



**DiscipleLand**

*Missions Education*

Level 1, Quarter C—At Worship With God

Integrate these World-missions concepts into your **DiscipleLand** lesson. Introduce your children to one missions truth each lesson.

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## 1C—Missions Education

### God's Great Worth

**Teacher Intro**—Christianity is not a Western phenomenon, but people can easily forget that other cultures worship God in spirit and truth, using their own unique styles and perspectives. In this quarter, we introduce children to the unreached people of other countries. God is being glorified in every nation. His Word changes hearts in every place. Since the time of Christ, God's message has been spreading across kingdoms, winning souls previously held captive by the enemy. Your kids will see how every new believer, regardless of his or her geographical location, is cause for rejoicing in God's glory. God is worthy of every nation's worship. God's plan will climax as Jesus receives worship from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation (Revelation 5:9).

#### Lesson 1—What Is T-H-U-M-B?

Many people in the world have never heard about Jesus. We called these people “unreached” because the Good News about Jesus Christ has not reached them. Many of the unreached people are poor, speak a different language, and live in difficult places like deserts, war-zones, or places where they may kill Christians. But Jesus sends us to unreached people. Jesus died for them and one day, people from every tongue, tribe and nation will worship Him.

Everyone show me your thumbs! Can anyone spell the word “thumb”? Encourage responses. Write “T-H-U-M-B” in a vertical line on the board. The word “thumb” is an acronym—each letter stands for a word. We can use T-H-U-M-B to remember the unreached people in our world. Write each people group on the board as you explain. T is for Tribal people, H is for Hindu people, U is for Unreligious people, M is for Muslim people, and B is for Buddhist people. We are going to learn about unreached people, so we can pray for them. Maybe one day, God will send you to share about Jesus with an unreached people!

#### Lesson 2—T Is for Tribal

Before class, write out the T-H-U-M-B acrostic and corresponding people groups. Everyone give me two thumbs up! Let's spell “thumb” and remember the people of our world who still have not heard about Jesus' love and forgiveness. Point to the board and recite together. T, H, U, M, B! T is for? (Tribal.) H is for? (Hindu.) U is for? (Unreligious.) M is for? (Muslim.) B is for? (Buddhist.)

Today we are going to learn about Tribal people. Some Tribal people live in Africa. Point to Africa on a map. Tribal people live in tribes. Who can tell me what a tribe is? (encourage answers) If all your aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents and other relatives all lived together, you would be a tribe. A tribe is a group of people who live together like a large family.

Jesus loves tribal people. He died for them, too. When tribal people believe in Jesus, God adopts them into His family (John 1:12). Through faith in Jesus, they can become a part of God's tribe.

Hold up your thumbs again. What is the first letter of the word thumb? (T.) And what does T stand for? (Tribal.) Now, fold your hands to pray and look down at your thumbs. Let's pray for the Tribal people to know Jesus Christ and join God's tribe.

#### Lesson 3—T Is for Tribal part 2

Before class, write out the T-H-U-M-B acrostic and corresponding people groups. Everyone wiggle your thumbs! Let's spell “thumb” and remember the unreached people of our world. Point to the board and recite together. T, H, U, M, B! T is for? (Tribal.) H is for? (Hindu.) U is for? (Unreligious.) M is for? (Muslim.) B is for? (Buddhist.)

Most tribal people worship natural things—like trees, animals, or rocks. Tribal people might sing a song to the clouds and dance because they want the clouds to send rain. But clouds aren't alive. The clouds don't have eyes to see a dance and clouds don't have ears to hear their music.

Tribal people need to know that Jesus created the clouds, the rocks, and the trees. Only Jesus can send rain, because He is the Living God. Jesus wants tribal people to join God's tribe, so they can worship the Living God with their music and dance.

Hold up your thumbs again. What is the first letter of the word thumb? (T.) And what does T stand for? (Tribal.) Now, fold your hands to pray and look down at your thumbs. Let's pray for the Tribal people to know and worship the Living God.

#### Lesson 4—H Is for Hindu

Before class, write out the T-H-U-M-B acrostic and corresponding people groups. **Everyone give me two thumbs up! Let's spell "thumb" and remember the people of our world who have never heard the name of Jesus Christ. Point to the board and recite together. T, H, U, M, B! T is for? (Tribal.) H is for? (Hindu.) U is for? (Unreligious.) M is for? (Muslim.) B is for? (Buddhist.)**

Today we are going to learn about Hindu people. Many Hindu people live in India. (find India on map) Hindu people practice a religion called Hinduism. They worship millions of different gods. Hindu people believe that Hinduism is the religion of their nation and of their people.

But our God alone is the One True God. Jesus alone is worthy of worship. Jesus loves the Hindu people so much that He died on the cross. His blood purchased the Hindu people. Jesus calls the Hindu people to be His holy nation. The Hindu people belong to God (I Peter 2:9-10).

Hold up your thumbs again. What is the first letter of the word thumb? (T.) And what does T stand for? (Tribal.) What is the second letter of the word thumb? (H.) And what does H stand for? (Hindu.) Now, fold your hands to pray and look down at your thumbs. Let's pray for the Hindu people to be part of God's holy nation—His chosen people.

#### Lesson 5—H Is for Hindu part 2

Before class, write out the T-H-U-M-B acrostic and corresponding people groups. **Everyone show me your thumbs! Let's spell "thumb" and remember the unreached people of our world.** Point to the board and recite together. **T, H, U, M, B! T is for? (Tribal.) H is for? (Hindu.) U is for? (Unreligious.) M is for? (Muslim.) B is for? (Buddhist.)**

Hindu people practice a religion called Hinduism. They believe there are millions of different gods. Some Hindu gods are female and some are male. Some Hindu gods have the head of an elephant and some have six, eight, or even ten arms! But these Hindu gods are not real.

The Hindu people make artwork and statues of their gods. They build temples for their gods. But they are false gods! Jesus calls the Hindu people to worship Him alone as the One True God. The Hindu people can make art, carve sculptures, and build houses and churches that honor Him!

Hold up your thumbs again. What is the first letter of the word thumb? (T.) and what does T stand for? (Tribal.) What is the second letter of the word thumb? (H.) And what does H stand for? (Hindu.) Now, fold your hands to pray and look down at your thumbs. Let's pray for the Hindu people to worship the One True God.

#### Lesson 6—U Is for Unreligious

Before class, write out the T-H-U-M-B acrostic and corresponding people groups. **Everyone give me two thumbs up! Let's spell "thumb" and remember the people of our world who don't know that there is a God who loves them so much He sent His Son Jesus.** Point to the board and recite together. **T, H, U, M, B! T is for? (Tribal.) H is for? (Hindu.) U is for? (Unreligious.) M is for? (Muslim.) B is for? (Buddhist.)**

Today we are going to learn about Unreligious people. Unreligious people live in every part of the world, including China. Point to China on a map. Unreligious people are not religious; they do not believe in any god. In Chinese schools, children are taught that God does not exist. Many Unreligious people have never thought about God, but God thinks about them. Our All-knowing God knows every person and He wants them to know His Son, Jesus.

*"Never Heard" Role-play:* Have kids role-play what it might be like to talk with someone who has never heard the name of God and the story of why Jesus came. Encourage them to think about what might need to be explained before the rush to a presentation of the Gospel. Have them cover important questions: Who is God? What is He like? Where did the world come from? What is sin? Where did sin come from? How can one be forgiven? Etc.

Hold up your thumbs again. What is the first letter of the word thumb? (T.) And what does T stand for? (Tribal.) What is the second letter of the word thumb? (H.) And what does H stand for? (Hindu.) What is the third letter of the word thumb? (U.) And what does U stand for? (Unreligious.) Now, fold your hands to pray and look down at your thumbs. Let's pray for Unreligious people to know the All-knowing God.

### Lesson 7—U Is for Unreligious part 2

Before class, write out the T-H-U-M-B acrostic and corresponding people groups. **Everyone put your thumbs in the air! Let's spell "thumb" and remember the billions of unreached people in our world.** Point to the board and recite together. **T, H, U, M, B! T is for? (Tribal.) H is for? (Hindu.) U is for? (Unreligious.) M is for? (Muslim.) B is for? (Buddhist.)**

**Many unreligious people think they are too smart to believe in God. Unreligious people worship their own brains and abilities. But God knows more than them—He knows everything. Unreligious people put their faith in Science and logic, but Jesus created Science and logic. Jesus wants Unreligious people to put their faith in Him.**

**Our All-Knowing God created everything—including our minds. God gave us our brains and abilities so we can worship Him. Jesus commands us to love God with all our mind (Matthew 22:37). How can we have a mind in love with God? Encourage responses. When Unreligious people put their faith in Jesus, they can love and worship God with all of their mind.**

**Hold up your thumbs again. What is the first letter of the word thumb? (T.) And what does T stand for? (Tribal.) What is the second letter of the word thumb? (H.) And what does H stand for? (Hindu.) What is the third letter of the word thumb? (U.) And what does U stand for? (Unreligious.) Now, fold your hands to pray and look down at your thumbs. Let's pray for the Unreligious people to love and worship Jesus with all of their mind.**

### Lesson 8—M Is for Muslim

Before class, write out the T-H-U-M-B acrostic and corresponding people groups. **Everyone give me two thumbs up! Let's spell "thumb" and remember the people of our world who are waiting for someone to tell them about Jesus and the good news of the gospel!** Point to the board and recite together. **T, H, U, M, B! T is for? (Tribal.) H is for? (Hindu.) U is for? (Unreligious.) M is for? (Muslim.) B is for? (Buddhist.)**

**Today we will learn about Muslim people. Many Muslim people live in the Middle East. Point to the Middle East on a map. Muslim people practice a religion called Islam. They believe in a book called the Koran (Qur'an). Unlike the Bible, the Koran is not the Word of God. It is just a normal book written by a man named Muhammad. Muhammad was a false prophet because he taught that Jesus was not God.**

**Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Jesus was born in the Middle East. Jesus gave His life on the cross to be the Savior of the world—including the Muslim world. God calls the Muslim people to believe in Jesus as their Savior and to joyfully bow down and worship Jesus Christ as their Lord and their God.**

**Hold up your thumbs again. What is the first letter of the word thumb? (T.) And what does T stand for? (Tribal.) What is the second letter of the word thumb? (H.) And what does H stand for? (Hindu.) What is the third letter of the word thumb? (U.) And what does U stand for? (Unreligious.) What is the fourth letter of the word thumb? (M.) And what does M stand for? (Muslim.) Now, fold your hands to pray and look down at your thumbs. Let's pray for the Muslim people to believe in God's Son Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord.**

### Lesson 9—M Is for Muslim part 2

Before class, write out the T-H-U-M-B acrostic and corresponding people groups. **Everyone give me two thumbs up! Let's spell "thumb" and remember the unreached people.** Point to the board and recite together. **T, H, U, M, B! T is for? (Tribal.) H is for? (Hindu.) U is for? (Unreligious.) M is for? (Muslim.) B is for? (Buddhist.)**

**Muslim people believe there is one all-powerful God, but they do not believe that Jesus is the Son of God. Without Jesus, Muslim people don't have a Savior. Muslim people spend their whole lives doing five things called the Five Pillars of Islam. Muslim people do these five things to try to get to heaven.**

**But no one is good enough to get to heaven. That is why we need a Savior. Jesus died and rose again to save us. When the Muslim people receive the free gift of salvation they will rejoice! Instead of being slaves to the Five Pillars of Islam, Muslim people will be set free to worship Jesus with their hearts. Muslim people who trust Jesus as their Savior will worship God with their happiness!**

**Hold up your thumbs again. What is the first letter of the word thumb? (T.) And what does T stand for? (Tribal.) What is the second letter of the word thumb? (H.) And what does H stand for? (Hindu.) What is the third letter of the word thumb? (U.) And what does U stand for? (Unreligious.) What is the fourth letter of the word thumb? (M.) And what does M stand for? (Muslim.) Now, fold your hands to pray and look down at your thumbs. Let's pray for the Muslim people to worship Jesus with hearts of gladness.**

### Lesson 10—B Is for Buddhist

Before class, write out the T-H-U-M-B acrostic and corresponding people groups. **Everyone give me two thumbs up! Let's spell "thumb" and remember the people of our world who haven't heard about the gift of grace and salvation through Jesus Christ.** Point to the board and recite together. **T, H, U, M, B! T is for?** (Tribal.) **H is for?** (Hindu.) **U is for?** (Unreligious.) **M is for?** (Muslim.) **B is for?** (Buddhist.)

Today we are going to learn about Buddhist people. Many Buddhist people live in Southeast Asia. Show Southeast Asia on a map. **Buddhist people practice Buddhism. Buddhism is the teachings of a man named Buddha. Buddhist people believe they must live a perfect life. Buddhist people try to be perfect by wanting nothing.**

Unfortunately, no one has ever lived a perfect life – except Jesus. Only Jesus made Himself nothing, in order that He might become a man and live a perfect life (Philippians 2:7). On the cross, Jesus took our sin. If we trust in Jesus, He makes us perfect (Hebrews 10:14). **Buddhist people can only be perfect by trusting in the Perfect One—Jesus Christ.**

Hold up your thumbs again. What is the first letter of the word thumb? (T.) And what does T stand for? (Tribal.) What is the second letter of the word thumb? (H.) And what does H stand for? (Hindu.) What is the third letter of the word thumb? (U.) And what does U stand for? (Unreligious.) What is the fourth letter of the word thumb? (M.) And what does M stand for? (Muslim.) What is the fifth letter of the word thumb? (B.) And what does B stand for? (Buddhist.) Now, fold your hands to pray and look down at your thumbs. Let's pray for the Buddhist people to trust in the Perfect One, Jesus Christ.

### Lesson 11—B Is for Buddhist part 2

Before class, write out the T-H-U-M-B acrostic and corresponding people groups. **Everyone give me two thumbs up! Let's spell "thumb" and remember the people of our world who haven't heard about the gift of grace and salvation through Jesus Christ.** Point to the board and recite together. **T, H, U, M, B! T is for?** (Tribal.) **H is for?** (Hindu.) **U is for?** (Unreligious.) **M is for?** (Muslim.) **B is for?** (Buddhist.)

**Buddhist people believe that after they die, they are reborn as humans over and over and over again. Buddhist people believe they must live many times on earth until they finally live a perfect life. When they are perfect enough, they believe their mind will experience a happiness called Nirvana.**

Unfortunately, humans only live once; we cannot go back and try to live life again (Hebrews 9:27). The good news is that there is one new birth—rebirth into the living hope of Jesus Christ (I Peter 1:3)! **Buddhist people can be born again and receive eternal life (John 3:3). God wants Buddhist people who love Him with all their soul and worship Jesus by seeking happiness and life in Him.**

Hold up your thumbs again. What is the first letter of the word thumb? (T.) And what does T stand for? (Tribal.) What is the second letter of the word thumb? (H.) And what does H stand for? (Hindu.) What is the third letter of the word thumb? (U.) And what does U stand for? (Unreligious.) What is the fourth letter of the word thumb? (M.) And what does M stand for? (Muslim.) What is the fifth letter of the word thumb? (B.) And what does B stand for? (Buddhist.) Now, fold your hands to pray and look down at your thumbs. Let's pray for the Buddhist people to be born again through Jesus, and worship God with all their soul.



## Lesson 12—T-H-U-M-B Review

Before class, write out the T-H-U-M-B acrostic and corresponding people groups. **Everyone give me two thumbs up! Let's spell "thumb" and remember the people of our world who haven't yet heard Jesus' message of forgiveness.** Point to the board and recite together. **T, H, U, M, B! T is for?** (Tribal.) **H is for?** (Hindu.) **U is for?** (Unreligious.) **M is for?** (Muslim.) **B is for?** (Buddhist.)

**The Bible says that one day people of every nation will worship Jesus as the Lamb of God. We can help bring the day closer by remembering to pray for the unreached people of the world (Revelation 5:9).**

**Hold up your thumbs again. What is the first letter of the word thumb?** (T.) **And what does T stand for?** (Tribal.) **What is the second letter of the word thumb?** (H.) **And what does H stand for?** (Hindu.) **What is the third letter of the word thumb?** (U.) **And what does U stand for?** (Unreligious.) **What is the fourth letter of the word thumb?** (M.) **And what does M stand for?** (Muslim.) **What is the fifth letter of the word thumb?** (B.) **And what does B stand for?** (Buddhist.)

Help the kids discover ways they can pray for each of the T-H-U-M-B people groups:

- Tribal—That they would join God's tribe (big family) and worship the Living God with music and dance.
- Hindu—That they would be part of God's holy nation, a chosen people belonging to God. That they would worship the One True God with art, sculpture and building.
- Unreligious—That they would know God, worshiping and loving the All-knowing One with all their minds.
- Muslim—That they would be saved by God, joyfully bowing before Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. That they would worship Him with happy hearts.
- Buddhist—That they would be born again, worshiping the Perfect One—Jesus Christ—with all their soul. That they would seek happiness and life in Him.

# T-H-U-M-B Chart

## Unreached People

<b>People Group</b>	<b>Their False Worship</b>	<b>How They Could Best Worship God</b>	<b>Their Identity in Christ</b>	<b>How They Could Best Know God</b>
Tribal	Nature Natural things	Music Dance	God's tribe/family	Living God
Hindu	False gods	Art Sculpture	Holy nation Chosen people	One True God
Unreligious	Themselves Nothing	Mind Knowledge	Know God Known by God	All-Knowing God
Muslim	Earn salvation	Heart Emotion	Saved by God	Lord and Savior
Buddhist	Perfection Wanting nothing	Soul Happiness	Born again	Perfect One