

SEND SUNDAY

Worship Resources



PURPOSE

This resource provides a suggested structure for your church's Send Sunday service, emphasizing missions through biblically grounded worship, preaching, and prayer.

DISCLAIMER:

We believe worship planning is a holy process in which the ministers of the church should prayerfully lay their ideas and desires before the Lord. This guide is not meant to replace thoughtful and Spirit-led planning but to serve as a resource. These are suggestions to help you craft a service that fits your church's unique context and reflects God's heart for the nations.

Suggested Service Outline

1. Welcome & Call to Worship

The Call to Worship sets the tone for the service by focusing hearts on God's glory and his mission to make his name known among all peoples. Use these scriptures to draw the congregation's attention to his global purpose:

Call to Worship Suggestions:

- **Psalm 67:1-3** (*May God be gracious to us and bless us... that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.*)
- **Isaiah 49:6** (*It is too light a thing ... I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.*)
- **Revelation 7:9-10** (*After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number ... standing before the throne and before the Lamb.*)

2. Corporate Confession & Assurance of Pardon

This section encourages the congregation to confess their sins corporately, focusing on apathy toward missions and evangelism, while being reminded of Christ's forgiveness and redemptive work.

Confession:

- We confess that we have been apathetic about the Great Commission.
- We confess that we have prioritized our own comfort over the needs of the lost.
- We confess that we have failed to pray, give, or go as you have commanded.
- We confess our lack of urgency for your global mission.

Assurance of Pardon:

1 John 2:2 (*He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.*)

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Small Group Guide and Study Resources

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This guide is designed to help small groups reflect on what they experienced during Send Sunday and explore practical ways to live out the Great Commission. Whether your church focused on a specific passage or took a unique approach, this discussion will help participants process key themes and take next steps in missions involvement.

Discussion Outline

1. Opening Prayer (5 minutes)

Begin by inviting someone to open in prayer, asking God to give your group clarity, boldness, and a heart for the nations.

2. Reflecting on Send Sunday (10–15 minutes)

Discussion Questions:

- What was one thing that stood out to you from the Send Sunday message or service?
- Did anything challenge or convict you personally about missions or evangelism?
- How did the idea of your church being a “sending church” resonate with you?
- *Who in our church might God be calling to send out as a missionary? How can we support or encourage that person to pursue God’s call?*

3. Digging into Scripture (15–20 minutes)

Choose one or two of the following passages for group discussion, or ask a volunteer to read aloud:

- **Acts 13:1-3** (*The Holy Spirit sets apart workers to be sent by the local church.*)
Discussion: How does this passage show that sending missionaries is an act of worship and obedience for the church?
- **Matthew 28:18-20** (*The Great Commission: Go and make disciples of all nations.*)
Discussion: Jesus gave this command to all believers. What does it mean for you personally to “go” in your context?
- **Romans 10:13-15** (*How will they hear unless someone is sent?*)
- **Discussion:** Why is it essential for churches to raise up and send gospel workers?

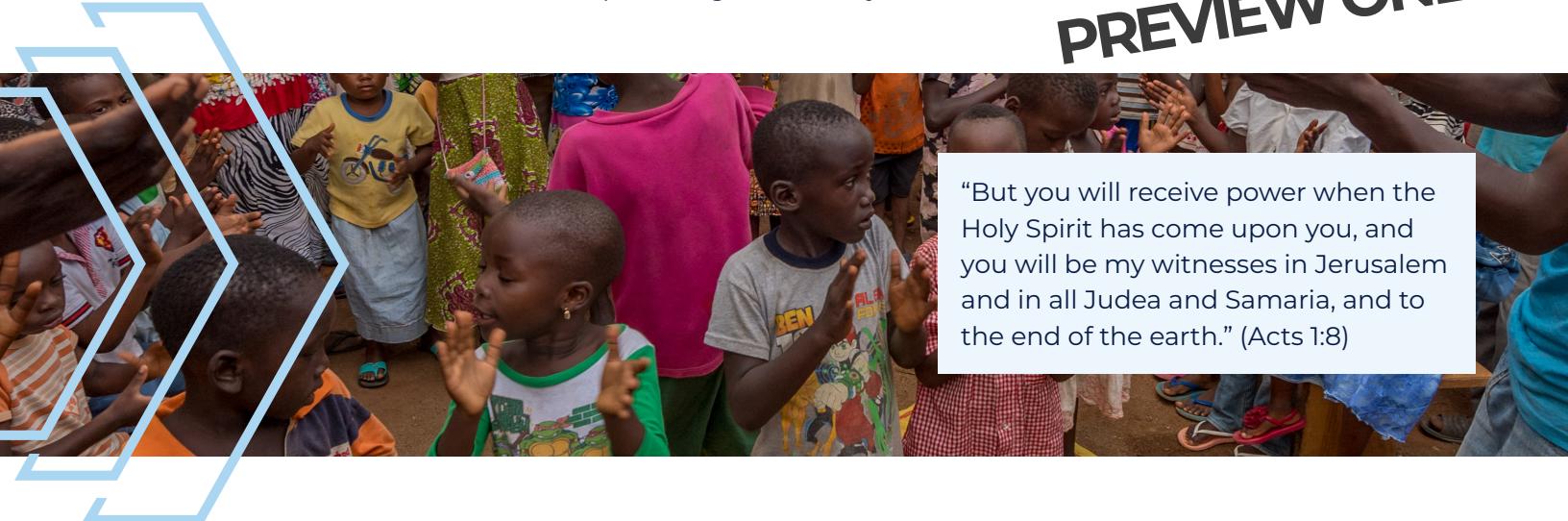
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A DANGEROUS PRAYER GUIDE FOR MISSIONS





“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

This prayer guide invites you to join God’s mission to reach the nations through intentional and bold prayer. We’ll pray in ever-widening circles—starting with yourself and your immediate sphere of influence, and expanding to the ends of the earth. Let’s pray bold prayers of faith and surrender that align our hearts with his purposes.

Sunday: Salvation and the Church

“Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ... standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.” (Philippians 1:27-28)

Reflect: Praise God for his saving grace and his work in your local church. Pray that your congregation will stand united in Christ, build itself up in love, and boldly proclaim the gospel.

- Thank God for his saving grace and faithfulness in your church.
- Pray for your church leaders to seek his will and lead with humility and courage.
- Ask God to strengthen your church’s unity and resolve to strive together for the faith.
- Intercede for lost people who attend your church to find salvation.
- Let’s commit to praying courageously for our church and its gospel witness.

Monday: Holiness in Your Immediate Sphere

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” (Matthew 6:33)

“Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.” (1 Peter 3:15)

Reflect: Pursue holiness in your own life, and pray for the salvation of those in your family, workplace, and neighborhood. Be ready to live faithfully and share the gospel in your daily interactions.

- Pray for your personal sanctification and for God to grow you in obedience.
- Intercede for the salvation of your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors.
- Ask for wisdom and boldness to give an answer for the hope within you.
- Seek God’s guidance in showing Christ’s love to your immediate sphere.

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Children's Lesson (Elementary)

God Sends His People



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Instructions

This sample children's ministry lesson guide is designed to help you engage kids in learning about God's work among the nations, using the story of Paul and Barnabas' first missionary journey. Feel free to adapt it to fit your needs. The goal is to foster excitement about missions and help kids grasp the biblical call to proclaim the gospel.

The Big Picture

By the end of the lesson, children should understand:

- God loves people all over the world.
- Many people do not know about Jesus.
- God uses his people to tell others about Jesus.

Scripture Focus

Acts 13:2-3 (summary)

The church prayed, and God sent Paul and Barnabas to tell others about Jesus.

(You may read the verses directly from the Bible or explain them in simple words.)



Simple Lesson Flow

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1. Start With a Question (2 Minutes)

Ask the children:

- “Who told you about Jesus?”
- “Was it someone in your family? Someone at church?”

Briefly affirm that God uses people to share the good news.

Listen to Find Out:

Say something like:

“Today in our Bible story, two men travel far from home to tell people about Jesus. Listen to find out the names of these two men.”



2. Tell the Bible Study (5 minutes)

Tell the story in your own words, slowly and simply:

“There was a church in a place called Antioch. The people in that church loved God. They prayed together and listened to God’s Word.

While they were praying, God told the church to send two men, Paul and Barnabas, to tell others about Jesus. The church did not rush. They prayed again. Then they sent Paul and Barnabas to go.

Paul and Barnabas traveled to different places. They told people about Jesus—who he is and how he saves sinners. Some people believed. Some people heard about Jesus for the first time.

When Paul and Barnabas came back, they told the church what God had done. The church thanked God.”

Key sentence to repeat with the kids:

God uses his people to tell others about Jesus.

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PRAY TO SEND LABORERS

Matthew 9:38

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