

Introduction to the small group resources

Using artwork and photographs this pack of six A4 cards is designed to use with Sunday School, or midweek, groups to explore the meaning of mission and how it applies to us.

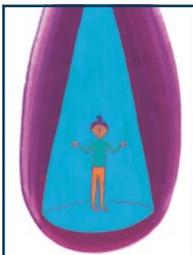
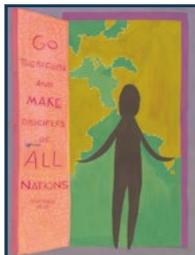
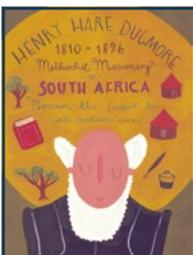
The cards have been written primarily for 7-11 year olds, though you can also adapt them for slightly older or younger children. With younger children you may want to spend more time sharing thoughts about the images. You may choose to shorten the Bible passage and will probably only want to explore one or two key ideas from the questions and activities.

Each card includes:

- * a full A4 size image to accompany the text and aid reflection
- * an opening question
- * an introduction to the theme
- * a passage of scripture
- * questions to explore
- * an activity
- * a prayer.

You might like to use them over the course of a single half-term and have a special focus on mission, or you may prefer to spread them out and use one for each month that your children's group runs.

The themes of each card are:

	<p>1. West London Day Centre: exploring homelessness and mission in Britain.</p>		<p>4. Solomon Islands: serving in healthcare overseas.</p>
	<p>2. How strong is my faith? Examining faith in hard times, with an example from Nigeria.</p>		<p>5. Go and bear fruit: exploring our calling.</p>
	<p>3. Henry Hare Dugmore: the life of a nineteenth-century missionary in South Africa.</p>		<p>6. Children and lifelong discipleship: everyone has a part to play in God's Kingdom.</p>

It would be ideal to make copies of the images to enable children to have a closer look, and even have a picture to take away. If this is not possible, allow children plenty of time to look at the image as you pass it around the group.

