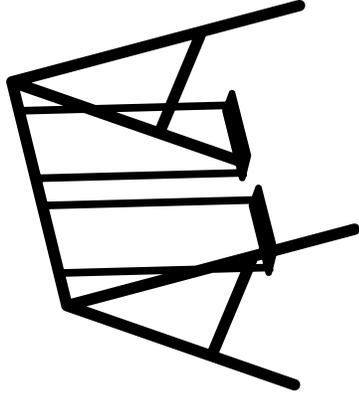
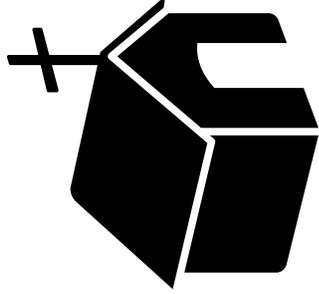
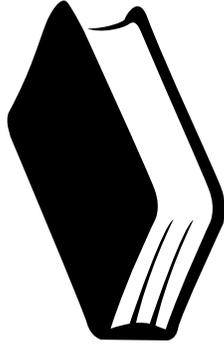
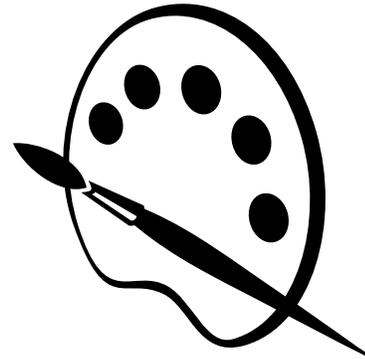
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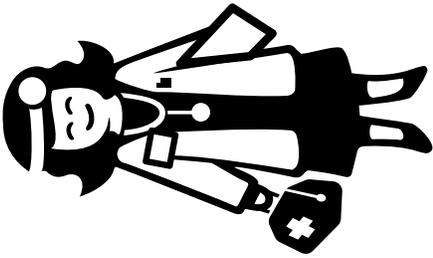
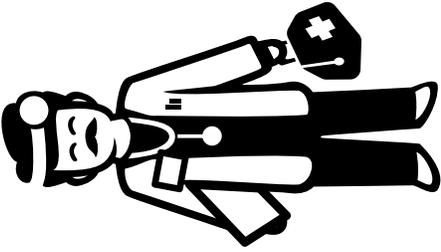
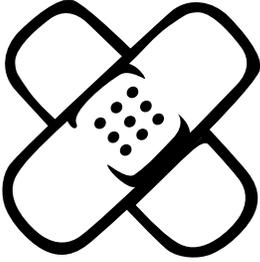
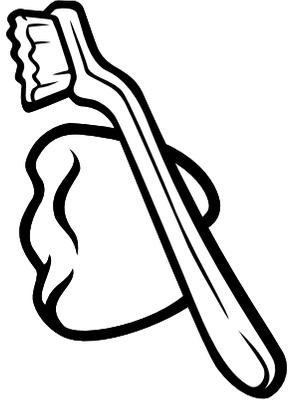
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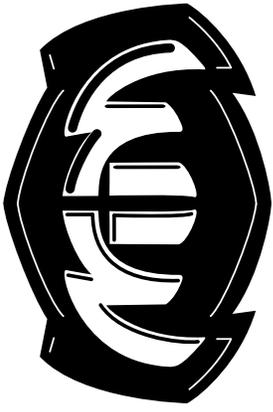
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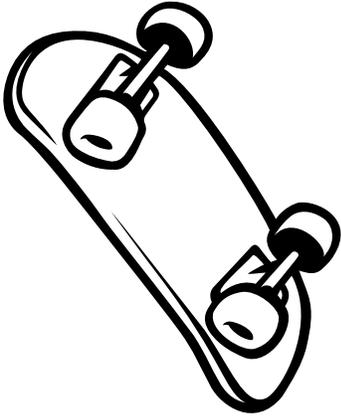
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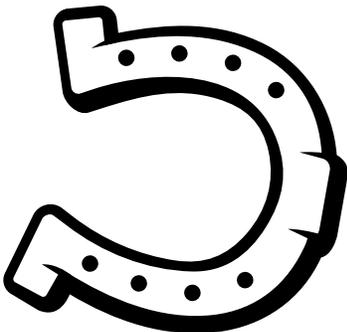
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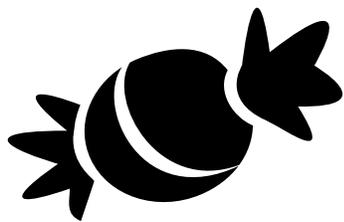
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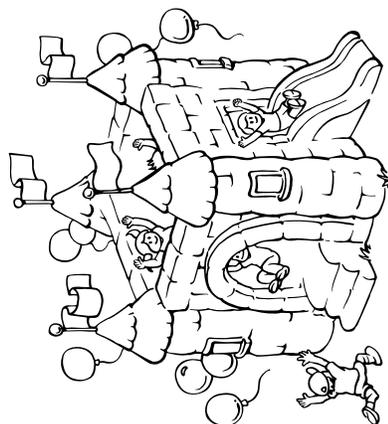
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ALLERGY ALERT!

Today's Snack
