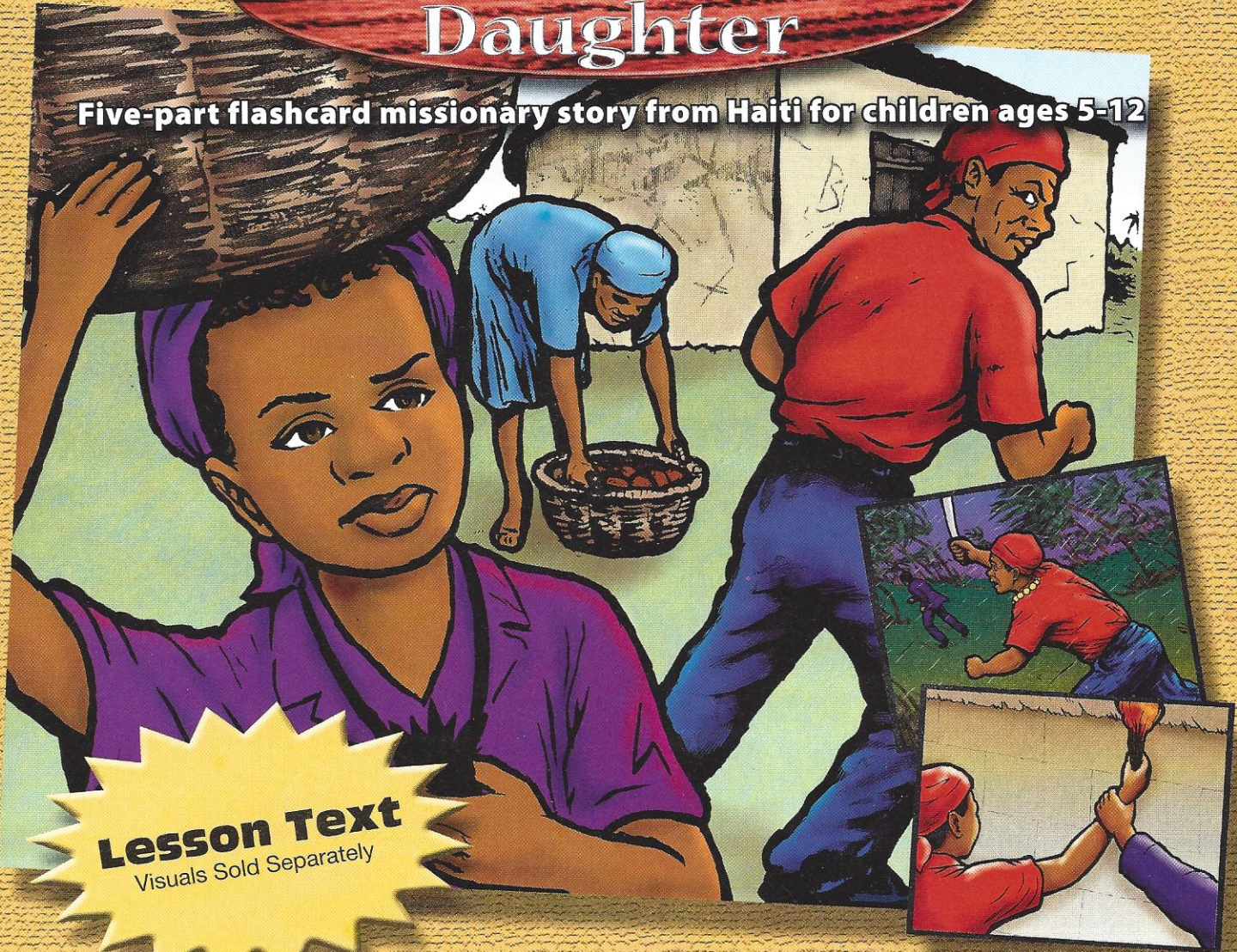


# TI-FAM

## Witch Doctor's Daughter

Five-part flashcard missionary story from Haiti for children ages 5-12



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# How to Use This Missions Lesson

## Teaching Objective

To acquaint children with what missionaries do and what it would be like to live and serve in another country, and to develop in children a deep and lifelong interest in missions, an eagerness to live in dependence on God and a willingness to become missionaries themselves.

## Lesson Preparation

Read the entire story through before you present any of the chapters. The effectiveness of the presentation will be determined largely by your dedication, keenness of missionary interest and preparation.

## Flashcard Visuals

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## Encourage Learning

Questions for discussion are provided throughout and at the end of each chapter. Encourage children to participate and be sure to acknowledge each response.

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## Story Background

*Ti-Fam: Witch Doctor's Daughter* is a missionary story from Haiti and is based on fact. This mountainous country is on the western end of the island of Hispaniola in the Caribbean. French is spoken there by city dwellers, but the common people use Creole, a French dialect intermingled with African, Spanish and English words.

Several years ago this little country was plagued with catastrophes. Hurricane Hazel caused severe damage, including a landslide in which everyone in a valley area was killed, except one girl. Months of drought followed, causing starvation. Then the first frost in Haiti's history came and destroyed the early corn crop.

The description of missionary life and methods, including the rescue and relief work, is based on the experiences of actual missionaries. Ti-Fam was the daughter of mountain people. Her father, a witch doctor, led in voodoo worship involving magic and charms, worship of evil spirits and spirit possession.

This missions lesson tells how the Gospel of Christ overcame the demonism that enslaved the people. As you tell the story both you and the boys and girls will become better acquainted with voodoo customs and how to witness to those held in their power.

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*A flashcard missionary story from Haiti*

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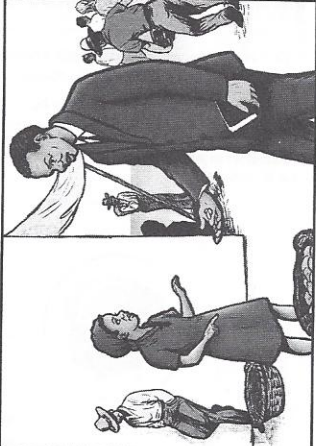
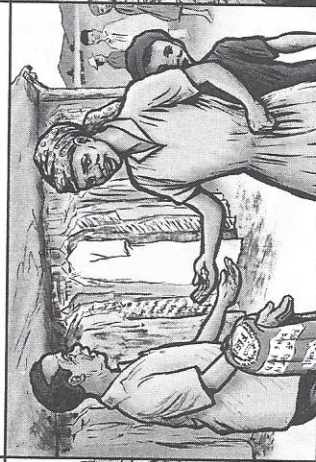


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# Ti-Fam “At-a-Glance” —Chapter 1 (Sweet Potatoes and a Dress with Words)

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| <p><b>Flashcard 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ti-Fam was told to get banana leaves.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam was excited about her Mama's promise: if they earned enough money selling sweet potatoes, she could have a new dress!</li> <li>• Ti-Fam went to the banana trees.</li> </ul>           | <p><b>Flashcard 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ti-Fam talked with her friend, Marie.</li> <li>• Marie and her family had believed in the missionaries' God.</li> <li>• They were going to buy a Bible from the mission station.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam was alarmed and told her mother.</li> </ul>                               | <p><b>Flashcard 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ti-Fam and her mother, Madame Orestil, prepared to go to market.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam's father went into his voodoo temple.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam worried about what he would do there.</li> </ul>  | <p><b>Flashcard 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ti-Fam was worried about what might happen to Marie.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam's mother was not wearing her voodoo charm!</li> <li>• The man at the market said the sweet potatoes had worms and bought only one basket.</li> </ul> |
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| <p><b>Flashcard 5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ti-Fam sat with the second basket of sweet potatoes.</li> <li>• A man wanted to buy her sweet potatoes for Granny Holdeman.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam and her mother went to see if they had enough money for a new dress with words on it.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Flashcard 6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The man wanted too much money for the dress.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam was sad.</li> <li>• Madame Orestil bought the dress with all the money they had left.</li> <li>• Marie told them to come hear Victor.</li> <li>• Victor was the man who bought her sweet potatoes.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Flashcard 7</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ti-Fam covered her ears.</li> <li>• Victor told the true story about Elijah and the prophets of Baal.</li> <li>• Madame Orestil thought Victor was right.</li> <li>• Orestil was angry that people—including his wife—were listening to Victor.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Flashcard 8</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orestil took Ti-Fam's new dress to make a charm.</li> <li>• Orestil made a voodoo doll of Victor and put a death curse on him.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam was scared.</li> <li>• <i>Cliffhanger</i>—Will Victor die?</li> </ul>      |

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## CHAPTER 1

# Sweet Potatoes and a Dress with Words

Raise your hand if you've heard of the country of Haiti. (*Allow response.*) What can you tell me about it? (*Allow response.*) This week we will be hearing a story that takes place in Haiti about a girl named Ti-Fam.

### Flashcard 1

The sun was coming up over the mountains in Haiti. Ti-Fam rolled up the banana leaf mat that was her bed. She carried it out into the sun and set it against the side of her two-room mud house.

"Ti-Fam!" called Madame Orestil, Ti-Fam's mother. "We must dig up the rest of the sweet potatoes for market tomorrow. Go cut banana leaves to line the baskets."

Getting banana leaves and digging up sweet potatoes is hard work. How do you think Ti-Fam felt? (*Allow response.*) She was excited because she remembered Mama's promise: If they earned enough money selling sweet potatoes, she could have a new dress! Ti-Fam picked up her big knife and ran to the banana trees.

### Flashcard 2

"Ti-Fam!" a quiet voice called. A girl about her age walked toward her.

"Oh, Marie, guess what I'm going to get! A new dress with words on it!"

Marie was confused. "Words? You won't be able to read them, Ti-Fam. But I'm going to learn to read."

"Really? Will you teach me?"

"Yes," said Marie. "My family's going to get something new too."

"Let me guess—a new voodoo charm from my father?"

Marie shook her head. "We're not going to buy any more voodoo charms."

Ti-Fam clutched the garlic fetish charm hanging around her neck. "Not buy any more voodoo charms?" she gasped. "Maybe your house will burn down! Maybe you'll get sick! Marie, aren't you afraid?"

"No," Marie said confidently. "We're Christians now. We're trusting the Lord Jesus to take care of us, just like Victor said."

"Don't believe him! He tells lies!"

"No, he doesn't. The missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull, taught Victor the truth from God's book, the Bible," Marie said quietly. "After market we're going to buy a Bible at the mission station."

"No, don't go to the mission station! One day you might need my father's voodoo. He won't help you if you believe in the missionaries' God!"

Marie shook her head. "Jesus is stronger than your father's voodoo."

Ti-Fam ran to her mother, who was standing beside the baskets of sweet potatoes. "Mama! Mama! Marie's family won't buy any more voodoo charms! They're Christians!"

### Flashcard 3

Early the next morning Ti-Fam balanced a basket full of sweet potatoes on her head.

"Come, come! We must get to market," her mother said as she picked up the other basket.

*Why hurry*, thought Ti-Fam as she watched her father go toward his voodoo temple (the place where he did magic and worshipped evil spirits). He looked fierce in his red shirt. Ti-Fam trembled. *What magic would he do today? Would he make the evil spirits do something awful to Marie's family because they believed in the missionaries' God?*

"Go along," said Madame Orestil, pushing Ti-Fam ahead of her.

### Flashcard 4

They started up the mountain trail that led out of the valley.

Imagine what it would be like to walk up a steep mountain trail while balancing a basket of potatoes on your head! Let's all stand up and pretend to balance a basket on our heads while walking in place. (*Allow response.*) Good job. You may all sit down.

When they reached the highest point, Ti-Fam looked back. The house farthest away was Marie's. *Would the spirits burn her house?* Ti-Fam worried. Frightened, Ti-Fam ran to catch up with her mother then looked at her in surprise.

"Mama, stop! Your charm is lost!"

"No," her mother, Madame Orestil, said. "The string broke this morning and I left it off. Nothing will happen."

"Oh yes, it will!" Ti-Fam cried holding her own charm tightly in her hand.

Do you think something will happen to Madame Orestil because she isn't wearing her voodoo charm? (*Allow response.*)

At the market Ti-Fam and her mother stopped in front of a man buying and selling sweet potatoes. Madame Orestil put both baskets in front of him.

The man pushed aside the banana leaves in the larger basket and looked at the sweet potatoes carefully. Suddenly he dumped them on the ground.

"Worms, nothing but worms! I will only give you 35 cents," he said.

Ti-Fam's mother took the money and picked up the empty basket and Ti-Fam's basket, which was still full. She led Ti-Fam to an open place and set the baskets down. "Sit here. I will go buy some beans and sugar. Then we will try to sell the sweet potatoes that are left."

### Flashcard 5

Ti-Fam sat down by the baskets.

"Are your sweet potatoes for sale?" asked a strong voice.

"Y-yes," Ti-Fam looked up at the smiling man. "One dollar and twenty-five cents."

"That is too much," he grinned. "But I need them for Granny Holdeman today, so I will pay you 35 cents."

"I don't know any Granny Holdeman," Ti-Fam stood up. "B-but I worked hard and I carried them a long way. The price is 40 cents."



"All right," he grinned again. "Here is the 40 cents."

Ti-Fam looked at the money in her hand with excitement. Was it enough for a dress—one with words?

Ti-Fam saw her mother coming. "Mama, look!" Ti-Fam opened her hand. "See, 40 cents!"

"Ah-la-la. Maybe now you'll have your dress!"

Ti-Fam pulled her mother to a stall where dresses made of cloth feed sacks were hanging. She pointed to one with English words.

### Flashcard 6

"It is 75 cents," said the old man.

"I do not have 75 cents," said Madame Orestil. "I will give you 20 cents."

"Well," the man shrugged, "50 cents and not a penny cheaper!"

"Make it 30 cents and I will take it. See how my little daughter needs a new dress!"

"Never!" The man put the dress back on the rack.

Ti-Fam's eyes filled with tears. "See what you have done. You have broken her heart," Madame Orestil said with anger. She took the 40 cents from Ti-Fam and held it before him. "Take all the money we have."

The man put the 40 cents in his pocket and gave the dress to Ti-Fam. She dropped her basket and hugged the dress in her arms.

Just then Ti-Fam heard a soft voice. It was Marie!

"Come see! Victor is here to tell a story!"

Victor! Ti-Fam trembled. Marie started toward the large group of children. In front of them Ti-Fam saw a tall man with a black book under his arm.

"Mama," she gasped. "It's the man who bought my sweet potatoes! He is Victor!"

### Flashcard 7

Victor began to speak. Ti-Fam put her dress in her basket then covered her ears with her hands.

"I won't listen, Mama."

Madame Orestil nodded but she did not cover her ears.

"But I will look," said Ti-Fam carefully. "I like him a little because he bought my sweet potatoes."

Do you think that Ti-Fam could still hear Victor even though she was covering her ears? Everyone cover your ears. (*Allow response.*) Can you still hear my voice? (*Allow response.*) You can take your hands off your ears now.

Ti-Fam heard the words dimly. "Many years ago a wicked king and his people worshipped a false god named Baal. A prophet named Elijah worshipped the true God. Elijah said he would have a contest to show which god was true."

Ti-Fam watched Victor put pictures on a large, flat board. She wondered what made them stick. Did Victor have magic of his own? She let her hands slip from her ears.

"The men who served Baal killed a bull and placed it on their altar as a gift to their god. There were 450 of these prophets. They were something like witch doctors!" said Victor. "All day long they called to their god to send fire. They shouted and danced around the altar and even cut themselves! But nothing happened."

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"Lies," whispered Ti-Fam.

"Then Elijah killed a bull and put it on the other altar. He had some men dig a trench around the altar and pour four barrels of water over the offering—three times. Even the firewood was soaked! Then Elijah prayed. He asked God to prove Himself. Fire came down from Heaven and burned up the offering, wood, stones—even the water in the trench! Everyone knew that Elijah's God was the true God. He is the one I serve," said Victor. "He is all powerful and He loves you."

"Lies, lies, lies!" Ti-Fam clutched her charm. But she saw that her mother was still listening to Victor.

"Maybe some of you would like to turn from serving false gods and receive the one true God, the Lord Jesus, as your Savior," he said. "If so, come and talk to me."

Madame Orestil took a step forward.

"Mama!" Ti-Fam burst out in fear.

Madame Orestil turned and slowly started toward home. "I think this Victor is right," she said.

As soon as they were home, Ti-Fam heard her mother say to her father, "Victor's God must be more powerful than your voodoo gods."

"Enough!" Ti-Fam's father, Orestil, shouted. "I will fix that Victor! He has turned the neighbors—and now you—against me!"

### Flashcard 8

*I will need something very special to make a charm against this Victor,* Orestil thought. Suddenly he reached into Ti-Fam's basket. "I will take this!" he said, pulling out the new dress.

"Papa, my new dress!" she gasped. As her father entered his voodoo temple, a cold shiver ran through Ti-Fam.

When the witch doctor came out, he held up a rag doll he had made out of Ti-Fam's new dress. "See, this voodoo doll is Victor and these pins are stuck into his heart. These two nails will fix the spell and make it hold. And this black thread is a warning that Victor will die!"

Ti-Fam stood still, scarcely daring to breathe. She had never seen her father put a death curse on someone before.

## Cliffhanger

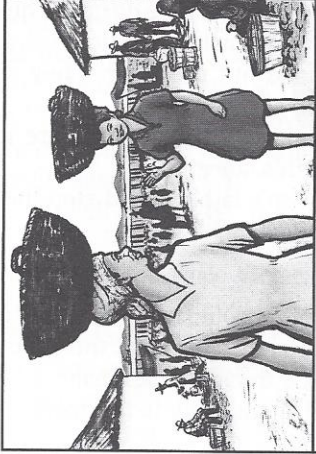

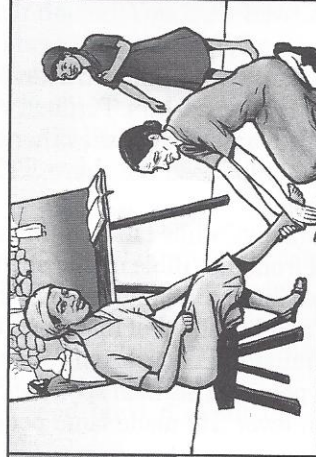

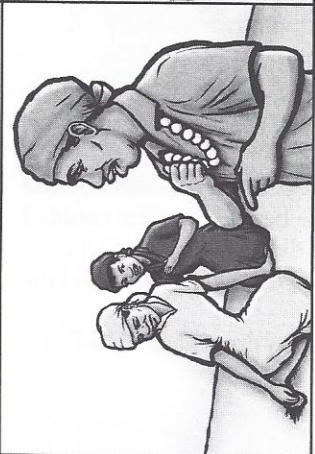
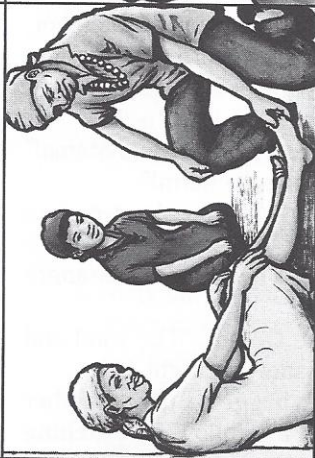
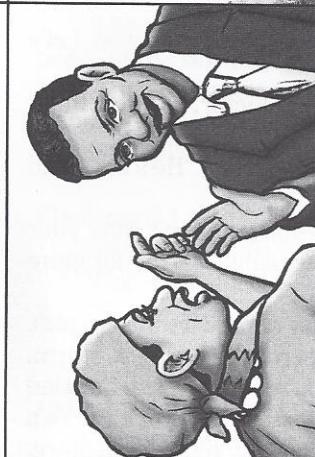

Will Victor die? Come back tomorrow to find out.

## Review Questions

1. What country did Ti-Fam live in? (*Haiti.*)
2. Why did Ti-Fam's father make voodoo charms? (*He was a witch doctor.*)
3. Why was Marie's family going to buy a Bible? (*They were Christians now.*)
4. How did Orestil feel when he heard that Madame Orestil and Ti-Fam had listened to Victor? (*He was angry and decided to kill Victor.*)
5. What special thing did Orestil make the voodoo doll from? (*Ti-Fam's new dress.*)



# Ti-Fam "At-a-Glance" —Chapter 2 (Howling Wind and Pouring Rain)

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|  | <p><b>Flashcard 9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Chapter 1 briefly.</li> <li>• A storm started while Ti-Fam and her mother were at the market.</li> <li>• Madame Orestil cut her toe while helping Ti-Fam.</li> <li>• Madame Orestil wanted to go to the mission.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam did not want to go.</li> </ul> |  | <p><b>Flashcard 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They went to the mission.</li> <li>• Victor invited them in.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam was surprised that he was alive.</li> <li>• Victor went to get Granny Holdeman.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam clutched her charm when she saw the black book.</li> </ul> |  | <p><b>Flashcard 11</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victor left Granny Holdeman to fix Madame Orestil's foot.</li> <li>• Granny asked Ti-Fam to read from the Bible.</li> <li>• Madame Orestil wanted to hear more about God.</li> <li>• Granny read from the Bible.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam didn't want to listen.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam and Madame Orestil left early the next morning.</li> </ul> |  | <p><b>Flashcard 12</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They made it to the river.</li> <li>• They started to cross the river.</li> <li>• They reached the other side.</li> <li>• Madame Orestil had lost her bandage.</li> <li>• They made it home.</li> </ul> |  | <p><b>Flashcard 13</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orestil said the spirits were angry because they went to the mission.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam wondered if her charm would help her.</li> <li>• Madame Orestil's foot was swollen.</li> </ul> |  | <p><b>Flashcard 14</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orestil looked at Madame Orestil's injured foot.</li> <li>• Madame Orestil didn't wear her charm because it didn't work.</li> <li>• It rained and poured for three days.</li> <li>• Someone came to the door.</li> </ul> |  | <p><b>Flashcard 15</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victor was at the door!</li> <li>• Victor warned that there might be a landslide.</li> <li>• Orestil agreed to let Victor talk about the one true God.</li> <li>• Madame Orestil trusted in the one true God.</li> <li>• Orestil told Victor to leave.</li> <li>• Orestil was angry.</li> </ul> |  | <p><b>Flashcard 16</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orestil got his big knife.</li> <li>• "The one true God can stop you," Madame Orestil said.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam was scared that Orestil will kill Victor.</li> <li>• <i>Cliffhanger</i>—What will happen to Victor? What will Orestil do to him?</li> </ul> |
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## Howling Wind and Pouring Rain

When we left Ti-Fam yesterday, she was very scared. Why was she scared? (*Her father, the witch doctor, had put a death curse on Victor. She had never seen him put a death curse on anyone. Review Chapter 1 briefly.*)

### Flashcard 9

The next week when Ti-Fam and her mother were at the market, the air was very still. Suddenly the wind began to blow and the dust swirled.

"It's starting to rain, Mama!"

"Ah," said Madame Orestil, "it will settle the dust. Let's go home."

"But, Mama, we haven't seen Victor. Do you think he's... dead?"

"No," Ti-Fam's mother shook her head, "He's not afraid of voodoo."

"Aren't you afraid, Mama, when you don't wear your charm?" Ti-Fam knew her mother hadn't worn it for more than a week.

Madame Orestil was silent as they climbed the winding path.

Imagine climbing up a steep hill during a storm. Everyone stand up and pretend you're walking with the wind blowing against you. (*Allow response.*) Now wipe the rain out of your face. (*Allow response.*) Okay, you may sit down.

Suddenly Ti-Fam started to slip. Turning to catch her, Madame Orestil hit her foot against a sharp rock, ripping her shoe and cutting her toe. She gasped in pain and sank down beside the path.

Ti-Fam put her arms around her. "Mama, dear Mama!" she cried. "I should have given you my charm!"

"I would have slipped anyway, my dear. Are we close to the mission?"

"Oh, Mama! We can't go there! The spirits will be angry and Papa won't like it."

"We must go," said Madame Orestil. "The wind and rain are strong. We may have to stay overnight."

"Mama, please don't!" Ti-Fam begged. But her mother started toward the mission. Ti-Fam followed, clutching her charm.

### Flashcard 10

Madame Orestil pounded on the door of the first building they came to. A man opened the door. It was Victor! "Come in, come in," he said.

Madame Orestil went in and sat down on a stool beside the fireplace. Ti-Fam stayed close beside her. She couldn't believe that Victor was alive! He didn't even look sick.

He turned to Ti-Fam. "Aren't you the girl who sold me the sweet potatoes last week?"

"Yes, and Mama bought me a new dress and...." Ti-Fam's voice faded.

Madame Orestil spoke. "We heard your story. I liked what you said about your God. But when I told my husband, Orestil the witch doctor, he put a voodoo death curse on you."

"You will die," said Ti-Fam trembling, "and we shouldn't be here, but Mama hurt her toe."

"Let me see." Victor knelt and looked at the sore toe. He got up and went to the door. "I'll get Granny Holdeman. She'll take care of you."

Victor ran out into the pouring rain.

When he was gone, Ti-Fam looked around the room. She saw something very familiar—the large, flat board she had seen in the market square. Then she saw a black book open on the shelf. She clutched her garlic charm and turned away.

### Flashcard 11

The door opened. Victor was back with a kind-looking woman. "Here's Granny Holdeman, Mrs. Turnbull's mother. Granny will help you. The basement of the other building is flooding so the Turnbulls need me there." The door slammed shut after Victor.

"Little girl," said Granny, "while I fix your Mama's foot you may read out loud from that Bible on the shelf."

Ti-Fam wound her fingers around her charm. "I—I can't read," she said, "and I'm afraid of that black book."

"It tells a wonderful story, dear. It tells about a man who loved and helped people. This man spoke and healed a little boy with a high fever. He made lame people walk and blind people see."

"I don't believe it. My papa, the witch doctor, can't do that."

"But this man is different," said Granny. "He is God Himself!"

"Tell me about Him," said Madame Orestil, leaning forward.

Granny finished the bandage, took the Bible and started to read. Ti-Fam walked to the window. She heard the name *Jesus* and covered her ears.

Then she heard Granny say, "You must stay here tonight. I'll get the mats."

"No!" Ti-Fam ran to the door and tried to get out but the wind forced her back inside.

"We must stay," said her mother. "We'll leave early in the morning."

All through the night Ti-Fam tossed and turned. Her mother's whisper woke her early the next morning. "Hurry, Ti-Fam, the rain has not stopped. If we do not go quickly, the river will overflow and we won't be able to cross for days."

Quietly they slipped out the door. They struggled against the strong wind and rain.

"Oh, Mama!" Ti-Fam wailed. "The spirits are angry! We must ask Papa to stop this storm!"

Do you think Ti-Fam's father could stop the storm if they asked him to? (*Allow response.*)

### Flashcard 12

Ti-Fam and her mother could hear the raging river long before they reached it. They stopped at the edge.

"If we go quickly, I think we can make it." Madame Orestil stepped in as Ti-Fam clung to her hand.



The current in the river was very strong. It must have been hard to walk through it. Everyone stand up and pretend you're trying to walk through a river with a strong current. (*Allow response.*) Okay, you may sit down.

The wind blew stronger as they reached the other side.

"Oh, Mama, you've lost your bandage." Her mother didn't answer but limped on as fast as she could. When Orestil saw them coming, he opened the door and helped them inside.

### Flashcard 13

"Dear Papa, please stop the storm," cried Ti-Fam. "I will never go to the mission again!"

Orestil's eyes flashed. "The mission! You went to the mission?" He pounded his chest and shouted, "I am Orestil the witch doctor! You both have angered the spirits too much. There is no stopping them now."

Ti-Fam looked down at her garlic charm. Wouldn't it help her at all?

"Papa," Ti-Fam pleaded, "you haven't looked at Mama's foot. Oh, look how swollen it is!"

### Flashcard 14

Orestil looked down at his wife. His anger was gone. "Dear Mama, how can I help you? You will not wear your voodoo charm."

"Maybe I find it never works," Madame Orestil said slowly. They were all silent.

The wind howled about the hut and the rain kept pouring down.

On the third day someone pounded on the door. Who do you think it was? (*Allow response.*)

### Flashcard 15

It was Victor!

"Why did you come?" Orestil growled.

"Please listen," Victor said. "The rain has loosened the rocks on the mountain. A landslide is coming. You must leave."

"Fool," Orestil sneered. "The spirits will protect us!"

"Orestil, the spirits can't help you. God is the only one who can. He loves us. No matter what happens, I know that. You can know His love too."

"Let him tell us how," Madame Orestil begged. "After all, he came through the storm to warn us."

"All right," Orestil agreed.

"The one true God," said Victor, "is greater than all spirits. He made everything and He is a God of love."

"Love," Madame Orestil repeated.

"Yes," Victor nodded. "God loves you. He does not want you to fear evil spirits. He wants you to fear being separated from Him because of your sin."

"Sin," Orestil muttered. "Who are you to speak of sin to me?"

"I have sinned too," said Victor. "God's Word says, 'All have sinned' (Romans 3:23) but God the Son, the Lord Jesus, died on the cross for all our sin and came back to life on the third day. When you trust Him as your Savior, He forgives you. You don't need to live in fear, trying to please spirits so they won't hurt you."

"But what about charms?" Madame Orestil asked. "Those who believe as you do don't wear charms."

"That's right. The Bible says, 'At that day shall a man look to his Maker...he shall not look to...the work of his hands'" (Isaiah 17:7-8).

"I will look to your God now," Madame Orestil announced.

"And I say for you to get out of here!" Orestil shouted at Victor. "You are talking against me, against the things I have spent my life doing, making charms so the spirits will not hurt us. Get out of here!"

Victor bowed, "It is your home, Orestil. I respect your wishes. Madame Orestil, the Lord will be precious to you. Trust in Him."

As soon as the door closed, Orestil turned to his wife. "How can you believe those lies?"

"I know in my heart that he speaks the truth. I have a peace here." She put her hand over her heart.

"That Victor has caused enough trouble," Orestil said, standing to his feet. "I will make sure my charm works against him!"

### Flashcard 16

He picked up his big knife.

"No!" Madame Orestil tried to get up.

"No one can stop me!"

"The one true God can!" she said.

Orestil looked at his wife with anger. Then he turned and went out into the howling wind and pouring rain.

"Victor is wrong to talk against Papa and the spirits," sobbed Ti-Fam. "But I don't want Papa to kill him!"

## Cliffhanger

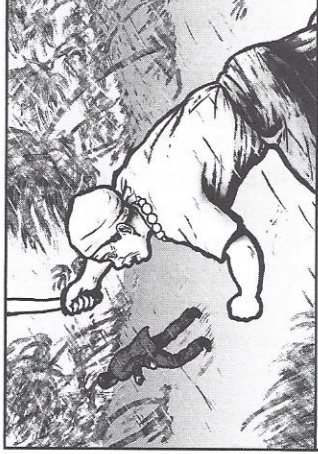
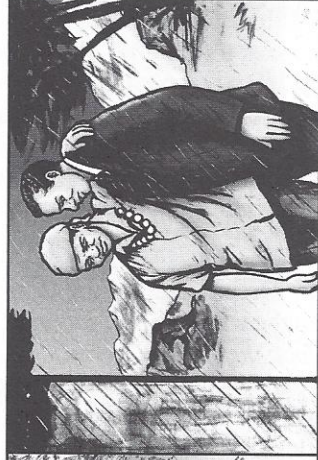
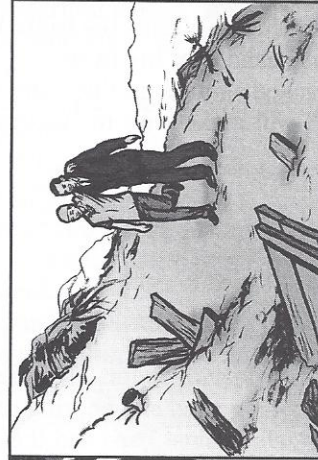
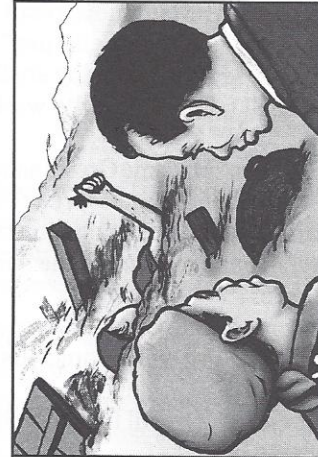
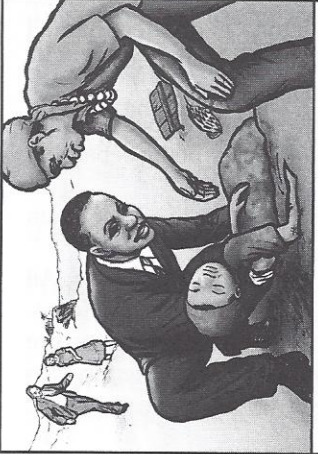



What will happen to Victor? What will Orestil do to him? Tomorrow we'll find out.

## Review Questions

1. Why did Madame Orestil and Ti-Fam stop at the mission station on the way home? (*Madame Orestil had injured her foot; there was a storm.*)
2. Why was Ti-Fam surprised when Victor opened the door? (*She thought he was dead because her father put a curse on him.*)
3. What did Granny ask Ti-Fam to do? (*Read from the Bible.*)
4. Why wouldn't Madame Orestil wear her charm? (*She said it never worked.*)
5. When Victor warned of the coming storm, who did he say could help them? (*The one true God.*)



# Ti-Fam "At-a-Glance"—Chapter 3 (Falling Rocks and a Rescue from the Sky)

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|  | <p><b>Flashcard 17</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Chapter 2 briefly.</li> <li>• Orestil chased after Victor in the storm.</li> <li>• Orestil stepped into a hole and twisted his leg.</li> <li>• Victor came.</li> <li>• Orestil lied about why he was outside.</li> </ul> |  | <p><b>Flashcard 18</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victor helped Orestil, showing him the love of Christ.</li> <li>• Victor asked again for Orestil and his family to go to safety.</li> <li>• Orestil said the spirits would not let the mountain fall.</li> <li>• The mountain fell.</li> <li>• Victor and Orestil hurried back to the house.</li> </ul> |  | <p><b>Flashcard 19</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orestil saw a blue dress.</li> <li>• Madame Orestil was dead.</li> </ul> |  | <p><b>Flashcard 20</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orestil saw Ti-Fam's arm.</li> <li>• Orestil dug her out of the dirt.</li> <li>• Orestil told Ti-Fam that her mother was dead.</li> <li>• Victor prayed that the missionaries would come.</li> </ul> |  | <p><b>Flashcard 21</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Turnbulls were able to come up the mountain.</li> <li>• They went to the new hut by the rocks to wait until the roads were safe.</li> <li>• They prayed for God to send help.</li> </ul> |  | <p><b>Flashcard 22</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Turnbull gave Ti-Fam medicine.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam thought God doesn't always hear because the plane couldn't land.</li> <li>• On the third day a helicopter came.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam's big sister, Rosa, came.</li> </ul> |  | <p><b>Flashcard 23</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orestil was worried Ti-Fam was not getting better.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam and Orestil did not want her to go to the mission.</li> <li>• The Turnbulls tried talking Orestil into letting her go.</li> <li>• Rosa agreed that Ti-Fam should go.</li> </ul> |  | <p><b>Flashcard 24</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orestil let Ti-Fam go on the helicopter.</li> <li>• Orestil warned her not to listen to the missionaries.</li> <li>• Cliffhanger— Would Ti-Fam listen to the missionaries? Would Orestil put a curse on her?</li> </ul> |
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## CHAPTER 3

# Falling Rocks and a Rescue from the Sky

Orestil hurried along the path. He tightened his grip on the big knife and shielded his eyes from the rain as he searched for Victor. Why was Orestil going after Victor with his big knife? (*He wanted to kill Victor for telling Madame Orestil about Jesus. Review Chapter 2 briefly.*)

### Flashcard 17

Orestil clutched his witch doctor necklace, trusting it to give him luck.

Lightning flashed and Orestil saw Victor. He was headed straight toward the edge of a big cliff. *Good, thought Orestil. He will fall over the cliff and no one will ever find him!*

Suddenly Orestil stepped into a deep hole. He groaned with pain as his other leg twisted beneath him. *The spirits must be angry, he thought.*

Suddenly he heard a voice. It was Victor!

"Help me," Orestil groaned in pain. "I—I decided we should go to Marie's because the water was coming in faster," Orestil said. "I was coming for your help and stepped into this hole and twisted my leg. Just help me get to that new hut by the big rocks and I'll be all right."

Was Orestil really going for Victor's help? (*No.*) What was he trying to do? (*Kill Victor.*)

### Flashcard 18

Victor slowly and carefully pulled Orestil to his feet. "I do this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ," Victor said.

Victor helped the witch doctor into the new hut out of the wind and rain.

"Orestil, it is true what I told you," Victor said. "There is great danger in the valley. The top of the mountain may come down any moment. Your house will be covered by dirt and rocks. Almost everyone has believed my warning. They have gone where they will be safe but Madame Orestil and Ti-Fam are not safe. Let me go and bring them here."

"No! The mountain can't fall on my house. I have pleased the voodoo spirits. They are showing their anger now with this storm because my wife has turned her back on them, but they won't let the mountain kill her."

Just then they heard a deep rumbling sound.

Everyone stand up. We're going to make a rumbling sound with our feet. Start stomping softly. Now a little louder! (*Allow response.*)

The mountain was falling! Stomp as loud as you can then when I lower my hands, sit back down. (*Allow brief response then lower your hands.*)

Orestil screamed. "My wife! My little Ti-Fam! We must go! You must help me!"

After a long, long time the awful sound stopped. Rocks and dirt filled most of the valley.

"Let's hurry!" said Victor. "Your house was at the edge. Maybe Madame Orestil and Ti-Fam are still alive."

Orestil groaned with pain as he leaned on Victor and tried to walk quickly.

### Flashcard 19

Suddenly Orestil saw something that made him stop. It was a bit of his wife's blue dress in a pile of dirt. "My wife is dead," he said slowly. "The spirits did not protect her."

### Flashcard 20

He turned sadly then gasped as a small hand reached out of the dirt. He shouted, "Ti-Fam is alive! Quick, help me get the dirt away!"

Everyone get on your knees and pretend to dig the dirt away. Keep digging! (*Allow response.*) Good job! You can sit down now.

Orestil dug Ti-Fam out of the dirt and held her in his arms. "Papa, oh, Papa!" she cried. "I hurt—all over."

"I know, my child. Just lie still."

"I want Mama. Where is she?"

A sob broke from Orestil's lips. "Mama is dead. You and your sister, Rosa, are all I have left."

Ti-Fam couldn't understand. Mama dead? As her fingers fumbled slowly for her garlic charm, she saw Victor. *Why was he here?* She thought. *Father took his big knife to kill Victor, but here he is, standing straight and tall!*

She heard Victor say, "She is badly hurt and has a fever. I pray that the true God will bring the missionaries to help."

"You make a joke," Orestil muttered. "Our mountains are steep and the missionaries are pale and weak."

"I will keep praying," Victor said kindly. "The Lord God hears. The missionaries will come."

"Fool," hissed Orestil. "The trails are washed out."

Do you think God will bring the missionaries? (*Allow response.*)

### Flashcard 21

Suddenly Victor shouted, "The Turnbulls have come! Our wonderful God helped them get over the mountains! God has answered prayer, even as He did for Elijah."

Victor lifted Ti-Fam gently and carried her toward the missionaries.

"Ti-Fam is the only one who survived the landslide. But she is badly hurt," Victor explained.

"Poor child," said Mrs. Turnbull. "We can make it back to the new hut by the big rocks. The rocks protected it from the landslide. We can stay there until the mountain trails are safe. Let's keep praying. God will send help."

### Flashcard 22

At the hut Mrs. Turnbull gave Ti-Fam some medicine. She cleaned away the mud and bandaged her cuts and bruises. Then Mrs. Turnbull mashed a banana and patiently helped Ti-Fam eat it. *Elijah's God hears, thought Ti-Fam, and He answers. It's true!*

Suddenly Mrs. Turnbull stopped. She listened. "It sounds like an airplane," she said.

"No," Mr. Turnbull called. "It's turning away. It can't land—the clouds are too heavy."



Then their God doesn't always hear, Ti-Fam thought. He is no better than the spirits. She fell into a restless sleep. Toward dawn she woke up to find her father sitting beside her.

"Papa?"

"Hush, my child. I came to see that no one hurts you."

"Papa, the airplane didn't come. The missionaries' God is no better than the spirits. Stay with me."

"I will."

"Papa, I love you."

The clouds were dark and heavy all that day and the next. Suddenly on the third day Mr. Turnbull shouted, "Look! A helicopter!"

Ti-Fam looked at her father with surprise. "Papa, the missionaries' God did sent help!" Orestil did not answer.

Ti-Fam watched the helicopter land. The pilot got out carrying large boxes of food and medicine.

Then Ti-Fam saw her sister, Rosa, running toward them! "Papa! Ti-Fam!" she exclaimed. "We thought you were dead! When we heard you were alive, I came as soon as the trails were passable. Little sister, you and Papa can come to our house to live."

### Flashcard 23

Orestil was glad to see Rosa but he was still worried. Mrs. Turnbull noticed and asked, "What is wrong?"

"It is my Ti-Fam," Orestil said. "She does not get better."

"I know." Mrs. Turnbull glanced at Ti-Fam with sadness in her eyes. "We have done all we can for her here. It would be better if she could be at the mission station."

"No, no!" said Orestil.

"No," Ti-Fam murmured. "I don't want to go."

"But you will get well there, and my mother, Granny Holdeman, is there. She will take care of you."

Ti-Fam thought she would like to see Granny again.

"Ti-Fam could go now, in the helicopter!" Mrs. Turnbull told the witch doctor.

"No, no. Ti-Fam must not go in that flying thing," Orestil said. "She will be killed."

"But Mr. Turnbull and I are going in it. And the pilot rides in it all the time. It is best for Ti-Fam. Please let her go," pleaded Mrs. Turnbull.

Orestil looked toward his older daughter. Slowly Rosa nodded her head, telling him to let Ti-Fam go.

### Flashcard 24

"All right," Orestil said. "Ti-Fam must get well. She may go with you." Painfully he limped alongside Ti-Fam as Victor carried her toward the helicopter.

Victor was ready to lift her inside when Orestil's dark eyes narrowed. He leaned close to Ti-Fam and whispered, "You can go to the mission station but if you listen to the missionaries, I will put a curse on you, little one."

### Cliffhanger


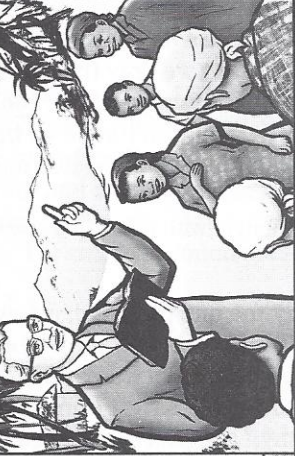


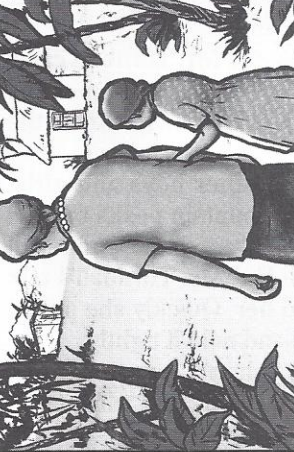
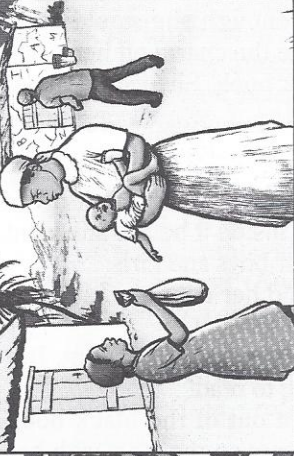
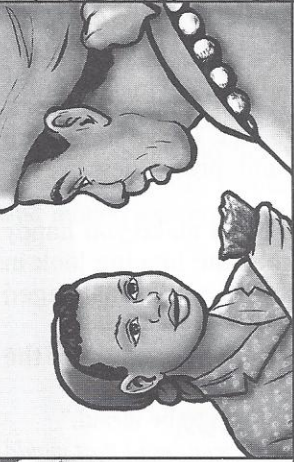

Will Ti-Fam listen to the missionaries? Will Orestil put a curse on her? Come back tomorrow to find out.

### Review Questions

1. What stopped Orestil from chasing Victor? (*Orestil stepped in a deep hole and twisted his leg.*)
2. What surprised Orestil after the storm? (*The spirits had not protected his wife.*)
3. What did Victor pray for after the storm? (*Help from the missionaries.*)
4. What showed Ti-Fam that Victor's God heard and answered prayer? (*The Turnbells came; the helicopter landed.*)
5. What did Orestil tell Ti-Fam she must not do at the mission station? (*Listen to the missionaries.*)



# Ti-Fam “At-a-Glance” —Chapter 4 (A Homeward Journey and a Burning Fire)

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| <p><b>Flashcard 25</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Chapter 3 briefly.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam arrived at the mission.</li> <li>• Granny re-banded Ti-Fam's cuts and bruises.</li> <li>• Granny gave Ti-Fam a new dress and said she could learn to read.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam decided never to listen to stories about Jesus.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Flashcard 26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ti-Fam hid her charm inside her dress.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam tried not to listen to the stories about Jesus.</li> <li>• Mr. Turbull took them outside to study.</li> <li>• One of the girls saw Ti-Fam's charm and called her "devil's donkey."</li> </ul> | <p><b>Flashcard 27</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Granny talked to Ti-Fam about being a child of God.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam was afraid her father would put a curse on her.</li> <li>• Granny told Ti-Fam not to be afraid of her father's curses.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Flashcard 28</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ti-Fam believed in Jesus.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam took the charm off.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam got her own New Testament.</li> </ul>   |
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| <p><b>Flashcard 29</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orestil came to take Ti-Fam home because her sister and family were sick.</li> <li>• Orestil showed Ti-Fam his new temple for the evil spirits.</li> <li>• Orestil left to make Ti-Fam a new charm.</li> </ul>  | <p><b>Flashcard 30</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ti-Fam told Rosa that she believed in Jesus.</li> <li>• Orestil gave Ti-Fam a new charm but she would never wear it.</li> <li>• Orestil told Ti-Fam to bring the seed out to plant in the garden.</li> </ul>   | <p><b>Flashcard 31</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orestil asked Ti-Fam if she believed the missionaries' God.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam said no.</li> <li>• Baby Pierre rolled into the fire.</li> </ul>  | <p><b>Flashcard 32</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ti-Fam told them to take Pierre to the mission.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam told her father she believed in Jesus.</li> <li>• Orestil ripped up Ti-Fam's New Testament.</li> <li>• Orestil said if Ti-Fam followed Jesus, she and Pierre would die.</li> <li>• Cliffhanger — What will happen to Ti-Fam and baby Pierre?</li> </ul> |

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## A Homeward Journey and a Burning Fire

Why was Ti-Fam in a helicopter? (*It was taking her to the mission station so she could get well.*) What did her father tell her before she went in? (*“Don’t listen to the missionaries or I will put a curse on you.”* Review Chapter 3 briefly.)

### Flashcard 25

After the helicopter landed at the airport, Ti-Fam and the missionaries were driven over the rough road to the mission station. As soon as they arrived, Granny greeted them. Then she spoke to Ti-Fam. “Dear Ti-Fam, I am so glad you’re here!”

Granny gently re-banded Ti-Fam’s cuts and bruises. “Soon you will be feeling much better. I have something that will make you happy—a bright, pretty, new dress!” Ti-Fam smiled.

“I know something else that will make you happy here with us, Ti-Fam. I remember the longing look in your eyes when I asked you to read while I bandaged your mother’s foot.”

“Miss Granny, I want to learn but I’m afraid of the black book, the Bible. I can’t learn to read it!”

“The Lord Jesus does not want you to be afraid.”

*Not afraid?* thought Ti-Fam. *How wonderful that would be!* As soon as she was strong enough she would go to school. But she would never take the charm off her neck. She would never read the black book. She would never listen to stories about Jesus.

### Flashcard 26

Every morning Ti-Fam put on her bright, new dress and carefully tucked her charm inside it before she went to the schoolhouse with the other boys and girls.

Why do you think Ti-Fam hid her charm? (*She knew the others didn’t believe in the evil spirits.*)

At school she learned to sing songs and count. But most important, she was learning to read!

Every day the teacher read out of the black book and every day Ti-Fam drew pictures on the table with her finger and tried her best not to listen.

One day the teacher was sick and Mr. Turnbull came to teach. “We’ll study outside today,” he said. He took the class outdoors and told the story of Nicodemus from the Bible.

Ti-Fam stood away from the other boys and girls. At first she counted clouds then mountain peaks but the words were starting to enter her heart. How wonderful it would be to be a child of God! But Mr. Turnbull’s talk about being born again confused her. Quickly she pulled her charm from inside her dress and held it tightly.

One of the girls saw Ti-Fam’s charm. As soon as Mr. Turnbull dismissed them, the girl ran by and whispered, “Devil’s donkey, devil’s donkey!”

Ti-Fam was stunned. Was she the devil’s donkey because she had this charm around her neck? Ti-Fam didn’t want to belong to the devil! She burst into tears.

### Flashcard 27

Granny rushed to her. “What is the matter, Ti-Fam?” she asked.

“Oh, Miss Granny, I don’t want to belong to the devil, but I don’t understand about being born again. What does it mean?” Ti-Fam trembled as she asked the question.

“Nicodemus didn’t understand either when the Lord Jesus told him he must be born again. Let me try to explain,” said Granny. “Whose family were you born into?”

“The Orestil family.”

“Then you are the child of Orestil by birth, aren’t you?”

“Yes,” Ti-Fam nodded.

Granny went on. “To become a child of God you must be born into God’s family.”

Ti-Fam asked, “How can I be born into God’s family?”

“First you must know that you are a sinner. The Bible says, ‘All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God’ (Romans 3:23). While God hates your sin, He loves you. He loves you so much that He sent His perfect Son, the Lord Jesus, to bleed and die on the cross to take the punishment for all the wrong things you have done. When you receive the Lord Jesus as your Savior, trusting Him as the only one who can save you from your sins, you become a child of God (John 1:12). You won’t have to fear the evil spirits ever again.”

Ti-Fam hesitated. In a small voice she said, “Papa will put a curse on me if I become a believer in Jesus.”

“My dear,” Granny said, “we pray that someday your father will trust the Lord Jesus as his Savior too. You may even show him the way. You don’t need to be afraid of your father’s curses. He put one on Victor and nothing happened to him.”

*That’s true!* Ti-Fam thought with relief. *God protected Victor!*

### Flashcard 28

“This God is surely the one true God, a powerful God and He loves me. Oh, I want to believe, Miss Granny! I—I do believe!” Ti-Fam tore the charm from around her neck. “I receive the Lord Jesus as my Savior from sin right now! Thank you, Miss Granny,” she said and started to run. She found Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull.

“I am a child of God! I have received the Lord Jesus as my Savior from sin,” she told them excitedly.

When Ti-Fam was able to read, she was given her own little black book—a New Testament (the second half of the Bible). She decided not to think about what would happen when her father found out.

What do you think will happen? (*Allow response.*)

### Flashcard 29

One day he came to take her home.

“Your sister Rosa is sick,” Orestil said. “Her husband and baby Pierre are sick too. You must come and help.”



The sun was setting behind the mountains when they started down the trail where Rosa lived. Suddenly Orestil spoke.

“Look over there, Ti-Fam! I am building a new temple for the gods. Now the spirits will be happy! The very first thing I will do is make you a new charm.”

“Papa, . . .” Ti-Fam began, but the witch doctor didn’t hear. He was hurrying toward his new temple.

Then Ti-fam saw Rosa.

### Flashcard 30

“Rosa!” Ti-Fam called. “Rosa, look! I have brought some food for the baby and some corn to plant.”

Rosa sighed deeply. “Good! But before you plant the seed, Papa must crack the whip over the ground.”

“It won’t help!” said Ti-Fam.

“Won’t help?” Rosa gasped. “You have been listening to the missionaries! Victor listened to them and changed. Then Mama listened and changed and now you!”

“Yes, Rosa. You know I was very sick when they took me to the mission. Now see! The cuts and bruises are all well. I don’t hurt anymore!”

“You would have been fine anyway.”

“I don’t think so, and they also taught me to read!” Ti-Fam took her New Testament from her sash. “I tried not to listen but these words came into my heart. I was empty. They filled my heart.”

“What are the words? What do they—”

Orestil’s voice broke in. “Here is your new charm,” he said, handing Ti-Fam a tiny, glass bottle.

Ti-Fam knew she could never wear it. She had chosen to follow God.

His eyes narrowed as he saw her hold back. “It is late,” he said. “I will talk to you in the morning.” Ti-Fam shuddered.

In the morning Ti-Fam awoke to the sound of baby Pierre crying and a whip cracking. She picked up Pierre then put him on his mat by the fire. Then she heard her father call, “Ti-Fam, the ground is ready. Bring the seed.”

### Flashcard 31

“I will plant the seed,” he said, taking it from her. “But first I will ask the spirits to stop the evil of the missionaries.”

“The missionaries are good.” Ti-Fam bit her lip.

“My daughter, have you changed?” he demanded. “Do you believe in the missionaries’ God?”

Ti-Fam’s heart beat wildly. “No,” she whispered.

The witch doctor turned and limped toward his temple. The leg he had twisted the night of the storm had never fully healed.

Tears filled Ti-Fam’s eyes and ran down her cheeks. She whispered, “Dear Lord Jesus, I am afraid, so afraid! Please, please help me.”

Suddenly Ti-Fam heard little Pierre scream. She ran quickly and picked him up from the hot coals. He had rolled into the low fire. With one hand she emptied the water can on the ground. With her fingertips she made mud and patted it gently on his little burned cheek and chest.

Rosa came running to see what had happened. Orestil limped to them as fast as he could.

### Flashcard 32

“Pierre—he fell into the fire,” moaned Rosa.

Orestil turned to Ti-Fam. “Why weren’t you watching him?”

“I was in the garden. I wasn’t looking. I’m sorry. Let me take Pierre to the mission. Granny has medicine. He will be all right.”

“No!” Rosa took the crying baby from her.

“No! It will not help,” said Orestil. “You speak lies. You have changed. Ti-Fam, I will ask you again. Do you believe in the missionaries’ God?”

For a moment Ti-Fam was silent. Then she said, “Yes, Papa, I have received the Lord Jesus as my Savior from sin. He died for me. He loves me. He loves Rosa and Pierre. Papa, He loves you too! This book tells us about Him.” Ti-Fam took out her New Testament.

The witch doctor’s eyes flashed. He jerked the book from her hand and ripped it to pieces, shouting, “If you follow Jesus, both you and the baby will die!” He turned and limped swiftly to his temple.

## Cliffhanger

What will happen to Ti-Fam and baby Pierre? Find out tomorrow.

## Review Questions

1. What three things did Ti-Fam decide she would not do at the mission? (*Take off her charm, read the black book, listen to stories about Jesus.*)
2. What happened the day Mr. Turnbull taught about Nicodemus? (*Ti-Fam held her charm and counted clouds and mountain peaks to keep from listening, but the words reached her heart.*)
3. How did Granny say Ti-Fam could be born into God’s family? (*Know that you are a sinner and receive the Lord Jesus as Savior, trusting Him as the only one who can save you from your sins.*)
4. Why did Granny say Ti-Fam didn’t need to be afraid? (*God protected Victor; He would also protect her.*)
5. What did her witch doctor father do when he learned she had trusted the Lord Jesus as her Savior? (*He tore up her New Testament and shouted that she and baby Pierre would die.*)



# Ti-Fam “At-a-Glance” —Chapter 5 (A Call for Fire and a Call for Help)

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|  | <p><b>Flashcard 33</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Chapter 4 briefly.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam prayed that baby Pierre would get better.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam talked to Rosa about taking Pierre to the mission.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam saw Rosa taking Pierre to the mission.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam went out to the garden and saw her father.</li> </ul> |  | <p><b>Flashcard 34</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ti-Fam told Orestil that Rosa took Pierre to the mission.</li> <li>• Ti-Fam told her father how much God loves him.</li> <li>• Rosa came back from the mission; Pierre was well.</li> <li>• Rosa gave Ti-Fam a new New Testament.</li> <li>• Rosa told Ti-Fam she had received Jesus as her Savior.</li> </ul> |  | <p><b>Flashcard 35</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rosa told Orestil that he must receive Jesus.</li> <li>• The frost killed the corn crops.</li> <li>• Orestil and Ti-Fam searched the mountainside for food.</li> <li>• Christians in America sent money to buy food and corn seed.</li> </ul> |  | <p><b>Flashcard 36</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orestil told everyone the food was poisoned.</li> <li>• Some of the men told Orestil to go away.</li> </ul> |  | <p><b>Flashcard 37</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ti-Fam told Orestil that Victor was going to build a church and teach about Jesus.</li> <li>• Orestil overheard Victor preaching and got angry.</li> <li>• Orestil commanded the evil spirits to destroy the church with fire.</li> <li>• Orestil decided the spirits wanted him to burn the church down.</li> </ul> |  | <p><b>Flashcard 38</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victor stopped Orestil.</li> <li>• Victor told Orestil that God loves him.</li> </ul> |  | <p><b>Flashcard 39</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victor told Orestil the Gospel.</li> <li>• Orestil trusted in Jesus as Savior.</li> </ul> |  | <p><b>Flashcard 40</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orestil burned all his voodoo charms.</li> <li>• Orestil gave Victor his beads to prove that he had received Jesus as his Savior.</li> <li>• Consecration Challenge — If you have trusted Jesus as your Savior from sin, will you answer God's call to give yourself completely to Him?</li> </ul> |
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## A Call for Fire and a Call for Help

What did Ti-Fam's father say would happen to her and baby Pierre? (*If Ti-Fam followed Jesus, she and baby Pierre would die. Review Chapter 4 briefly.*) How would you feel if you were in Ti-Fam's situation? (*Allow response.*)

### Flashcard 33

A few days later when Ti-Fam looked at Rosa and her sick baby, she remembered a verse she had learned: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matthew 7:7). "Dear Lord Jesus, I will ask again. Please help Pierre get better and please show me what to do."

Ti-Fam kept talking to Rosa about taking Pierre to the mission. "Rosa, I saw many come to the mission, even some who had fallen into the fire, and the missionaries helped them."

"I will think about it," said Rosa thoughtfully.

That night Ti-Fam suddenly woke up. She heard a sound outside and tiptoed to the window. She saw someone moving quietly in the shadows. It was Rosa with baby Pierre in her arms. She was going to the mission!

"Dear Lord Jesus," Ti-Fam prayed, "please give Rosa strength and keep her safe."

As soon as morning came Ti-Fam went out to the garden. The green corn shoots were just coming up. They would have plenty of food to eat. Then she saw her father coming.

### Flashcard 34

"Where is Rosa?" he asked.

"She's gone," Ti-Fam said.

"Where is Pierre?"

"Rosa took him with her."

"She must have gone to the mission!" he shouted. "Rosa will hear about the missionaries' God. I will get them and bring them back!"

"Oh, Papa, the missionaries' God is the one true God. He is wonderful! He has forgiven my sin and filled my heart with love. I am not afraid of the spirits. I—I am not afraid of you.

"God hates sin, Papa, but He wants us to be in His family. His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, came to Earth to die for us so we don't have to be forever separated from Him. Then He came alive again! If you believe Jesus did that and trust Him as your Savior, He will forgive your sin. You will be in His family!

"Papa, I love you," Ti-Fam looked up into his face. "I want you to receive the Lord Jesus as your Savior from sin."

"Ti-Fam," Orestil spoke slowly, "you know your Papa is lonesome...and afraid...and very bad. You would not love me if you knew how bad I am."

The witch doctor's hand was trembling as he put it on Ti-Fam's shoulder. "I need the true God, but...I am not sure. I must wait."

Many days later Ti-Fam saw Rosa coming with Pierre. She ran to meet them. "Oh, Rosa, Pierre looks so well! How are Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull? How is Granny?"

"They are all fine, and they gave me something for you! I told Granny about Papa tearing up your New Testament. She sent you a new one!"

"Thank you, thank you," said Ti-Fam. "Oh, Rosa, did you listen to the words of God's book?"

"Yes. I have received the Lord Jesus as my Savior from sin! But what will Papa do now?"

### Flashcard 35

When Rosa saw her father, she said, "The missionaries' God is wonderful. Papa, you must receive the Lord Jesus too."

"Maybe someday. The air is cold. I'm afraid it will frost tonight. I will talk with you both in the morning," said Orestil.

The next morning the witch doctor shouted from the garden, "Ti-Fam! Rosa! Look! The corn is ruined! The frost killed it all. Where is your God now?"

Many days later Orestil slowly climbed the steep mountainside with Ti-Fam to hunt for food.

Everyone stand up and pretend you are gathering food. (*Allow response.*) You may sit down.

Orestil and Ti-Fam continued up the mountain. Suddenly they heard someone calling, "Hello! Hello!"

"Go and see who it is," Orestil said. Ti-Fam ran ahead. Orestil limped along. Soon he saw Ti-Fam talking to a woman and a tall, smiling man.

The witch doctor recognized Mr. Turnbull and his wife. *What were they doing here?*

"We have good news," Mr. Turnbull said. "When the Christians in America heard that you were starving because of the frost, they wanted to help. They sent money to buy seed corn for a new crop and enough food to last until the crop is ready to eat. They did this in the name of the Lord Jesus because they love you."

Orestil's mouth dropped open. He knew he had to have something to eat. But if he took food from the missionaries, the people would turn away from him and the spirits. He would never sell another charm.

### Flashcard 36

So he limped through the crowd that had gathered and stood before them. "These people bring you food that is poisoned!" he shouted, shaking his fist at Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull. "They want us all to die! I, Orestil, the witch doctor, will have a voodoo ceremony tonight. I will tell the spirits to take away the poison."

"Go away, Orestil!" shouted some of the men.

Orestil went slowly home and sat down beside the fire. He would wait and show them.

### Flashcard 37

After a long time he felt Ti-Fam's hand on his shoulder. "I'm sorry I didn't come back with you. But, Papa, I brought food."

"It is poisoned," he grumbled.



“No,” Ti-Fam said slowly. “And, Papa, Victor is going to come every Sunday to tell us about the Lord Jesus and soon the people will build a church!”

Orestil jerked away. “A church? No! I will put a strong curse on Victor!”

Do you think putting a curse on Victor will stop him from sharing the truth about Jesus? (*Allow response.*)

Victor preached every Sunday and many received the Lord Jesus as their Savior. Soon the people built a church.

*Where are the spirits?* thought Orestil. *Why won't they listen?* One Sunday Orestil went to see the new church. Through the door he saw Victor speaking to the people.

“You have seen me change,” Victor was saying. “I followed voodoo. I was afraid and alone. One day I heard about the true God, who loves me so much He sent His Son, the Lord Jesus, to die for all my sin. I received Him as my Savior. Now I am not afraid of spirits. Jesus, the Son of God, is always with me.”

Orestil was angry. He limped home and went into his voodoo temple. He talked before the glass bottles where he thought the spirits lived. “Spirits, this is your last chance! Show your power.” Then he spoke fiercely, pounding his chest. “Show me! Show me your power! Destroy the church with fire tonight!”

Do you think the spirits will burn down the church? (*Allow response.*)

When night came Orestil hid where he could watch the church. Hour after hour he watched. There was not a flicker of light or a crackle of flame.

*I have been wrong,* he thought. Then another thought came to him. *The spirits want to show their power by helping me burn the church.* He hurried back to his house and pulled a stick out of the fire. Shielding the flame, he started toward the church. The sun was just coming up as Orestil slowly tiptoed to the side of the church.

### Flashcard 38

He carefully reached toward the edge of the thatched roof with the burning stick. But a strong hand pulled his arm down and turned him around. “Victor!” Orestil gasped. He dropped to the ground. His voodoo spirits were powerless.

“Orestil, the Lord Jesus sent me to tell you that He loves you.”

The witch doctor looked up. “Victor,” he said, “can your Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, love a man like me? I have followed the voodoo spirits. I have lied to the people and tried to murder you and burn down the church. Can He love me?”

### Flashcard 39

Again Victor told Orestil the story of the God who loves everyone, even the worst sinner. This story is for you too. Everyone has sin (*point to dark heart*), including you and me. It separates us from God. But the one true, perfect Creator God loves you so much He sent the Lord Jesus, God the Son, who never sinned, to bleed and die on a cross (*point to cross*) to pay for the sin of everyone in the world. Jesus didn't stay dead; He came alive on the third day. He is alive today in Heaven ruling as King (*point to crown*). We know this is true because the Bible, God's

Word, says so (*point to Bible*). When you receive Jesus as your Savior, trusting Him to forgive your sins, He makes you His child (John 1:12). Your sins are forgiven (*point to clean heart*) and He helps you live to please Him.

Orestil listened to every word. “I was wrong,” he admitted. “Now I leave all the voodoo spirits to follow the one true God. I trust the Lord Jesus as my Savior from sin.”

As soon as Ti-Fam and Rosa learned what had happened, Ti-Fam grabbed her father's hand and jumped up and down!

Suddenly she stopped. “Dear Papa, please burn all your voodoo charms!”

He waited a moment then spoke thoughtfully. “It is true. I am free and my heart is filled with joy—something the spirits have never given me. Yes, I will burn every charm.”

### Flashcard 40

Orestil went to the voodoo temple and brought out everything. He threw it all on the fire. As he watched the flames, he took off his witch doctor beads and handed them to Victor.

“Give these to Mr. Turnbull as proof,” he said. “Tell him that I, Orestil, have received the Lord Jesus as my Savior from sin.”

## Consecration Challenge

What about you? Have you trusted the Lord Jesus as your Savior from sin? If you have not, you can do that today. If you have, will you give yourself completely to God to obey and serve Him? God has a special plan for your life. Maybe He wants you to go to another country to be a missionary like Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull when you are older. Maybe He wants you to be like Victor and stay in your own country and tell people about Jesus.

Please bow your head and close your eyes. If you are a child of God and you want to serve Him with your whole life, show me by raising your hand. (*Acknowledge responses.*) You may put your hands down and look up at me. If you raised your hand just now, please meet me (*designate time and location*) so we can talk more about what it means to serve God with your whole life.

## Review Questions

1. Why did Orestil think Ti-Fam would not love him? (*He was so bad.*)
2. What happened to Rosa and Pierre at the mission? (*Pierre was healed and Rosa trusted Jesus as her Savior.*)
3. What good news did the missionaries bring after the frost? (*Christians in America had sent money to buy seed and food.*)
4. What did Orestil do to try to help the spirits burn down the church? (*He tried to set the church on fire.*)
5. When Orestil trusted Christ as Savior, how did he show his life was changed? (*He burned all his voodoo charms and gave his witch doctor beads to the missionary.*)



# How to Lead a Child to Christ

The following symbols represent key parts of the Gospel message. Truths and verses that may be used with each are listed below. You may want to photocopy and cut out "Key Questions" and place it in your Bible to use when guiding a child to the Savior.

## Gospel Symbols



### God's person and His love for the child

- God is the Creator; He made you.
- God is holy (sinless, perfect).
- God loves you.
- The Bible says, "God so loved the world" (John 3:16).



### The child's problem—his condition before God as a sinner

- Sin is anything you think, say or do that displeases God.
- You were born with a "want to" to do things your own way.
- You sin by (*give examples on an age-appropriate level*).
- The Bible says, "All have sinned" (Romans 3:23).
- The punishment God gives for sin is death (separation from God forever).



### God's solution—forgiveness of sin through Jesus Christ

- Jesus is God the Son.
- Jesus never sinned.
- Jesus willingly bled and died on the cross to take the punishment God gave Him for sin.
- The Bible says, "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).
- Jesus died and on the third day came back to life (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).
- Jesus is now in Heaven.



### Invitation to trust Christ as Savior

- Tell God you're sorry for your sin.
- Tell God you believe in (trust) the Lord Jesus Christ, who died for your sin.
- Tell God you want to live His way.
- The Bible says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). (*Read this condition/promise verse or another such as Acts 16:31 or John 1:12. [A condition/promise verse gives a condition that must be met for God to fulfill a certain promise. In John 3:16 the condition is belief in Jesus and the promise is everlasting life.] Tell the children when and where they can talk with you during the next activity about trusting Christ.*)



### Emphasis for the saved child

- An application from the lesson with a corresponding verse to help saved children grow in their relationship with the Lord.

## Key Questions

Why did you come to talk with me?  
Why do you need the Lord Jesus Christ?

### The True and Living God (John 3:16a)

- Who is God?
- What does it mean that God is holy?
- Does God love you?

### Need of Salvation (Romans 3:23)

- What is sin?
- Are you a sinner?
- What is God's punishment for sin?

### Way of Salvation (1 Corinthians 15:3-5a)

- Who is Jesus?
- What did the Lord Jesus do for you?
- Why is Jesus the only one who could die for your sins?
- What happened to Jesus after He died?

### Believe in Jesus

- Let's look in the Bible to see what God says about believing in Jesus. (*Use a condition/promise verse such as John 1:12; John 3:16 or Acts 16:31 and the terminology used in the verse you choose; e.g., believe in, believe on, receive, etc.*)
- What does God promise He will do?
- What does God say you must do?
- Do you believe in the Lord Jesus as the only Savior from your sins?

### Suggested Prayer of Response

- Tell God that you have sinned and that you are sorry.
- Tell God you believe in (trust) the Lord Jesus Christ, who died for your sin and rose again.
- Tell God you want to live His way with His help.

### Assurance

- If you truly believe in the Lord Jesus, what did He do for you?
- How do you know? (*Read the condition/promise verse again. Put child's name in it.*)
- The Bible says that Jesus comes into your life when you believe in Him. Jesus will never leave you! (*Read Hebrews 13:5.*) Where is Jesus now?
- (*Read Hebrews 13:6.*) Who will help you say NO to sin?
- If you do sin, what should you do? Let's look and see what God's Word says. (*Read and explain 1 John 1:9.*)

### Grow (2 Peter 3:18)

- **G—Go** to church and Sunday school.
- **R—Read** God's Word and **pray** every day.
- **O—Obey** God! God, the Holy Spirit, lives in you to give you the power to help you do what is right. (*Read Hebrews 13:5-6.*)
- **W—Witness** to others, telling them about what the Lord Jesus has done for them.

Before the child leaves, give him or her a tract. Encourage him to talk to God right now:

- Thank God for loving you and saving you from sin.
- Thank God for helping you live for Him.

Pray for the child by name.





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