

## HOW TO BE GLOBAL CHRISTIANS Week 1: Discover God's Plan

# 1

### TABLE TALKER • Family Discussion Guide

#### Let's Play!

Find some paper and a pencil and take turns playing the classic game of "Hangman" using big words or common phrases heard around the house.

#### Let's Talk!

Have you ever felt that someone took too long to do something he or she promised to do?

#### Let's Read!

Read *2 Peter 3:9*

#### Let's Think!

When Jesus left earth, He promised to come back and take those who had accepted Him as their Savior. As time went by, some people began to wonder if Jesus wasn't keeping His promise. Peter wanted them to know that God would keep His promise, but first He is waiting to allow more people to come to Him. In "Hangman," you didn't want your little stick figure to die before you guessed the word. How much more important is a real person? God doesn't want anyone to spend eternity apart from Him, so He is allowing extra time for people to come to Him, but eventually time will be up. It is important we tell as many people as possible the Good News about Jesus!

#### Let's Do!

Pray for someone you know to come to know Jesus.

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#### Let's Play!

Take turns naming a country. Continue until someone can't think of one for over ten seconds. That person is out! Any player who repeats the name of a country is out as well. The last player still in the game wins! For round two, try naming states in the United States.

#### Let's Talk!

If you could travel as a missionary to any country or place, where would you go? Why?

#### Let's Read!

Read *Matthew 24:14*

#### Let's Think!

We know that God loves everyone in the world and doesn't want anyone to perish. This verse seems to suggest that Jesus won't come again until every nation has at least had the opportunity to hear about Jesus. There are still places that have never even heard the name "Jesus." Someone needs to tell them the Good News. Who will do it? Could it be you? Or will you be someone who prays for people who go, supports them, and sends them? What an exciting day it will be when Jesus returns!

#### Let's Do!

Find a globe or world map (perhaps online) and find a country you've never heard of before. Pray for the people there.

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#### Let's Play!

Together, design an obstacle course through the house that will be equally challenging to all ages. Take turns running the race and timing each other to see who completes it the fastest. No giving up. Finishing is key!

#### Let's Talk!

What is the hardest task you've ever had to finish? Or when have you done something difficult and been really proud of the results?

#### Let's Read!

Read *Acts 20:24*

#### Let's Think!

Apostle Paul called his Christian life and service to God a race. It was hard work, and at times he felt like quitting, but that was his purpose in life, so he pressed on and didn't give up. He wanted to finish the race. He knew the task God had given him was to tell others about Jesus, and he had to keep at it no matter how tired he was. God has given each of us a task in life, and—like in a race—we need to keep on going no matter how tough it gets. In the end, we'll be glad that we did!

#### Let's Do!

Everyone take turns pointing at each other and saying, "Never give up, no matter what. Never give up! God will reward you!"