

Sharing the Hope of Jesus in

New Mexico

Use this resource to reinforce what your child is learning every month in your children's missions group.

Children will learn about church planters sharing the hope of Jesus Christ. They will recognize Jesus for who He is – the resurrected Son of God!

NOTES FROM YOUR CHILD'S LEADERS:

Bible Focus

In Matthew 17:1–13, Jesus took disciples Peter, James, and John to a mountaintop where something awesome happened. Moses and Elijah showed up – yes, the Old Testament heroes who lived centuries earlier! Jesus' appearance changed into something gloriously bright and white. And a voice within a bright cloud declared that Jesus is God's beloved Son. Wow! It is a moment often called the Transfiguration. What does this moment tell us about who Jesus really is?

Ministry Focus

Josh Valdez serves as a bivocational church planter in his hometown of Farmington, New Mexico. His job outside the church is to help local high school students with their life issues so they can succeed. He knows the needs of the people and what it is like to grow up there. Share a story about your hometown and what it was like growing up there. Show your kids a photo of what you looked like when you were their age.

Missions Focus

▶▶▶ Book Club

Josh Valdez encourages his church to read books about the Christian faith and theology. Find a book about a missionary or church history that your family can read together. Be inspired by the faith tradition that Christians share.

▶▶▶ Trailer Park Outreach

Across the highway from Higher Ground Church is a trailer park community. The church does ministry projects to share God's love with those families. They do Vacation Bible Schools and host family fun events. It takes many volunteers to make these events happen. Volunteer your family to serve by decorating or hosting an outreach event in your community.

▶▶▶ Verse by Verse

Josh Valdez leads his church in their understanding of the Bible. He preaches through the Bible verse by verse. He says, "We are a church plant that is convinced that God's people are fed by God's Word." Develop a family Bible reading plan. Read one of the four Gospels together, verse by verse.

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