

Hit the Road in the Amazon

Use this resource to reinforce what your child is learning every month in missions.

NOTES FROM YOUR CHILD'S LEADERS

This month, children will study the gospel story of Jesus calling to four fishermen (the brothers Simon Peter and Andrew and the brothers James and John) to “hit the road” to follow Him. They will discover how the brothers immediately left their nets and boat to go with Jesus and become fishers of people. Children will learn about the Parkers*—IMB missionaries who left the United States to serve as missionaries in the Amazon. The Parkers take the gospel stories to towns and villages. They teach the gospel stories to indigenous believers and encourage them to share the stories with their friends and neighbors. Children will be encouraged to demonstrate hospitality to others by making new friends and inviting their friends into their homes. They will learn how this is an opportunity to share Bible stories. Children will be challenged to “hit the road” in their community to show God’s love to others and share the gospel message with others.

BIBLE FOCUS

Read Matthew 4:18–22. Think about a favorite activity every family enjoys doing. Discuss how even though the fishermen probably enjoyed fishing, they left immediately when Jesus called them to follow Him and become fishers of people. Discuss how the Lord might be speaking to your family. What are some ways you can all become fishers of people?

MINISTRY FOCUS

Bronson Parker* says, “When the battle is intense, I’m thinking the Lord is about to do something great.” Lucas is an indigenous believer who teaches the children in Village P. Some people in the village and nearby town are persecuting Lucas and other indigenous believers. Pray for the future of Village P, Lucas, and the other indigenous believers.

**Names have been changed.*

WEB FOCUS

Visit these websites as a family to learn more about this month’s emphasis:

- wmu.com/ThisMonth
- imb.org

MISSIONS FOCUS

► Friendship Dinner

Host a friendship meal. Have each family member choose a person and his or her family to invite. Plan and prepare the meal as a family. Decide on some entertainment (games, movies, and activities). Have the youngest family member choose a Bible story to share with your guests.

► Tell Me a Story

The Parkers tell Bible stories in the Amazon, because most people do not read or write. Study some gospel stories. Use a children’s Bible storybook. Read through the stories one by one. Work together as a family to memorize the stories. Take turns telling the stories from memory.

► Fishing Time

Go on a family fishing trip. Tell Bible stories that relate to fishing as you spend time together. Tell the gospel story in Matthew 4:18–22. Enjoy your time together (whether you catch any fish or not) and make good and lasting memories.