

LEADER GUIDE

MEET NISHA

FROM INDIA

BIBLE TRUTH:

God calls us to do good to everyone.

KEY VERSE:

"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

Galatians 6: 10 (ESV®)



NOTES FOR THE TEACHER:

As you prepare for this "GO Reach Kids" lesson about Nisha in India, here are a few ideas for adapting the experience to your particular situation.

- Prior to the lesson, make up the secret message activity. Print out the below Bible references (ESV[®]) and the instructions, minus the word in brackets. Hand out to clubbers to have them read the word when they are called upon.

Colossians 1:3 write down the 4th word on this slip of paper [God]

Romans 10:13 write down the 4th word [Calls]

Hebrews 12:10 write down the 18th word [Us]

Romans 15:2 write down the 11th word [To]

1 Corinthians 16:14 write down the 5th word [Do]

Psalms 118:1 write down the 10th word [Good]

2 Peter 3:18 write down the 15th word [To]

Romans 1:16 write down the 19th [Everyone]

- Make up Galatians 6:10 charades cards. See activity for more details.
- In the "Focus on the Bible" section we provide a Bible story based on the Bible truth and the key verse. You might consider extending the study over two weeks with the first week looking at the "Focus on the Nations" emphasis and the second week studying the "Focus on the Bible" information. If you decide to split the lesson over two weeks, make sure to emphasize the Bible truth and the key verse in both lessons.
- In addition to the core lesson, we also provide some optional activities. This lesson includes options for the "Focus on the Nations" and "Focus on the Video" activities. If you choose these options, keep in mind the resources required for the activities and the time that should be allotted for each option.

INDIA FUN FACTS

- **Population: over 1.2 Billion, 2nd largest in the world.**
- **India is the seventh largest country by total area.**
- **Capital: New Delhi**
- **Currency: Indian Rupee**
- **Languages spoken: 18 official languages with Hindi and English as top 2.**
- **The national symbol: Bengal Tiger**
- **India belongs to the continent of Asia, it is bordered by the countries of Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, China, Nepal, and Pakistan.**
- **Domesticated elephants are often used instead of bulldozers or tractors to build buildings and clear jungles or forest areas.**
- **Most popular sport: Cricket, yet hockey is the national sport.**
- **Chess was invented in India.**
- **Cows are considered to be sacred. India is the largest producer of milk in world.**
- **India experiences periods of extreme rainfall called Monsoon.**
- **The Taj Mahal (a famous mausoleum and popular tourist attraction) is located in the region of Agra.**
- **The highest range of mountains in the world called the Himalayas, originates in north India.**



- The PowerPoint slides we have provided can help you during the “Focus on the Nations” piece of the activity. These extra tools can enhance the learning experience.
- We have provided a downloadable parent handout related to this lesson. Simply makes copies of the handout and distribute them to your parents.

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1. Focus on the Nations *(about 5 minutes)*

Ask children if they know where India is located. Allow a few guesses, then show the PowerPoint slide with the map of India and their flag. Explain that India belongs to the continent of Asia, it is bordered by the countries of Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, China, Nepal, and Pakistan. Share the slides with the “India Fun Facts.”

Did you know that there are over 500,000 children in India that go to Awana clubs? That may sound like a lot of children yet it is only about .1% of the children. Awana is reaching about 1 child out of every 1000 children! There are so many more to reach! Let’s meet Nisha – one of those Awana clubbers.

2. Focus on the Video *(About 3 minutes)*

Show the video of Nisha. Instruct the children to listen and look for things that were interesting to them. After the video, allow several children to share some things that stuck out to them.

Have the chosen clubbers read the word from their verse. You may also want them to come up one by one and write them so everyone can see them. If you do not call

them in order it will be more challenging to guess the Bible truth. Once all the words are read and/or written, discover and read the Bible Truth together. Point out that the answer to the secret message is “God calls us to do good to everyone.”

Catherine Mc Niel went over to visit Nisha and her family in India. How did Catherine ‘do good’ to Nisha and her family? That’s right – she encouraged them in their faith, she prayed with them when Nisha’s sister was very ill, she went with Nisha to the market and saw where Nisha’s mother worked as a cleaning lady. Catherine spent time with Nisha and her family.

Did Nisha ‘do good’ too? Yes, she did. Nisha shared her life with Catherine. Nisha’s love and devotion to God was evident. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18. Nisha and her family were a great example of praying and giving thanks in all circumstances. What were some of the circumstances of Nisha? [lived in tiny 1 room apartment on roof of a building with her father, mother, sister, brother; sister got very ill] You could see the joy on their faces. Catherine was blessed by seeing Christ’s love shine through Nisha and her family. Catherine was encouraged by seeing the impact of Awana in India.

Ask them to read today’s key verse, Galatians 6:10 and close this time in prayer asking God to help them use the opportunities He gives them to do good to everyone.

3. Focus on the Bible: Do It!

Ask the kids if they can recall a Bible verse or account when someone chose to do good. Discuss their responses.

If it's not mentioned, read a couple verses from the biography of Esther to set the stage as to who Esther was and what was about to happen. Esther 2:7a shows she was an orphan taken in by her uncle. Then Esther was taken captive and brought to the king's palace. Her life did not seem to be going well yet Esther was winning favor in the eyes of all who saw her [Esther 2:15].

Haman, one of the king's officials sought to destroy and kill all the Jews. Read Esther 3:13. Esther's uncle Mordecai alerts Esther to the evil plot and asks her to help. Read Esther 4:14-16. God used Esther, a willing obedient follower, to stop this evil plot. Read Esther 8:5. Esther had an opportunity to do good and she did it.

Is God calling you to do good? What opportunities has He given you? As you think back over last week, did you miss some opportunities to do good – maybe help a classmate at school, parents at home, a sister or brother, an older person at the store? Let's pray that we will be alert to opportunities to do good.

4. Focus on the Key Verse: Galatians 6:10

Direct children to sit in a circle. Ask them to repeat the key verse after you. It is easy to be so busy and involved that we miss the opportunities that God gives us to do good.

Make up index cards with different scenarios that the children can act out [no words], showing people doing good to others. Examples could be giving a Bible to a friend, inviting to come to club, playing with a younger sibling, and asking to come

sit at their table. Divide the group into an appropriate number of teams but have at least two if possible. Have one group come up, pick a card and act it out for the other groups. The group that guesses correctly gets the card. Recite the verse after each group's turn. After a reasonable amount of time, if an answer is not guessed, share what it was and move on. Always recite the verse. Take turns till cards or allotted time is gone.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY:

Intro activity: Where am I?

- This country has about 76,000 species of animals. Where am I?
- Here, monkeys are considered as very special animals, sometimes even considered holy. Where am I?
- Here, there are a lot of huge earthquakes, floods, and droughts. Where am I?
- Religious laws govern people's clothing, food, and marriage. Where am I?
- We only have 3 seasons. The seasons are cool, hot, and rainy. Where am I?
- Our national fruit is mango. Where am I?
- English is a co-official language of our country. Where am I?
- Our national bird is the peacock. Where am I?

Have the children try to guess which country you will be learning about in today's lesson. After each fact, ask them where am I? See how many questions you have to ask before they guess that it is India. If they don't guess by the end of the questions, start by writing one letter at a time until all letters are up or someone guesses the country.



FOCUS ON THE HOME: DIG DEEPER

For the Parents:

During this week's GO lesson your child learned about the country of India. Your child learned that God calls us to do good to everyone. They learned about Nisha, a young girl from India. Nisha has great love and devotion for God. Nisha is one of the children that gets to go to Awana. Nisha and her family have the love of Christ shining in them. Awana played a role in Nisha's amazing story.

You can learn more and view the story at awana.org/go-families-reaching-kids. You can use these questions to start the conversation with your child about what he/she learned about Nisha and India.

What were some of the things that God is doing in India? [answering prayer, using Awana to reach kids and families with the gospel]

What was something you found interesting in the video about Nisha?

What Bible hero did you learn about tonight? [Esther]

How could we as a family do good to everyone?

Family Activity: The Caste System

God calls us to do good to everyone, especially those that are of the household of faith. How are you teaching your child to do good to others? How about specifically to those of the household of faith? Be intentional about strengthening your child's faith through seeking out ways to do good to others.

Contact your church for a family that may need help. Find ways to meet the need whether it be a food shower, gently used toys, bedding, or just a play date. They just might need a friend. Invite them over for tea or coffee. While the children play, get to know them. Invite them over after church for a meal and fellowship. Think of ways to reach out to those God shows you. Make it a lifestyle to be alert to opportunities God places before you. Do not forget your church staff from the pastors to the custodians. There certainly could be ways to encourage and do good to them. Saying thank you in person or in writing speaks volumes. See the "Right Where You Are" sheet for more great ideas to get you started.


Remember too there are many children globally who need to be reached with the gospel. There is no better way to 'do good' than that!

Let's go do good!



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You see the benefits of your children participating in Awana—would you consider helping others who are less fortunate have the opportunity to participate in Awana where they will hear about Jesus maybe for the first time?

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