



CHILDREN'S GOSPEL CLUBS

HOW CAN \$1 CHANGE EVERYTHING?

INTRODUCING A KID-FRIENDLY, BIBLE-FOCUSED PATH TOWARD FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION IN SOME OF THE LEAST-REACHED VILLAGES ON EARTH

INCLUDES **10 IDEAS** TO GET KIDS INVOLVED



AN OPEN WINDOW

JESUS IS CHANGING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF YOUNG LIVES IN SOUTH ASIA TODAY. Throughout India and Sri Lanka, where more than a billion people live, the gospel is starting to spread far and wide. It is estimated that 400,000 villages still need their first-ever Christian church, and many have never even heard the name of Jesus before.

In places like these, where there are so many needs, God has opened a window to reach the children. In India alone, there are more than 400,000,000 kids! (That's more kids in India than all the moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas and kids of the U.S.A. put together!)

IMAGINE, GROWING UP IN A VILLAGE WHERE . . .

- EXTREME POVERTY IS NORMAL
- MEDICAL CARE IS OUT OF REACH
- EDUCATION IS MINIMAL
- IDOLS LINE THE STREETS
- JESUS HAS NEVER BEEN SPOKEN OF



A DRAMATIC OPPORTUNITY

India Gospel League is a Christ-centered organization, born and grown in the heart of India and comprised of indigenous pastors and church planters with a vision to see their entire region reached with the Good News.

And they've asked for our help to reach kids!

Children's Gospel Clubs (CGCs) have proven to be an effective method of introducing the gospel and training young disciples of Christ throughout South Asia. In 2014, more than 625,000 children attended CGCs, and tens of thousands of young adult leaders were trained to facilitate these clubs.

CGCs are something of a mix between VBS and Sunday School. They begin with a week of introductory activities, music and gospel teaching. Then kids continue meeting weekly for an entire year learning how to live as Christian believers, receiving instruction in core theology and encouragement to impact their communities. For most CGC kids, the club provides their first and only opportunity to learn about the Bible.

Next year, we'd like to share Jesus with more than 700,000 kids! And in future years, even more!

Sometimes, entire families come to faith in Jesus, sparking village-wide transformation, all because one child attended a CGC and began a relationship with Jesus.





“I have no parents and live with my grandma. I am studying sixth grade. This is the very first time I attended the Children’s Gospel Club (CGC) program. I am a junior student in the CGC class. I learned many new things, songs, games and the bible stories through this class. As a result, I came to know the Lord Jesus Christ, His love and sacrifice for all humanity. So I decided to become a true follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray for me to grow in faith on the Lord.”

-Sivanandham, age 10

700,000 BEGINS WITH 1

The cost for one child to experience a Children’s Gospel Club for one year is just \$1.

\$1 helps one child begin to experience the light, life and love of Jesus.

It’s hard to imagine how big an impact \$1 can have, and how this simple gift can change everything for a child on the other side of the world.

Would you (and the kids at your church) like to help?

EXTENDED IMPACT OF CHILDREN’S GOSPEL CLUBS

- Parents learn more about the Bible as they review the materials with their kids.
- Pastors, many of whom have never been able to attend seminary, often preach CGC material to their entire church.
- Club leaders, typically older teens and young adults, are trained in evangelism and discipleship. We want to train 70,000 club leaders next year!
- CGC attendees often become group leaders themselves and some have even become church planters.
- CGC materials not only share the gospel, but they provide a solid basis of biblical training and address important doctrines like the Lordship of Jesus, God’s purposes for humanity and even practical Christian living.



HOW CAN WE HELP?

India Gospel League invites moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas and especially kids to be a part of the Children's Gospel Club outreach. Many churches in the U.S.A. have incorporated the \$1/child vision of CGCs into their own program offerings, mission budgets and special collections.

Imagine Your Church Kids . . .

- ✓ **COLLECTING** dollars to share Jesus around the world, knowing that even the smallest contribution can make an eternal impact on another child.
- ✓ **CAPTURING** a heart for missions as they read stories and hear reports from India Gospel League about CGCs and the impact they are having on villages.
- ✓ **CREATING** new opportunities to pray for and raise funding for CGCs with their friends, in their classes and in their communities.
- ✓ **CONNECTING** their lives with the expansion of the gospel among some of the least-reached people groups in the world.
- ✓ **CRYING OUT** to God in prayer over each dollar they've raised, knowing it represents one more smiling boy or girl who will hear about Jesus in South Asia.

CALL TO BEGIN

India Gospel League can provide you with prayer cards, offering boxes and updates from the field on the progress of the mission.

Call India Gospel League's North American office at 888.352.4451 to request your CGC kit or to request any number of prayer cards/offering boxes to share. Or visit us online at www.IGLWorld.org/CGC.

10 IDEAS TO ENGAGE KIDS IN THE GREAT COMMISSION

1

HAVE AN "ADOPT-A-COUNTRY" PRAYER MONTH, where families can select a nation to pray over for one month. Then let kids lead the way by doing research, drawing maps, learning about local customs and foods in their adopted area and looking for ways to contribute toward or serve the gospel in that region. (Which country do you think India Gospel League might recommend for a project like this?)

2

SET ASIDE A FEW MOMENTS in children's events to talk about the call to share the gospel. Books regarding unreached people groups can help provide stories, maps and prayer points for areas of the world yet to be reached. (Consider: *Window on the World: When We Pray God Works*, by Jill Johnstone.)

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HELP CHILDREN UNDERSTAND the value of spreading the gospel and Christian love by connecting various classes with sponsored children they can correspond with, or even whole children's homes in India. India Gospel League provides some easy avenues through which to do this on an individual level or through a church-wide initiative.

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USE A VBS OFFERING DRIVE to support world missions and evangelism. You might even invite some older believers in your church to provide match-grants to help multiply the impact of the kids' contributions. India Gospel League can offer pictures, stories and videos on how \$1 has impacted so many lives already.

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INVITE SPECIAL GUESTS to frequent children's ministry classes — people who either represent various mission groups or come from different countries. Look for ways to help children make a connection to a world larger than their own perspective!

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BEGIN A SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING PROGRAM for kids that allows them to give directly to a kid-focused evangelistic cause, like CGCs. You might even hang a poster or map up and add stickers representing each dollar given by a class to help kids visualize the impact of their offerings.

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HOST A FAMILY MISSION NIGHT where families are grouped and can rotate to different stations that help them learn or experience missions. Stations might include mission-related crafts, missionary guests, international students, Bible conversations about missions or a language-learning station. Kickoff the event with an international potluck dinner!

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HAVE KIDS STUDY THE GREAT COMMISSION and the needs of the unreached and have them present their findings as a group during a Sunday morning worship service. Kids might dress up to represent different cultures, sing a Christian song in another language, read verses pertaining to mission work, give a statistical report on areas yet-to-be-reached and lead the church in prayer.

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READ UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD to kids as a way to facilitate prayer times or just to encourage them to think globally. For example, India Gospel League mails out a quarterly update and sends bi-weekly emails to anyone interested — these reports often contain stories and pictures of changed lives.

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GROW YOUR OWN VISION. Nothing speaks louder than the testimony of a life message. As a children's director, teacher or pastor, you can model a heart for missions to your kids by learning all you can about mission work and becoming personally involved. India Gospel League can send you books and materials to grow your perspective, and we can even facilitate a trip to India for you, if you'd like to see Children's Gospel Clubs (and many other ministry projects) for yourself.

**DO THE CHILDREN IN YOUR CHURCH
HAVE A VISION FOR MISSIONS?**

**ARE THEY EXCITED ABOUT SHARING
THE GOSPEL ACROSS THE WORLD?**



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