



Gameplan: Wk 4/4
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God's gameplan for us is to share His goodness by loving and serving others.

LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To get your students thinking about ways they can serve and love others here, there, and everywhere.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:8

THINK ABOUT THIS

This week's talk focuses on spreading God's love and message near and far. For your middle schoolers, this concept can be a little daunting. For one, some of them haven't been outside of their community or state, while even fewer have traveled outside of the country. Technology can help bring awareness to places they've never been, but their views and experiences of the world may still be limited. In addition, the idea of talking to others about Jesus can be difficult since middle schoolers are navigating what exactly their faith means to them. Since students in this phase may have trouble thinking outside the box, it's helpful for them to remember that telling others about Jesus can look like a lot of different things. It can mean inviting someone to church, sharing a Bible verse, or even demonstrating God's love and compassion through our actions and the way we treat people. Even during this COVID season, students can raise money for others in need across seas or connect through technology.

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

MAIN POINT

Love goes all places.

GET THEM TALKING

If you could visit anywhere in the world, where would you go?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

During the talk this week, we learned about God's call for us to serve, love, and tell others about Him in *all* places.

1. Who told you about Jesus?
2. Do you think a middle schooler can actually make a difference in the world? Why or why not?
3. How does it make you feel to know you could help someone know Jesus better?

READ ACTS 1:8 and answer the following questions:

1. What's the difference between trying to make a difference on your own verses with God's power?
2. How would you define here, there, and everywhere in your life?
3. What's one thing you can you do *here* to make a difference?
4. What's one thing you can you do *there* to help people?
5. What's one thing you can you do *everywhere* to make an impact?

NEXT STEP

This week, share this Bible verse with your parents at home and ask them if you can brainstorm as a family a way to help someone either here, there, or everywhere.

PRAYER GUIDE

Ask your students to share their prayer requests and have them close in prayer.

SCRIPTURE

MS students are concrete thinkers, so opening your Bible to read the Scripture with them is a preferred visual cue.

ACTS 1:8 (NLT)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”