



MISSION #1 UGANDA: POVERTY

RESOURCES & SET UP

- Bibles & Bible Study sheets
- Mission 1 Digital Travel Guide
- Pair of dice
- A timer (kitchen timer, cell phone, etc.)
- DECISION and IDENTITY cards
- Large dry-erase board and markers (or flip-chart paper and markers) for RESILIENCE chart
- Initial set up of your Mission Center
- Review Peak Resilience game in advance to make sure you can explain and lead the game

GET STARTED!

Prayer

Lead or ask one of your team members to lead your group in prayer:

God of Abundance, as we gather together in our first mission into your world, keep our eyes, ears and hearts open to those you call us to serve. Poverty steals the dignity which you give humanity. Thank you for the mission of working with you to return that dignity to all you have made in your image. AMEN.

Goal Check-in

Have your Goal Coach lead a check in with the team on the fundraising goal. Are there any questions about your goal, your outreach strategy and the online giving platform? Review the next steps in your plan.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Lead your team in an exploration of what you saw and experienced through social media leading up to your mission.

- Where did you see need?
- Where did you see hope?
- Where did you see God at work?

Introduce your team to the video which will introduce you to a family in Uganda



Play the "This is Godfrey" video



WHAT IS GOING ON?

Introduce your team to the concept of **resilience**. Ask your team what they saw Godfrey identify as one of the trade-offs the family had to make because of poverty. Ask your team what other roadblocks they saw in the story between Godfrey's family and the life they want for their children.



[Play Resilience Explainer Video](#)

Peak Resilience

Objective

Participants will work together through the ups and downs of the life of a farming family in Uganda to achieve a flourishing life and reach peak resilience.

Set up

1. Break your team up into four groups and give each an **IDENTITY CARD**, which assigns them a person in the family. Instruct them not to read it out loud but share it amongst their group.
2. Set up the **RESILIENCE CHART** with the four categories; Education, Livelihood, Nutrition & Future. Each category starts at zero.

Start up

3. Your team is farming family in Uganda working to strengthen their **LIVELIHOOD**, provide **NUTRITIOUS** food for their children, provide for their children's **EDUCATION** and prepare their family for opportunities and emergencies that might happen in the **FUTURE**. For 15 minutes, your team will be living through a year in the life of this family. Each group will take a turn rolling the dice and then must decide which category to put the points off each dice towards. *(For example, if you roll a 1 and a 3, you need to put 1 point towards one category and three points towards another).*
4. Your team's goals are to have the categories as high and as well balanced as possible by the end of the game.
5. Each group represents a member of the family. Each member has an area of the family's life they are an advocate for. They should work to keep this preference a secret from the other groups as they work to have more points added to their area.

Game Play

6. Start play by having each group roll one dice. The group with highest number goes first.
7. Start your timer for 15 minutes.
8. Each group takes a turn rolling a pair of dice. For rolls which are NOT double, the group which rolled determines where to add the points in their team's **RESILIENCE CHART**. Each dice's value must be added to a separate category.
9. When a group rolls doubles, they must pull a card from the **DECISION CARDS** deck. The decision presented on the card must be made in collaboration with the entire team.
10. When a category reaches 20, you have reached **RESILIENCE** in that area. Nothing from a **DECISION CARD** can bring that down.



11. Give your team a time update at ten minutes left, five minutes left and two minutes left.

12. Don't roll the dice again after the timer goes off. Finish any turn you are completing when the timer goes off.

Processing

Process the activity with your team using the following questions:

- What did we just do?
- How did we do?
- Where is our family resilient?
- Where is our family still vulnerable?
- What made your decisions easy?
- What made your decisions difficult?
- Was it easier or harder to work as a family when you had your own identity to advocate for?
- What did it mean to win this game? How do you think that connects with the work around the world we are supporting?

WHY ARE WE CALLED? – BIBLE STUDY

For each mission, your team will also dive into God's word to explore the ways that God is calling you into this mission. Just as you are journeying around the world with Lutheran World Relief, your team will be journeying through the Bible from beginning to end.

Send your team off into small groups of no fewer than three and no more than five with the self-guided Bible study sheets. Make sure to give them a time limit. As time comes to an end, circulate amongst the groups to let them know when they should return to Mission Central.



WHERE ARE WE HEADED NEXT?

Process this mission

Gather your team back together at Mission Central. Process the entire experience with the following questions:

- In scripture we learn that every human being is made in the image of God. How do you see that reflected in the work we explored in Uganda?
- What did you experience today that you want to take back to our community?
- What did you experience today that you want to ask more questions about?

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Preview Next Mission

Share the reveal of your next mission found in your Digital Travel Guide.

Closing Prayer

Lead or ask one of your team members to lead your group in prayer:

God of Abundance, we thank you for the mission you call us into in your world. We have only begun to see ways that all you have given us is put into action. We thank you for those who are supporting us on this journey and those we are meeting along the way. In the name of your son Jesus Christ, who gave of himself to feed the hungry, AMEN.



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BIBLE STUDY

Genesis 1:1-27

Key Verse

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27)

Main Idea

Every human being is a beloved creation of God, made in the image of God and therefore possessing inherent dignity.

Opening Prayer

Creator God, you have made a marvelous universe, the greatest work of art in existence. Be with us now as we encounter your Word together, and shine your light into our minds and hearts, that your love might transform us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

The Scene Is Set

Read Genesis 1:1-2

In this creation story, the world begins with the image of a “formless void” (v. 2), or a dark, chaotic emptiness. Even in the dark, however, God was present and at work. Amid the chaos, the “wind from God” (v. 2; also translated “Spirit of God”) was moving. How have you seen God at work, even in dark times?

And God Said...

Read Genesis 1:3-25

What phrases are repeated throughout this creation story? From the repetitive pattern used to tell this story, what would you say would be a few of the main ideas that the storyteller wanted the audience to understand?

How does the thought that our Creator originally called everything and everyone in the universe “good” affect your life?



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The Image of God

Read Genesis 1:26-27

There has been much discussion throughout history of what the image of God is in humans. Read James 3:9 and see how this concept is used there. Whatever the image or likeness is, how can this view affect how we live and how we treat one another? Knowing that you are made in the image of God, how can you honor that with your actions when you see people in need?

Read Matthew 25:40. Knowing that people in need are also made in the image of God, how can you honor that with your actions toward them, locally and globally?

Closing Prayer

Creator God, thank you for your wonderful creation. You made all humans in your image and likeness. Help us to live out this precious gift in our lives. We pray all these things in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Share a Blessing

Taking turns, give the following blessing to the person on your right while tracing the sign of the cross on their forehead or hand, with their permission: You are made in the image and likeness of God.