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VBS 2021 | MISSIONS



# MISSIONS | DAY 1

**Bible Story:** Who is Jesus • John 10:16 and John 14:6

**Bottom Line:** I can have confidence because I am known.

**Memory Verse:** “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” John 15:12 (NIV)

## GET READY

*Prepare ahead of time for Missions Rotation for VBS:*

### 1. WHAT IS COMPASSION?

- Blank paper
- Markers
- Tape
- Video: “What Is Compassion?”

### 2. “YOU MATTER” MIXTAPE

- Video: “Mind, Body, Soul Bundle”
- Picture of a cassette tape (optional)
- “‘You Matter’ Mixtape Flyer” Activity Page

## 1. WHAT IS COMPASSION?

**What You Need:** Blank paper, markers, tape, Video: "What Is Compassion?"

### What You Do:

- Locate the video: "What Is Compassion?" from [www.compassion.com/orangevbs](http://www.compassion.com/orangevbs)
- Write the following words on a blank piece of paper, one word per page:
  - compassion
  - global
  - collaborative
  - love
  - confident
  - hopeful
- Center the word in the middle of the paper to leave room for you to write around the outside.
- Explain about Compassion International to the kids.
- Ask: "Has anyone heard of Compassion International before?"
- After that discussion, watch the video, "What Is Compassion?"
- After viewing the video, show each word and ask kids to define the word and/or give an example using the word. (Younger kids will have a harder time defining some of these words. If needed, pick the words you think they will be most successful with.)

**What You Say:** "Hi, everyone!! Welcome to our Missions time. During this time together this week, we are going to be learning about an organization called Compassion International. Compassion International works to release kids from poverty. They partner with churches from around the world in 25 countries to make sure kids are receiving what they need in order to overcome challenges they have and break out of the cycle of poverty. Let's check out this short video about Compassion International, called "What Is Compassion?" (Watch the video "What is Compassion?")

"Wow, I heard lots of words that were describing Compassion International and the work they are doing around the world. Let's talk about a few of those words. The first one is compassion. (Show the page that says compassion.) What does compassion mean? Can anyone help me describe compassion? Who can share one example of when we show compassion? (Wait for responses and write them on the outside of the word compassion. When finished, tape the page to a wall or leave it out on the floor to reference if needed.) Those were great responses.

"Let's move on to the word global. (Show the page that says global.) What does global mean? Can anyone help me describe global? Who can share one example of when we use the word global? (Wait for responses, and write them on the outside of where you wrote the word global. When finished, tape the page to a wall or leave it out on the floor to reference if needed.) Wow, you are blowing me away with what you know.

"How about the word collaborative? (Show the page that says collaborative.) What does collaborative mean? Can anyone help me describe collaborative? Who can share one example of when we are collaborative or when we work together? (Wait for responses and write them on the outside of where you wrote the word collaborative. When finished tape the page to a wall or leave it out on the floor to reference if needed.)

"What about love? (Show the page that says love.) What does love mean? Can anyone help me describe love? Who can share one example of when we show love? **[Make it Personal] (Describe a way you like you show love to those around you.)** (Wait for responses, and write them on the outside of where you wrote the word love. When finished, tape the sign to a wall or leave it out on the floor to reference if needed.)

"How about the word confident? (Show the page that says confident.) What does confident mean? Can anyone help me describe confident? Who can share one example of something they are confident about? (Wait for responses, and write them on the outside of where you wrote the word confident. When finished, tape the page to a wall or leave it out on the floor to reference if needed). You guys are great. Thanks so much for sharing today.

"Let's take a look at one more word from the video, the word hopeful. (Show the page that says hopeful.) What does hopeful mean? Can anyone help me describe hopeful? Who can share one example of something they hope for? (Wait for responses, and write them on the outside of where you wrote the word hopeful. When finished, tape the page to a wall or leave it out on the floor to reference if needed.)

"I am blown away by how well you knew these words today. They all describe Compassion in some way. Compassion International has compassion for the sufferings of children and their families from all around the world. They work collaboratively with churches globally. They want kids to know they are loved, to be confident in their faith, and to be hopeful about their future. Remember today's Bottom Line: **I can have confidence because I am known.** This week, we're learning how to be confident and see ourselves the way God sees us. Compassion wants the kids and families they serve to see themselves the way God sees them too."

## 2. "YOU MATTER" MIXTAPE

**What You Need:** Video: "Mind, Body, Soul Bundle," picture of a cassette tape (optional), "'You Matter' Mixtape Flyer" Activity Page

### What You Do:

- Locate the video: "Mind, Body, Soul Bundle" from [www.compassion.com/orangevbs](http://www.compassion.com/orangevbs)
- Print "'You Matter' Mixtape Flyer" Activity Page—1 per kid.
- Describe a mixtape and talk about the Bottom Line for the day, and how each kid should feel like they are known. Describe what we are raising money for this week—for the "You Matter" Mixtape.

**What You Say:** "Does anyone know what a mixtape is? (*Wait for responses.*) Back in the 1980s, people who used cassette tapes (show a picture of a cassette tape if you have one) would create a mixtape by copying songs from different artists or albums onto one cassette tape. Today we make playlists the same way, without the cassette tape, of course. But really a mixtape could have a theme like 'favorite Christmas songs' or 'favorite songs I heard on the radio' or they could just be songs by the same artist, but from different albums. A mixtape could have whatever you wanted it to have on it."

"This week, we are raising money for the 'You Matter' Mixtape from Compassion. We are focusing on what every kid needs. They don't just need nutritious food or just need clean water. Kids need both of those to survive. Kids also need an education and textbooks so they can have a way to make money and provide for themselves and a future family. Kids also deserve to have their own Bible, to read, to study, and to pray with. Let's watch this video to find out more about the 'You Matter' Mixtape that Compassion offers." (*Watch the "Mind, Body, Soul Bundle" video.*)

"Remember today's Bottom Line: **I can have confidence because I am known.** Every kid should feel known and valued. The 'You Matter' Mixtape is a mix of what every kid deserves to have access to. I am excited to learn more about Compassion International this week and raise money to help kids around the world be known and valued and I hope you are too!"

## PRAY AND DISMISS

**What You Need:** no supplies needed

**What You Say:** "God, today we have learned about the good work Compassion International is doing all around the world, helping to release kids from poverty. They want the kids and communities they work in to feel known, valued, and loved."

"As we raise money this week for Compassion, help us to be grateful in all the small and big ways You provide for us. Thank You for the food we have and our clean water. Thank You for the opportunities for us to learn and grow. Thank You that we have access to Bibles and learning as much as we can about You. As we grow in confidence this week and see ourselves more and more like You see us, open our eyes to the people around us and help us find ways to make them feel known and valued too. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

### Travel Time

As you travel to the next track, use the following questions to keep the conversation going, and to keep kids thinking about what they're learning.

- If a mixtape is like a playlist, what songs would you put on your mixtape?
- What are some of your favorite songs that we sing at church?
- What is one thing you wish everyone knew about you?