WEEK 24

Missions around the Globe
Emphasis: The South Pacific

Introduction: White sand beaches, ocean waves, warm sea breezes, and swaying palm trees...many beautiful images come to mind when one dreams about the South Pacific. Unfortunately, the early missionaries to these islands did not find a paradise but a land filled with disease, demonic religions, and even native cannibals. Yet because of their daring perseverance much of the South Pacific has welcomed Christianity. This week we will complete our tour around the globe by studying these tropical island countries and the effect of missionary work there.

LIBRARY AND MEDIA SEARCH

BOOK TITLES

- Operation World
- You Can Change the World
- From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya
- World Mission Manual - Part 2

BOOK TOPICS

- The South Pacific
- Hawaii, Hawaiian Islands
- Micronesia, Polynesia, Melanesia
- Countries: Western Samoa, Fiji, Tahiti,
  French Polynesia, Guam, Tuvalu, New Caledonia
- Geographical water terms
- Historical Figures: Vasco Nunez de Balboa,
  Hernando Magellan, Captain Cook
- Missionaries: Henry Nott, Hiram Bingham, John Williams, John Paton,
  James Chalmers, John Coleridge Patteson, Florence Young
- Mormonism in the South Pacific
- Metric measurement
- Tropical fish of the Pacific
- Polynesian arts and crafts

MUSIC

- Hawaiian or Polynesian music

FAMILY VIDEOS

- Mutiny on the Bounty, Peace Child
- or other movies or travel videos on Hawaii or the South Pacific.
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WEEK 24 - MONDAY
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FAMILY DEVOTIONS
• OPENING EXERCISES
BIBLE READING: JOHN 12
• FAMILY DISCUSSION
  Discuss how the testimony of Lazarus spread. Do testimonies help spread the Gospel? Note the statement “the world has gone after Him...” and how some Greeks wanted to see Jesus. In verses 24-26 Jesus had the attitude of giving His life. Would you be willing to give your life for Jesus? Discuss this as a family. Note verse 32 where Jesus says He will “draw ALL peoples” to Himself and the word “world” in verses 46 and 47.
• PRAYER FOCUS
  During prayer take time to surrender your lives to the Lord. This week we will be interceding for different countries of the South Pacific.
• BIBLE MEMORY: PSALM 22:27-28
  “All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. For the kingdom is the Lord’s, and He rules over the nations.”
• LEARNING METHOD: PUT VERSE TO MUSIC, OR CHALKBOARD ERASE.
• PRAYER PROJECT: MAGAZINE PEOPLE FACES
  From the magazine clipping box (gathered during day 85 of “Foundations Week II”), have each family member pick out a picture, locate an approximate location for where that picture could have taken place, and then pray for the people in that area of the world.

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS
• READING
  1. Operation World, pp. 78-81 about the Pacific.
  2. You Can Change the World, pp. 98-99 about Western Samoa.

5. Begin reading library books about the South Pacific. Focus on the land and geography.
• WRITING
  Write in your prayer journal for at least 15 minutes. Share your personal thoughts, challenges, and praises with the Lord.
• LANGUAGE ARTS
  1. Carefully write this week’s memory verse. Check for neatness and penmanship.
  2. Select appropriate spelling words. Have each child write these words in their spelling notebook. Then look up each word in the dictionary and write any variations (with added or deleted prefixes and suffixes) that are listed.

GEOGRAPHY
  1. Study different geographical water formations and their terms. Look at a detailed map of the South Pacific islands and find as many of these water formations on the map as possible. Look for archipelago (a group of islands), bay, cape, coast, cove, fjord, gulf, harbor, inlet, island, lake, mouth of a river, ocean, riverbed, sea, sound, source of river. See dictionary if needed.
  2. Trace a geographical map of a specific island in the South Pacific (such as the islands of Hawaii) and highlight the above geographical terms. Use colored pencils in different shades of green, blue and brown to indicate elevation and terrain.
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FAMILY DEVOTIONS
• OPENING EXERCISES
  BIBLE READING: JOHN 14
• FAMILY DISCUSSION
  In verse 6, Jesus boldly states, “I am the way, the truth and the life, no man comes to the Father except through Me.” What does this verse mean to you? Look at the verses surrounding this statement. In what context was this statement made? Look at verses 15-31 as you hold up a cut-out paper heart. How do we show our love for Christ? (Through our obedience to Him.)
• PRAYER FOCUS
  Tell the Lord in prayer how much you love Him. Ask Him to help you to demonstrate this love through your actions. Pray for Fiji and Tahiti in the South Pacific.
• BIBLE MEMORY: Continue to review this week’s memory verse, Psalm 22:27-28.

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS
• READING
  4. Continue to read library books about the South Pacific islands. Focus on the history of Hawaii and the effect of early Christian missions to these islands.

•WRITING
  Look at the history questions below, then search library books, an encyclopedia, or Operation World to find the answers. Write an outline on the history of Pacific Missions. Use a complete sentence for each main point. This outline will be used tomorrow to complete an essay on the same topic.
• LANGUAGE ARTS
  1. Review proper outline form, using headings (I, II, III, IV), subheadings (A, B, C), and specific examples (1, 2, 3).

2. To review spelling/vocabulary words, make a crossword puzzle (with squares going both vertically and horizontally). Write definitions for each word to use as clues to complete the puzzle. Have someone else try to fill the puzzle in correctly.

HISTORY
  How and when were various islands discovered? Who were some of the famous early explorers? (Vasco Nunez de Balboa, Hernando Magellan, and Captain Cook) What was life like for early missionaries and European settlers in the South Pacific islands? How did pidgin English begin? What effect did the Second World War have on these islands? How has life in this area changed over the years? Are some traditions still the same? Who were some of the early missionaries to the Pacific islands? (Henry Nott, Hiram Bingham, John Williams—who was tragically killed and eaten by cannibal natives in 1839—John Paton, James Chalmers, John Coleridge Patteson and Florence Young).

• MARK YOUR TIMELINE
  1513 Spanish explorer, Balboa discovers a “new” ocean to the west of Panama.
  1520 Portuguese sea captain, Magellan, sails into this ocean and names it Pacific (meaning peaceful).
  1768-1779 Voyages of Captain Cook to the Pacific (accurate maps are made).

RELIGION FOCUS
• NATIVE POLYNESIAN RELIGIONS
  Examine the typical native religious practices of spiritism and idol worship. Include the religious dances of the South Pacific in your studies. What was the response of the native people to the early missionaries?
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FAMILY DEVOTIONS
• OPENING EXERCISES
BIBLE READING: JOHN 15
• FAMILY DISCUSSION
  Hold up a branch or vine as you discuss what it means when Jesus said: "I am the vine, and you are the branches"? Are you bearing fruit for Him? Look at verses 18-27. Will things always be easy? What specific challenges are mentioned in these verses? Discuss typical difficulties missionaries have to face.
• PRAYER FOCUS
  Ask God to help your family bear fruit for Him. Pray for missionaries you know, to endure even during hard times. Focus your intercession on the area of the Pacific known as Micronesia.
• BIBLE MEMORY

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS
• READING
  2. You Can Change the World, pp. 28-29 on Fiji.
  3. From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya, pp. 218 to the top of 220 about James Chalmers.
  5. Continue to read library books about the South Pacific, Micronesia and tropical fish.
• WRITING
  Using the outline formed yesterday, write an essay on the history of South Pacific missions.
• LANGUAGE ARTS
  1. Check for correct spelling, punctuation, grammar and spelling.
  2. Take an oral spelling quiz on this week's words.

MATH AND SCIENCE
• MATH: METRIC MEASUREMENT
  Throughout much of the South Pacific (except for Hawaii and US-dominated islands) the typical standard of measurement is the metric system. Using measuring cups and a recipe, convert an English-system of measurement to its metric equivalent.

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• SCIENCE: TROPICAL FISH OF THE PACIFIC
  One of my favorite hobbies is snorkeling in the Pacific and looking at tropical fish. (Think of all the adventures you could have if you became a missionary!) This week, study the many varieties of tropical fish. What are the common characteristics, of all fish? (They have a backbone, gills, fins, and live in the water.) They are a part of the Animal Kingdom, in the phyla Chordata, in the class called Pisces (fish). Fish are divided into three categories including: Agnatha (snake-like fish, without fins or jaws), Chondrichthyes (fish such as sharks and stingrays that have a skeleton made of cartilage), and Osteichthyes (bony fishes).

FAMILY FIELD TRIP
  Visit a local pet shop and look at the tropical fish. Which fish are from the South Pacific?
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WEEK 24 - THURSDAY
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FAMILY DEVOTIONS
• OPENING EXERCISES
  BIBLE READING: JOHN 16
  • FAMILY DISCUSSION
    Show a picture of a dove as you discuss the purpose of the Holy Spirit. Look at verse 8 noting it is the Holy Spirit that convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. Read Acts 1:8 and note the disciples were promised power from the Holy Spirit. WHY? (So they could be a witness for Christ.) Jesus has overcome the world and can give us peace—even in persecution.

  • PRAYER FOCUS
    As you continue to pray for the South Pacific concentrate on Polynesia. In this area, cults such as Mormonism have grown. Nearly 20 percent of the total population are Mormons. Come against this deception and pray the Holy Spirit will convict the lost of their sin. Pray also for national Christian churches to become strong and for many native islanders to catch God’s heart for missions.

  • BIBLE MEMORY

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS
• READING
  2. You Can Change the World, pp. 40-41 about Indonesia (which is actually in Asia).
  3. From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya, pp. 220-224 about John Coleridge Patteson.
  4. Continue to read library books about the South Pacific. Focus on Polynesia and native Polynesian art.

• WRITING
  Write a magazine article (geared for a Christian audience) about the threat of cults (especially Mormonism) in the Pacific. See Operation World on pp. 81 and 474 for current information. See the section on Mormonism in “Highlights of Major World Religions”, Chapter 4.

• LANGUAGE ARTS
  1. Look at several magazine articles for examples of format as you complete this writing assignment.
  2. Review spelling words by writing five times each.

ARTS AND CRAFTS
• ART: POLYNESIAN ART
  Locate examples of native Polynesian and Pacific art such as traditional carved canoes of Fiji, handicrafts, traditional flower leis and costumes, and mat weaving. Compare this art with other art you have seen. How does it reflect the life-style and culture of the people of the South Pacific?

• CRAFT: TISSUE PAPER FLOWER LEIS
  Using brightly colored tissue paper, cut out circles (or flower shapes) about two inches in diameter. Twist the center section of the circle to form a “flower” and then use a needle and a long piece of thread to string these flowers into a lei necklace. Use a variety of sizes and colors in different patterns. Place these leis on each other as you say, “Aloha.”
DAY 120

WEEK 24 - FRIDAY
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FAMILY DEVOTIONS
- OPENING EXERCISES
BIBLE READING: JOHN 17
- FAMILY DISCUSSION
  In this chapter Jesus is praying to the Father and is fulfilling the role of the Great High Priest. What specific things did Jesus pray for? Note verses 18-20 Jesus prayed for those He has sent out into the world (and for all those who will believe in Him through their word). What does this show us about the importance of praying for those who are sent out to share the Gospel?
- PRAYER FOCUS
  Pray for missionaries you know who have been sent out. Pray that through their witness others would come to know Christ, and then pray for these new believers, that their lives too, would glorify Jesus. Also intercede for Tuvalu and the area of the Pacific called Melanesia.
- BIBLE MEMORY

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS
- READING
  1. Operation World, pp. 547 about the island nation of Tuvalu, and pp. 412-413 about New Caledonia.
  5. Continue reading library books about the South Pacific, focusing on Melanesia and reading about the tribal music and dance.
- WRITING
  Write a short creative story entitled “True Paradise” about a child from an island in the South Pacific. Have the main character of the story a child searching for the truth. Depending on your child’s level of understanding, include references to tribal religions and cults until the character discovers Jesus Christ. Think about what everyday life would be like. What would be typical sounds, sights, and smells. Include descriptions such as a warm sea breeze, blue ocean water, or the fragrance of a tropical flower.
- LANGUAGE ARTS
  1. Emphasize descriptive wording and adjectives in your story.
  2. Spelling test. Have each child take a spelling test. Write each misspelled word five times.

MUSIC
  Listen to a cassette tape or record of Hawaiian or Polynesian music. If possible, watch a travel video from the South Pacific and note the music and local dances. Have young children attempt to dance the “hula” to the music.

INTERNATIONAL MEAL
- AREA EMPHASIS: HAWAII

CHICKEN TAHITI WITH RICE
  Combine in a saucepan, stirring constantly: 1 cup orange juice, 2 Tbs. lemon juice, 1/2 cup brown sugar, 2 Tbs. soy sauce and 1 Tbs. cornstarch. Bring mixture to a boil. Remove from heat. When thickened and cool, add 1 fresh pineapple cut into cubes (or one large can or pineapple) and papaya. Pour the sauce over baked chicken and serve with white rice.

FAMILY VIDEOS
  Mutiny on the Bounty, Peace Child, or other movies or travel videos on Hawaii or the South Pacific.