

## Getting the Most out of Virtual VBS

*We're all going to miss many of the aspects of VBS that just can't be replicated in an online version, but hopefully, the week can still be a fun and profitable time for your children. Here are some suggestions towards that end.*

1. If possible, watch the videos with your children. <https://faithfpc.org/ministries/vbs/parables/>
2. Encourage them to participate by singing along, saying the memory verses, and doing the craft. You may have them get their Bibles out and look up the passages where the parables are found. For the craft, be sure you have downloaded the "VBS Craft Supplies" pdf from the church website. It lists not only the items the children will need to make the craft but also patterns you will need to print out.

3. Pause the video.

Take breaks. Each video will be approximately one hour long. That's a long time to expect a child to sit still. During normal VBS, the children get breaks for games outside and for snacks. There's no reason you can't do the same thing at home. Hit the pause button and let them go outside to play for a while. And don't forget some snacks!

Pause to pray. At the end of each "Mission Trip" segment, the video suggests two things to pray about for the missionary featured that day. Pause the video and take a minute to pray with the children for those missionaries, and, as the week goes on, for the ones mentioned on earlier days as well.

Time to be artistic. You may find it helpful to pause the video during the craft time while your child works on the various steps.

4. Use the "Digging Deeper" sheets below to encourage your child to think about what he or she has heard. Choose the questions you use according to your child's age, ability, and interests. You could go over the questions at the end of the day's video or do it section by section. Note: An answer key is included at the end of the pdf.

If your children enjoy answering the questions, consider using a chart on which they can check off having completed each day's sheet. You could add blanks for learning the memory verses as well and offer some kind of prize at the end of the week.

5. Incorporate what the children are learning this week into your family devotions. Help them memorize the Bible verses. Perhaps sing some of the songs together (words to the songs in the VBS videos are included on pages 12 and 13 of this pdf).
6. Send us pictures! Send us pictures ([info@faithfpc.org](mailto:info@faithfpc.org)) of your children participating in VBS (singing the songs, listening to the story, working on the craft). We'll post as many of them as we can on the church's Facebook page. You don't have to include the children's faces. Take pictures from behind or just show their hands as they work on or hold their craft. (Please be aware that any pictures you send may be posted on Faith FPC's Facebook page and/or the church website. We will assume that you are giving us permission to do so.)

# Digging Deeper: Day 1

## ▶▶ Mission Trip: Czech Republic

1. What are some fun facts about the Czech Republic? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What is the name of the missionary family we met? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is a sad fact about the Czech Republic? \_\_\_\_\_
4. In what way can we HELP OUT missionaries? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What two things are we going to pray for? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

## ▶▶ Memory Verses

Romans 3:10: "As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one."

Romans 3:23: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

## ▶▶ The Story about Stories: The Fable (for discussion)

1. Which of these situations involves anthropomorphism? (Circle one)
  - A. The sun was happy that so many people were enjoying its warming rays at the beach.
  - B. Bob was sad because he forgot to put on sunscreen and he developed a painful sunburn.How does the one you chose show anthropomorphism? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Which of these situations involves anthropomorphism? (Circle one)
  - A. The bear turned over the trash can and rummaged through the garbage until it found something to eat.
  - B. Baby bear looked into his bowl and said, "Someone's been eating my porridge and has eaten it all up."How does the one you chose show anthropomorphism? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. A fable is a short story which has anthropomorphism and teaches a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. What was the moral of Aesop's fable "The Tortoise and the Hare"? \_\_\_\_\_

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▶▶ **Parable: Luke 8:4–15**

1. What are the three S-words in the title of today's story? \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , and \_\_\_\_\_
  2. What does the seed represent? \_\_\_\_\_
  3. What does the soil represent? \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Which type of soil should we want our hearts to be? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_
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▶▶ **Craft Time: Making the Backdrop**

1. Cut the paper to fit your box.
2. Draw a scene onto the paper.
3. Paint or color the scene.
4. Glue the pieces to the box.

# Digging Deeper: Day 2

## ▶▶ Mission Trip: Liberia

1. What are some fun facts about Liberia? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Who are our missionaries in Liberia? \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the sad fact about Liberia? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What are some of the ways the missionaries in Liberia tell people the truth of God's Word?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What are we going to pray for Liberia? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

## ▶▶ Memory Verse

Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

## ▶▶ The Story about Stories: Fairy Tales & Fantasy Stories (for discussion)

1. Which of these situations is from a fantasy? (Circle one)
  - A. The astronaut put his foot on the moon's surface and said, "That's one small step for man; one giant leap for mankind."
  - B. The astronaut turned away from his space ship and saw a tiny purple being stand up and look directly at him.How does the one you chose exhibit fantasy? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Which of these situations is from a fantasy? (Circle one)
  - A. Thinking it funny that the end of the rainbow appeared to be in the park near his home, Bob rode his bicycle to the park. He was astonished to find two leprechauns arguing about who could claim the pot of gold.
  - B. When Noah and his family came out of the ark, God promised that He would never again destroy the earth in a flood. As a sign and a reminder of that promise, He put a rainbow in the sky.How does the one you chose exhibit fantasy? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. TRUE OR FALSE: Because fantasy is not true, all fantasy is wicked. \_\_\_\_\_

▶▶ **Parable: Luke 10:25–37**

1. What three men came down the road by the injured man? \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

2. Galatians 3:24 says the law is our what? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What does the law teach us or show us about ourselves? \_\_\_\_\_

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▶▶ **Craft Time: Making 3-D Homes**

1. Print out figures 1, 2 and 3.
2. Draw extra detail on the printouts.
3. Paint or color each house.
4. Cut out each house.
5. Glue the pieces together.

# Digging Deeper: Day 3

## ▶▶ Mission Trip: Australia

1. What are some fun facts about Australia? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What three missionary families did we meet? \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the sad fact about Australia? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is “the most important thing”? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What are we going to pray for? \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_

## ▶▶ Memory Verse

John 3:16: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

## ▶▶ Parable: Luke 15:1–7 & Luke 15:8–10

1. What two things were lost in today’s story? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
2. What does *repent* mean? \_\_\_\_\_
3. In Luke 15:10 who rejoices when one sinner repents? \_\_\_\_\_

## ▶▶ The Story about Stories: Bible Stories (for discussion)

1. When the children of Israel crossed the Jordan River to the Promised Land on dry ground, Joshua had them bring twelve stones out of the riverbed.
  - A. What did Joshua do with these stones? \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Why did God want Joshua to do this? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. TRUE OR FALSE: Miracles described in the Bible, like the walls of Jericho falling down and five loaves and two fish feeding 5,000 people, are fantasy because they could not really happen.  
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3. Normally, when a story contains anthropomorphisms, like talking animals, it is fantasy. But the story of Balaam's talking donkey is not fantasy. Why do we know it is not fantasy?
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### ▶▶ **Craft Time: Making Pompom Animals**

1. Print out figure 5.
2. Make the pompoms.
3. Add extra detail to the printouts (optional).
4. Cut out each face.
5. Hot glue the faces onto each pompom.

# Digging Deeper: Day 4

## ▶▶ Mission Trip: Mexico

1. What are some fun facts about Mexico? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What missionary family did we meet in Mexico? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the sad fact about Mexico? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the only source of truth about God? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What are we praying for for the people of Mexico? \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_

## ▶▶ Memory Verse

Romans 10:9: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

## ▶▶ The Story about Stories: True Stories & Fiction (for discussion)

1. Which of these statements are true about George Mueller? (Circle all that are correct)
  - A. He was the pastor of a church.
  - B. He lived in a tent in Michigan.
  - C. He ran an orphanage.
  - D. He was a man of prayer.
  - E. He was a scientist who studied eagles.
2. TRUE OR FALSE: The story of George Mueller praying and thanking God for the orphans' breakfast when there was no food in the orphanage is fiction because it never really happened.  
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3. Give an example of a fantasy story. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Give an example of a fiction story that is not a fantasy story (if you can't think of an example, make one up).  
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5. TRUE OR FALSE (*for older children*): All fantasy stories are fiction, but not all fiction stories are fantasy.

Explain your answer by defining *fantasy* and *fiction*. \_\_\_\_\_

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▶▶ **Parable: Luke 15:11–32**

1. Who were the three people in today's story? \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Whom does the father in the story represent? \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Whom does the son represent? \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Like the prodigal son, what do all sinners need to do? \_\_\_\_\_
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▶▶ **Craft Time: Making a 3-D Tree**

1. Print out figure 4.
2. Add extra detail to the printouts.
3. Paint or color the trees and birds.
4. Cut out each tree and bird.
5. Glue the pieces together.

# Digging Deeper: Day 5

## ▶▶ Mission Trip: Mystery Country

1. Why did we not go to a particular country today? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What sad fact about the world did we talk about? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Is God limited by men who reject His Word and His people? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What important work can you do to help missionaries wherever they are? \_\_\_\_\_

## ▶▶ Memory Verse

1 John 5:13: "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

## ▶▶ The Story about Stories: Parables (for discussion)

1. What is the most important part of a story (the part that makes it valuable)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Jesus often used stories about everyday things and happenings to teach spiritual lessons.  
What is this kind of story called? \_\_\_\_\_
3. TRUE OR FALSE: When a person hears a story, he always understands the lesson or message the story is communicating.  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. TRUE OR FALSE: A good story is always interesting or exciting. \_\_\_\_\_

## ▶▶ Parables: Luke 7:36-50 & Luke 18:9-14

1. A woman came to Jesus before He told the first of today's stories. Why did she come? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What two people went into the temple to pray? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

3. What did the Pharisee pray? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What did the publican pray? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who goes home justified? \_\_\_\_\_

### ▶▶ **Craft Time: Making 3-D People**

1. Print out figure 6.
2. Draw extra detail on the printouts.
3. Color the people.
4. Cut out each person.
5. Glue the pieces together.

### ▶▶ **Closing Word with Pastor Thomassian**

1. The parables are pictures made with \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The religious leaders were so blind they were willing to do what to Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the prayer the publican prayed in the temple? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# VBS Songs

## At the Cross

Alas, and did my Saviour bleed?  
And did my Sov'reign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head  
For such a worm as I?

### *Refrain*

At the cross, at the cross where I first saw  
the light,  
And the burden of my heart rolled away.  
It was there by faith I received my sight,  
And now I am happy all the day.

Was it for crimes that I have done,  
He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!  
And love beyond degree!

But drops of grief can ne'er repay,  
The debt of love I owe.  
Here, Lord, I give myself away  
'Tis all that I can do.

## The Bible Stands

The Bible stands like a rock undaunted  
'Mid the raging storms of time;  
Its pages burn with the truth eternal,  
And they glow with a light sublime.

### *Refrain*

The Bible stands though the hills may tumble,  
It will firmly stand when the earth shall  
crumble;  
I will plant my feet on its firm foundation,  
For the Bible stands.

The Bible stands like a mountain tow'ring  
Far above the works of men;  
Its truth by none ever was refuted,  
And destroy it they never can.

The Bible stands every test we give it  
For its Author is divine;  
By grace alone I expect to live it  
And to prove it and make it mine.

## The Bible Reading Habit

Get the Bible reading habit  
And then daily keep right at it  
Till you read your Bible through, clear through;  
Get the Bible reading habit  
And you'll want to keep right at it  
Till the Lord Jesus calls for you.

You can read your Bible through;  
Just a chapter or two,  
Each time you'll learn something new;  
Get the Bible reading habit  
And you'll want to keep right at it  
Till the Lord Jesus calls for you.

## Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary

Days are filled with sorrow and care,  
Hearts are lonely and drear;  
Burdens are lifted at Calvary,  
Jesus is very near.

### *Refrain*

Burdens are lifted at Calvary,  
Calvary, Calvary;  
Burdens are lifted at Calvary,  
Jesus is very near.

Cast your care on Jesus today,  
Leave your worry and fear;  
Burdens are lifted at Calvary,  
Jesus is very near.

Troubled soul, the Saviour can see  
Every heartache and tear;  
Burdens are lifted at Calvary,  
Jesus is very near.

## He Paid a Debt

He paid a debt He did not owe;  
I owed a debt I could not pay;  
I needed someone to wash my sins away.  
And now I sing a brand-new song "Amazing  
Grace."  
Christ Jesus paid the debt that I could never pay.

He paid that debt on Calvary;  
He cleansed my heart and set me free;  
I'm glad that Jesus did all my sins erase;  
And now I sing a brand-new song "Amazing  
Grace."  
Christ Jesus paid the debt that I could never pay.

One day He's coming back for me  
To live with Him eternally;  
Won't that be glory to see Him on that day?  
And then I'll sing a brand-new song "Amazing  
Grace."  
Christ Jesus paid the debt that I could never pay.

## Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord,  
In the light of His Word,  
What a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will,  
He abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.

### *Refrain*

Trust and obey!  
For there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus,  
But to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear,  
Not a sorrow we share,  
But our toil He doth richly repay;  
Not a grief nor a loss,  
Not a frown nor a cross,  
But is blest if we trust and obey.

But we never can prove,  
The delights of His love  
Until all on the altar we lay;  
For the favor He shows,  
And the joy He bestows,  
Are for those who will trust and obey.

# Answer Key

## Digging Deeper: Day 1

### Mission Trip: Czech Republic

1. What are some fun facts about the Czech Republic? **ANSWER: castle capital of the world, invention of sugar cubes, invention of soft contacts**
2. What is the name of the missionary family we met? **ANSWER: Solc**
3. What is a sad fact about the Czech Republic? **ANSWER: atheism**
4. In what way can we HELP OUT missionaries? **ANSWER: pray for them**
5. What two things are we going to pray for? **ANSWER: faithfulness and fruit**

### Memory Verses

Romans 3:10: "As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one."

Romans 3:23: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

### The Story about Stories: The Fable (for discussion)

1. Which of these situations involves anthropomorphism? (Circle one)  
 A. The sun was happy that so many people were enjoying its warming rays at the beach.  
B. Bob was sad because he forgot to put on sunscreen while he was at the beach and he developed a painful sunburn.  
How does the one you chose show anthropomorphism? **Answer: A. The sun is not human and does not have human emotions, such as being happy.**
2. Which of these situations involves anthropomorphism? (Circle one)  
A. The bear turned over the trash can and rummaged through the garbage until it found something to eat.  
 B. Baby bear looked into his bowl and said, "Someone's been eating my porridge and has eaten it all up."  
How does the one you chose show anthropomorphism? **Answer: B. Bears do not have the human ability to talk.**
3. A fable is a short story which has anthropomorphism and teaches what? **Answer: moral or lesson**
4. What is the moral of Aesop's fable "The Tortoise and the Hare"? **Answer: Slow and steady wins the race. Being fast is not always the best, etc.**

### Parable: The Sower, the Seed, and the Soil (Luke 8:4–15)

1. What are the three S-words in the title of today's story? **ANSWER: sower, seed, soil**
2. What does the seed represent? **ANSWER: God's Word**
3. What does the soil represent? **ANSWER: our hearts**
4. Which type of soil should we want our hearts to be? **ANSWER: The good ground because the good ground produced the fruit. Our lives should show the fruit of accepting God's Word in our hearts.**

### Craft Time: Making the Backdrop

1. Cut the paper to fit your box.
2. Draw a scene onto the paper.
3. Paint or color the scene.
4. Glue the pieces to the box.

# Digging Deeper: Day 2

## Mission Trip: Liberia

1. What are some fun facts about Liberia? **Answer: pangolins, pygmy hippos, equal days and nights**
2. Who are our missionaries in Liberia? **Answer: Rev. David DiCanio and Miss Joanne Greer**
3. What is the sad fact about Liberia? **Answer: spiritual darkness/false teaching or false religion**
4. What are some of the ways the missionaries in Liberia tell people the truth of God's Word? **Answer: preaching and teaching, bookstore, radio station, teaching reading**
5. What are we going to pray for Liberia? **Answer: truth and trust**

## Memory Verse

Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

## The Story about Stories: Fairy Tales & Fantasy Stories (for discussion)

1. Which of these situations is from a fantasy?
  - A. The astronaut put his foot on the moon's surface and said, "That's one small step for man; one giant leap for mankind."
  - B. The astronaut turned away from his space ship and saw a tiny purple being stand up and look directly at him.

How does the one you chose exhibit fantasy? **Answer: There is no evidence of purple beings in space, but Neil Armstrong *did* make the statement in choice A as he stepped onto the moon.**

2. Which of these situations is from a fantasy? (Circle one)
  - A. Thinking it funny that the end of the rainbow appeared to be in the park near his home, Bob rode his bicycle to the park. He was astonished to find two leprechauns arguing about who could claim the pot of gold.
  - B. When Noah and his family came out of the ark, God promised that He would never again destroy the earth in a flood. As a sign and a reminder of that promise, He put a rainbow in the sky.How does the one you chose exhibit fantasy? **Answer: Leprechauns and pots of gold at the end of rainbows are made-up characters and situations. God did covenant with man and used the rainbow as a sign of that covenant (Genesis 9:11–17).**

3. TRUE OR FALSE: Because fantasy is not true, all fantasy is wicked. **Answer: False. Fantasy can be used to teach us good things. *The Pilgrim's Progress*, for example, is fantasy but it teaches many Bible-based truths.**

## Parable: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37)

1. What three men came down the road by the injured man? **ANSWER: the priest, the Levite, and the Samaritan**
2. Galatians 3:24 says the law is our what? **ANSWER: schoolmaster or teacher**
3. What does the law teach us or show us about ourselves? **ANSWER: that we are sinners who need Christ**

## Craft Time: Making 3-D Homes

1. Print out figures 1, 2 and 3.
2. Draw extra detail on the printouts.

3. Paint or color each house.
4. Cut out each house.
5. Glue the pieces together.

## Digging Deeper: Day 3

### Mission Trip: Australia

1. What are some fun facts about Australia? **Answer: "Land Down Under," opposite seasons, unique animals, gold mining (dump trucks), kangaroos at night, Tunarama, Huon trees**
2. What three missionary families did we meet? **Answer: Gardiners, Grahams, Halls**
3. What is the sad fact about Australia? **Answer: atheism**
4. What is "the most important thing"? **Answer: knowing God & knowing your sins are forgiven**
5. What are we going to pray for? **Answer: listening ears and open hearts**

### Memory Verse

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

### The Story about Stories: Bible Stories (for discussion)

1. When the children of Israel crossed the Jordan River to the Promised Land on dry ground, Joshua had them bring twelve stones out of the riverbed.
  - A. What did Joshua do with these stones? **Answer: Joshua built a monument (memorial) to the fact that God worked miracles to bring His people to the land He had promised to them.**
  - B. Why did God want Joshua to do this? **Answer: When children asked why the stones were there, God wanted them to be told the story of the miracles He had done.**
2. TRUE OR FALSE: Miracles described in the Bible, like the walls of Jericho falling down and five loaves and two fish feeding 5,000 people, are fantasy because they could not really happen. **Answer: False. The miracles in the Bible did happen. God works miracles to teach us that He is the all-powerful God.**
3. Normally when a story contains anthropomorphisms, like talking animals, it is fantasy. But the story of Balaam's talking donkey is not fantasy. Why do we know it is not fantasy?  
**Simple Answer: (appropriate for young children) It is in the Bible. If this answer is used by older children, consider probing a bit in order to achieve the better answer. Remind them that the Bible records people's lies and that the cedar/thistle fable spoken about in our first lesson is not a true story.**  
**Better Answer: Because God worked a miracle, opening the donkey's mouth, in order to teach Balaam (and us) spiritual lessons.**

### Parable: The Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1–7) & The Lost Coin (Luke 15:8–10)

1. What two things were lost in today's story? **ANSWER: A coin and a sheep**
2. What does *repent* mean? **ANSWER: To turn away from our sins and turn to God**
3. In Luke 15:10 who rejoices when one sinner repents? **ANSWER: The angels of God**

### Craft Time: Making Pompom Animals

1. Print out figure 5.
2. Make the pompoms.
3. Add extra detail to the printouts (optional).
4. Cut out each face.
5. Hot glue the faces onto each pompom.

## Digging Deeper: Day 4

### Mission Trip: Mexico

1. What are some fun facts about Mexico? **Answer: good food, chocolate, world's smallest dog**
2. What missionary family did we meet in Mexico? **Answer: the Boyles**
3. What is the sad fact about Mexico? **Answer: false religion, specifically Roman Catholicism**
4. What is the only source of truth about God? **Answer: God's Word, the Bible**
5. What are we praying for for the people of Mexico? **Answer: Christian growth and fear of God**

### Memory Verse

Romans 10:9: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

### The Story about Stories: True Stories & Fiction (for discussion)

1. Which of these statements are true about George Mueller? (Circle all that are correct)
  - A. He was the pastor of a church.
  - B. He lived in a tent in Michigan.
  - C. He ran an orphanage.
  - D. He was a man of prayer.
  - E. He was a scientist who studied eagles.**Answer: A, C, and D are true.**
2. TRUE OR FALSE: The story of George Mueller praying and thanking God for the orphans' breakfast when there was no food in the orphanage is fiction because it never really happened. **Answer: False. It is a true story based on the testimony of people who were involved.**
3. Give an example of a fantasy story. **Answer: Cinderella, Snow White, Three Billy Goats Gruff, etc.**
4. Give an example of a fiction story that is not a fantasy story (if you can't think of an example, make one up). **Answer: The story of Bob and his father studying eagles (told in the video). Other answers are possible. If you need to prompt them to make up a story, ask them to make up a story about something they could have done yesterday that they really did not do.**
5. TRUE OR FALSE (*for older children*): All fantasy stories are fiction, but not all fiction stories are fantasy. Explain your answer by defining *fantasy* and *fiction*. **Answer: True. Fiction stories are not true. Fantasy (fairy tales) have make-believe elements (fairies, dragons, time travel, etc.), which makes them not true and thus are fiction. But a fiction story does not have to contain make-believe (fantasy) elements.**

### **Parable: The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11–32)**

1. Who were the three people in today's story? **ANSWER: The father, the prodigal son, and the older brother**
2. Whom does the father in the story represent? **ANSWER: God**
3. Whom does the son represent? **ANSWER: The sinner who turns away from sin and to God for forgiveness**
4. Like the prodigal son, what do all sinners need to do? **ANSWER: Realize that they have sinned and all they need is Christ and then go to God. It isn't enough to know it; we must do it.**

### **Craft Time: Making 3-D People**

1. Print out figure 6.
2. Draw extra detail on the printouts.
3. Color the people.
4. Cut out each person.
5. Glue the pieces together.

## **Digging Deeper: Day 5**

### **Mission Trip: Mystery Country**

1. Why did we not go to a particular country today? **Answer: because talking about them over the internet could cause problems for those missionaries.**
2. What sad fact about the world did we talk about? **Answer: that there are many places in the world where missionaries aren't welcome and where Christians are persecuted.**
3. Is God limited by men who reject His Word and His people? **Answer: No. No one can keep God from saving souls anywhere in the world.**
4. What important work can you do to help missionaries wherever they are? **Answer: pray for them**

### **Memory Verse**

1 John 5:13: "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

### **The Story about Stories: Parables (for discussion)**

1. What is the most important part of a story (the part that makes it valuable)? **Answer: The message, moral, meaning, or lesson it is communicating**
2. Jesus often used stories about everyday things and happenings to teach spiritual lessons. What is this kind of story called? **Answer: Parable**
3. TRUE OR FALSE: When a person hears a story, he always understands the lesson or message the story is communicating. **Answer: False. Some stories are difficult to understand and must be explained to the listener. (Examples: Christ had to explain the parable of the sower, seed, and soil to the disciples. One may hear a fable or read a story and not think about it enough to even see the meaning of the story.)**
4. TRUE OR FALSE: A good story is always interesting or exciting. **Answer: False. Stories that a person does not find interesting or exciting may teach valuable lessons. Many interesting and exciting**

stories teach bad messages and must be considered bad stories. A truly good story is interesting and/or exciting enough to engage the listener and also teaches a good lesson.

**Parables: The Two Debtors (Luke 7:36-50) & The Pharisee and the Publican (Luke 18:9-14)**

1. A woman came to Jesus before He told the first of today's stories. Why did she come? **ANSWER: To show her love and thankfulness for Jesus forgiving her sins.**
2. What two people went into the temple to pray? **ANSWER: The Pharisee and the publican**
3. What did the Pharisee pray? **ANSWER: He boasts about the good he has done and thanks God that he isn't like the publican.**
4. What did the publican pray? **ANSWER: He humbly repents and asks for mercy.**
5. Who goes home justified? **ANSWER: The publican**

**Craft Time: Making 3-D People**

1. Print out figure 6.
2. Draw extra detail on the printouts.
3. Color the people.
4. Cut out each person.
5. Glue the pieces together.

**Closing Word with Pastor Thomassian**

1. The parables are pictures made with what? **Answer: words**
2. The religious leaders were so blind they were willing to do what to Jesus? **Answer: kill Him**
3. What was the prayer the publican prayed in the temple? **Answer: God, be merciful to me a sinner.**