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RESPONSIVE READING #1

BASED ON ISAIAH 58:6-7

Leader reads the light print

Congregation reads the bold print

All read the italicized print

In our world, people go to bed hungry

Christ, have mercy

In our world, children have no home

Christ, have mercy

In our world, people are held against their will

Christ, have mercy

In our world, people live in the margins

Christ, have mercy

In our world, people must flee their land

Christ, have mercy

But, we are here to welcome

Because we have been called

We are here to provide refuge

Because we have been called

We are here to set the captives free

Because we have been called

We are here to open our homes

Because we have been called

We are here to offer food and sustenance

Because we have been called

Christ, open our eyes to injustice.

Compel us to mercy.

Lead us into your Kingdom.

Amen.





RESPONSIVE READING #2

BASED ON PSALM 72 AND PSALM 146

Leader reads light print

Congregation reads the bold print

All read the italicized print

God, you deliver those in need when they call,

The poor and those who have no helper

You have compassion for the weak,

You save the lives of those who have no strength

You redeem their lives from oppression and violence

Their lives are precious in your sight

You set the prisoners free

And open the eyes of the blind

You remember us in our lowest state

For your great love endures forever

Your hand is strong

And your arm is ever outstretched

God, You lift up those who are bowed down low

You uphold the orphan and the widow

You are great and full of grace

You stand as an advocate and lover of people

We will praise the Lord as long as we live;

Blessed be the Lord, who does wondrous things.

Amen





CHILDREN'S SERMON #1

PREPARATION:

For this children's sermon, make sure you have a globe or a map. Make sure the words on the globe or map are large enough for the children to identify the country and/or state where they live and also the country of Macedonia. Also, print out photo of Alicia and Jeff Lee available at www.cbf.net/transformation.

SAY:

Good morning everyone! It is good to see each and every one of you this morning. I love that we all live close enough to each other that we can come to church and see one another face-to-face.

ASK:

Who can tell me what is the name of the place we live? *(Keep working until the children are able to answer the city, state and country.)*

That's right! Can someone come point to about where we live on this globe/map?

SAY:

You are right again! We live right here. But, did you know we have friends all around the world. Yep, we know and love people who live all over. Some people we know live near us. And, some people we know live really far away.

ASK:

Do you have any friends who live far away?

SAY:

Today, we are going to learn a little more about our friends who live in Macedonia.

ASK:

Have you ever heard of Macedonia? *(If a child raises their hand, let her/him say what they know.)*

Does anyone know where Macedonia is? *(Invite a child to help you find Macedonia on the map or globe.)*

SAY:

That's right. It is all the way on the other side. If you tried to fly there, it would take you all day.

Did you know, thousands of years ago, before Jesus was born, a person from Macedonia ruled the whole world?

He wanted the whole world to be one country and for everyone to speak the same language. But, that was over 2,000 years ago and today Macedonia is a pretty small country *(gesture to it on the map again)*. And the people there need help.

So guess what, some of our friends moved there to help. Their names are Alicia and Jeff Lee *(hold up picture of the Lees)*. They live in Macedonia and they work with other people there to make sure everyone has enough food and a place to live. They helped build a house for children. They let people borrow cows so that they have milk to drink and cheese to sell. They work with another friend so that everyone has food. They do so much in Macedonia! And we get to help them.

ASK:

How do you think we can help them?

SAY:

I know that to help them we can learn more about Macedonia, we can save up our money and give to the CBF Offering for Global Missions and remember that we have friends who live there. Also, we can pray for them, right? We can pray for Alicia and Jeff and for all the people they work with in Macedonia. Let's pray for them now.

PRAY:

Dear God,

We pray for Alicia and Jeff Lee. We ask that you are with them in Macedonia. We pray for all of the people they know and work with there. God, we are grateful that we can know and pray for people like Alicia and Jeff. Help us to remember them and pray for them.

In Jesus's name,
Amen





CHILDREN'S SERMON #2

PREPARATION:

Print out photo of Jenny Jenkins available at www.cbf.net/transformation. Gather a small first aid kit where the elements are easily divided and identifiable. Adjust the examples in the text to the resources you have available.

SAY:

Well, hello there! I am so glad you are here with us this morning. I am glad that each of you has had a safe morning and you could join us as we worship. Are there ever times when you are getting ready or maybe playing outside and you get hurt? Yeah, me too. Sometimes even when we are here at church, we may scrape a knee or bump our head. That is why we keep this first aid kit here with us. Let's see how much you all know about the things in this kit.

ASK:

Let's see, if you were to get a scrape on your arm, what would you need from here? *(Accept all answers and direct toward antiseptic and bandage.)*

Good. What about if you were playing softball, and you held up your glove to catch it, but missed and the ball hit your head? What would you want from here? *(Accept all answers and direct toward ice pack.)*

Okay how about this one, what if you were playing and you fell and held out your arms to try and catch yourself? Maybe you hurt your arm and it wasn't feeling good. What might you use? *(Accept all answers and direct toward sling.)*

SAY:

It's a good thing we have this here for us. If anyone gets hurt, we know exactly what to do.

ASK:

What would happen if we didn't have these things here? What if we couldn't find them anywhere? What would we do if someone got hurt? *(As you are asking these questions quietly place all of these items back in the bag and move the bag so it is out of view.)*

SAY:

Did you know there are people all over the world who do not have these things they need. When someone gets sick or hurt, they don't know what to do. But guess what?! There are people like Jenny Jenkins who can help *(show the picture of Jenny Jenkins)*. Nurse Jenny lives in Haiti and helps people there who are sick and hurt. Before she moved there, the people in the village did not have anyone who knew what to do if someone was hurt. They didn't have any first aid kits anywhere. Now, if something happens, they can all go and see Nurse Jenny.

ASK:

Did you know Nurse Jenny does more than just help people who are sick or hurt?

SAY:

Guess what—she does! She also helps make sure families have a home. She makes sure children can go to school! She even helps the teachers at the school too! Nurse Jenny does so much in her neighborhood and makes sure everyone has what they need. Let's take a minute and say a prayer for Nurse Jenny.

PRAY:

Dear God,

Thank you for Nurse Jenny Jenkins. Thank you that she can go to Haiti and help the people there. We pray that she continues to serve and lead in her community. As we leave today, help us to remember her name and how she helps the people in Haiti. Jesus, we love you.

In Jesus's name,
Amen.

