



DiscipleLand

Missionary Biography Questions
Level 3, Quarter B—Jackie Pullinger

Integrate these questions and activities into your **DiscipleLand** Missionary Biography time. Expand your children's understanding of each story segment.

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3B—Missionary Biography

Jackie Pullinger

Teacher Intro—JACKIE PULLINGER (1944—Present)

Boarding a boat in 1966, young Jackie had no idea of the destination God had planned. Her journey of faith brought her to the Walled City of Hong Kong—a place of gangs, drugs, prostitution, and poverty. Starting with a simple Youth Club, Jackie shared the message of Jesus—a Savior who loves drug addicts, forgives prostitutes, and died for gangsters. Pimps and drug lords believe. Gang members follow a new leader—Jesus Christ. Drug addicts are freed from their addictions and become missionaries in slums around the world!

Share with your students how God powerfully transforms even the “worst sinners” through new life in Jesus Christ. Take one to two minutes during each lesson to read brief narratives about the life of Jackie Pullinger.

Lesson 1—The Risk of Faith

Read the story from page 12 of the DiscipleLand Teacher Guide.

Big Idea: God requires faith from His followers.

Discussion Questions:

Jackie knew from a young age that God wanted her to be a missionary. Do any of you feel you know what God has called you to do yet? Let kids know that it is okay if they have not heard God’s call on their lives yet.

What did the pastor say to Jackie when she told him about God’s call? How did Jackie respond?

How did the pastor explain about faith? When have you trusted God without knowing the specifics of His plan?

Jackie trusted God to lead her. She boarded a boat with no destination in mind! How would you feel, being on a boat and not knowing where you’d end up?

How can you show Jackie’s kind of trust in your own life?

Do Something About It...

Objective: Create a visual reminder to put your faith in God.

Have the students make a mobile. Give each child a coat hanger, yarn pieces and paper. Let the kids cut out their own letters to spell “faith.” Paper hole punch each letter and help the kids tie each letter onto the hanger. Pray with the children and ask God to help them put their faith in Him this week.

Lesson 2—The Walled City

The story so far...**Jackie Pullinger knew from a young age that God was calling her to be a missionary. In faith, she set out on a voyage around the world.**

Read the story from page 18 of the DiscipleLand Teacher Guide.

Big Idea: God gives courage to His people.

Discussion Questions:

On a map, show where Hong Kong is located. Explain that in Jackie’s day, Hong Kong was under the rule of Great Britain. **How do you think Jackie knew that Hong Kong was the place where God wanted her? What do you know about Hong Kong?**

Why was the Walled City a scary place? Even the police were scared to go there! Where do you believe Jackie’s courage came from?

Why would God lead Jackie, a young woman, to such a dangerous place as the Walled City? Why are we always safe in God’s care?

Jackie was willing to die in a strange place to serve God. What are you willing to do to serve Him?

Do Something About It...

Objective: Create a visual reminder to be brave.

Have the students make a “Don’t be afraid” poster. Set out thin tracing paper and markers. Kids can make a “stained glass” look by using bright colors and outlining with a black marker. In the center of the poster have students write “Don’t be afraid” or “Be brave for God.” Pray with the children and ask God to help them be brave this week.

Lesson 3—Teacher by Day, Slums by Night

The story so far... Jackie followed God's call, not knowing where He would lead. She came to Hong Kong, where God led her to the dangerous Walled City.

Read the story from page 24 of the DiscipleLand Teacher Guide.

Big Idea: Everyone needs to hear about Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

Why do you think the Chinese called the Walled City, "darkness"?

Imagine living where there were no schools, only gangs and crime. What do you think the youth of the Walled City were learning?

Jackie opened the Youth Club. If you designed your own Youth Club, what would it be like?

What was Jackie's goal with the Youth Club? Who did she invite? Why did Jackie reach out to such dangerous people?

Who in your town needs to know about Jesus? How can you reach out to them?

Do Something About It...

Objective: Create a visual reminder of God's salvation.

Have the students make a poster, booklet or bracelet outlining God's offer of forgiveness and salvation. See **Good News for Kids** on the inside back cover of the Teacher Guide for an outline. Pray with the children, asking God to bring many people to know His Son, Jesus.

Lesson 4—The Western Way

The story so far... Jackie Pullinger ministers to youth in the dangerous Walled City, part of Hong Kong. She reaches out with Jesus' love to gangsters, drug addicts, and prostitutes.

Read the story from page 30 of the DiscipleLand Teacher Guide.

Big Idea: God loves all people as they are.

Discussion Questions:

Show a map or globe. Why are people from Europe and America call "Westerners" in Asia?

Why did many missionaries have trouble reaching people in Hong Kong? What was wrong with the "Western way"?

Whom did Jackie invite to church? What happened to them? How much more would you value church if it were dangerous to get there?

How did the other people react to the boys' appearance? How is this part of the "Western way"? How did Jackie feel about this?

Name some people that Jesus spent time with whom others thought were "bad." (The Samaritan woman at the well, tax collectors, lepers, prostitutes.) What does this tell you about God?

Who would you feel uncomfortable spending time with? How can you honor God by loving these people in a safe way?

Do Something About It...

Objective: Create a visual reminder to care for people's needs.

Have the students make a collage of pictures that show them caring for the needs of people. Pray with the children, asking God to help them care for the needs of others this week.

Lesson 5—Love Your Enemies

The story so far...**Jackie Pullinger is serving God inside the Walled City in Hong Kong. She has come to realize that Western prejudices are keeping Jesus' love from being shown to those who really need to see it.**

Read the story from page 36 of the DiscipleLand Teacher Guide.

Big Idea: God values perseverance and forgiveness.

Discussion Questions:

Why do you think the Youth Club was attacked? What were the attackers trying to accomplish? What supernatural power might have been behind this attack?

How did Jackie feel? How would you feel if all your hard work had been destroyed?

The attackers wanted Jackie to give up and leave the Walled City. Did they succeed? What did Jackie do? Why did this please God?

Who sent the young boy to Jackie's Youth Club? Why did he send him? How did Jackie respond? What does this show about Jackie's faith in God?

The boy, Winson, stays and "guards" the Youth Club anyway. What is Jackie's response? How can you remember to pray for everyone with whom you come in contact?

Do Something About It...

Objective: Create a visual reminder to forgive those who hurt you.

Have the students use crayons to completely color a paper. Then cover over the colors with a black crayon. Let the kids use a thumbtack or corner of a ruler to scratch out the words, "FORGIVE." Pray with the children and ask God to help them forgive those who wrong them.

Lesson 6—The Jesus Way

The story so far...**Jackie ministers to youth in the Walled City. One day, her Youth Club is ransacked. Instead of despairing, Jackie relies on God and prays for her attackers.**

Read the story from page 42 of the DiscipleLand Teacher Guide.

Big Idea: Walk as Jesus did.

Discussion Questions:

How is the Walled City described? How would you feel to have to live there. What aspect of the people there saddens you the most?

Why was Jackie looking for a better way? Who did she look to for a better way?

What did Jackie imagine would be Jesus' response to the Walled City? How close is that to your own response to the conditions there?

What did Jackie read in her Bible? How do you feel about this statement? Why do you think it is important?

How did Jackie go about imitating Jesus? Did she do it by her own power? Who did she call on for help?

How does it feel to know that God will help you do the things He asks you to do?

Do Something About It...

Objective: Create a visual reminder to follow Jesus.

Have children draw a picture that shows what they are willing to give up or where they are willing to go to follow Jesus. Pray with the children, asking God to show them how following Him is always worth it—that the rewards outweigh the sacrifices.

Lesson 7—A Drug Addict Freed!

The story so far...**Jackie had reached a turning point in the Walled City. She knew that she must be more like Jesus to help the people there. She asked the Holy Spirit for help.**

Read the story from page 48 of the DiscipleLand Teacher Guide.

Big Idea: God can free people of any sin or problem.

Discussion Questions:

How often did Jackie speak to Winson about Jesus? What kinds of things do you imagine she told him?

Drugs can be highly addictive and destructive. A person loses control over their own decisions. What did Jackie tell Winson about Jesus? Why could she make such a promise?

What does Winson finally do? What does Jesus do for Winson? How do you think Winson felt, being freed from the darkness of drug addiction?

Why does Jackie tell Winson he must leave the Triad gang? How did Winson find the courage to face his gang leader? What does this show about how Jesus changed Winson's life?

Do Something About It...

Objective: Create a visual reminder that God can change a person's heart.

Give each child a sheet of black construction paper. Make a large heart pattern for the children to trace and then cut out the heart. Talk about how sin makes our heart black or unclean. Only God is able to change a person's heart. Each time someone let's God's message of love change his or her heart, it is like cutting out a piece of the black and replacing it with something pretty. Have the kids cut out shapes from the black heart.

Cut colored tissue paper into one-inch squares and let the children glue or tape them on the backside of the heart to show the good change in the heart. Pray with the children and ask for God's love to change the children's hearts.

Lesson 8—Ah Kei, the Triad Emperor

The story so far...**Jackie's gentle persistence with the Triad gang member, Winson, bore fruit for God. Jesus changed Winson's life and freed him from his addiction to opium.**

Read the story from page 54 of the DiscipleLand Teacher Guide.

Big Idea: God brings us to people who need Him.

Discussion Questions:

What does the Triad emperor value? How does he show this to people?

Why do you think Ah Kei asked Jackie about drug addicts? What do you think he secretly realized about himself? How did Jackie respond to his question?

The Triad emperor order Jackie to come with him. Why do you think she obeyed?

Where did Ah Kei bring Jackie? What did he want her to do there?

What was the condition of the people Jackie encountered? How do you think this made her feel?

God brought Jackie to the Triad emperor, who brought her to the drug addicts. How can you trust God to bring you to people who need to hear about Him?

Do Something About It...

Objective: Create a visual reminder to trust God.

Have the students make a poster with huge block letters that spell "TRUST." Inside each block letter have the kids do a decorative design. Pray with the children and ask God to help them trust Him this week.

Lesson 9—Walk as Jesus Did

The story so far...**Jackie Pullinger dined with the Triad gang emperor, Ah Kei. The gang leader brought Jackie to his drug dens and asked her to speak about Jesus.**

Read the story from page 60 of the DiscipleLand Teacher Guide.

Big Idea: God answers prayer.

Discussion Questions:

Can you imagine staying up all night telling people about Jesus? What would be difficult about that? What would be exciting?

Why did Jesus heal people? (He loved them and wanted them to be whole. He wanted to glorify His Father.) **Why do you think Jackie encountered the sick drug addict? How did the other people think she could help?**

How did the people react when Jackie said she'd pray? What does this tell you about what the people believed? What did Jackie say to them?

What happened when Jackie prayed? Did the man need to believe in Jesus to be healed? Why or why not?

How did the other people respond to this miracle? How did the Triad emperor respond?

How much do you believe that God answers prayer? How much did Jackie believe? How can you trust God more to answer your prayers?

Do Something About It...

Objective: Create a visual reminder to pray and be confident of God's answer.

Have the students trace both hands on a paper and cut them out. Let the kids hold the hands together in a praying hands position (palms together). On the outside of the hands, have the kids write "Be" and "Confident." On the inside of the hands, the kids should write "God" and "Answers." Talk about times God has answered their prayers. Pray with the children and ask God to help them be confident of His answers.

Lesson 10—The Power of Jesus

The story so far...**While ministering in the drug dens of the Triad gangs, Jackie encounters a sick man with severe stomach pain. Jackie prays, and Jesus heals him! Many gang members, including the Triad emperor, become Christians!**

Read the story from page 66 of the DiscipleLand Teacher Guide.

Big Idea: Jesus can change people from the inside out.

Discussion Questions:

Why is quitting drugs so difficult? Whose help does Ah Kei need to quit?

What does Jackie do to help? Why is prayer so effective?

Whose power is stronger than the addiction of drugs? Why did Ah Kei and Winson's stories give others hope?

Why are changed lives such a powerful witness to others?

Why did the new Hong Kong Christians need a new home? What is the danger of staying in the same environment? What does leaving their old way of life show about these new believers?

How do people see your life changed because of Jesus?

Do Something About It...

Objective: Create a visual reminder of God's blessings.

Have the students make a journal for this week to record each time they see God blessing them. Pray with the children, asking God to help them see His blessings this week.

Lesson 11—St. Stephen's Society

The story so far...**Jackie has ministered to the drug addicts in the Walled City in Hong Kong. God has brought many people to a saving knowledge of Jesus, and His power is freeing them from drug addiction.**

Read the story from page 72 of the DiscipleLand Teacher Guide.

Big Idea: God provides for our needs.

Discussion Questions:

What does Jackie do for the new believers? Why do they need a new home?

How does God answer Jackie's prayer?

You might think this is the "happy ending" to the story. But God isn't finished. What good, new problem does the St. Stephen's Society have? What do they do?

How does God answer their prayer? What does this show the "Walled City boys." What does it show you?

God is faithful to Jackie and to her work in Hong Kong. How many people come to believe in Jesus? Is this a big number? Is it a big number to God? Why or why not?

What impresses you most about Jackie's story so far?

Do Something About It...

Objective: Create a visual reminder to thank God for his provision.

Let kids create posters with all the foods they most love to eat. Have them write, "Thank You, God" across the tops of their posters. Pray with the children, thanking God for providing them with everything they need—food, homes, and people who care for them.

Lesson 12—The Inner City: Today's Mission Field

The story so far...**Many people have become Christians in Hong Kong. Jackie Pullinger started the St. Stephen's society to give new Christians a safe place to live and to find jobs. God provided homes when the believers needed them.**

Read the story from page 78 of the DiscipleLand Teacher Guide.

Big Idea: God is faithful to those who are faithful to Him.

Discussion Questions:

The "society" that Jackie started nearly fifty years ago is still in Hong Kong. What does that tell you about the difference one person can make with God's help? Why do you think the ministry is still going?

What characterized the decisions Jackie made in her life? (She trusted God in every decision.) How did God respond to her trust?

What happened to some of the people that Jackie helped? What does that show about God's plan?

How do you feel when you think about the inner city? Why does God love the people there? Answer the questions asked directly in the biography.

Do Something About It...

Objective: Create a visual reminder of the life of Jackie Pullinger.

Bring in some Chinese food or snacks to serve as you review. Have the students draw a picture of Jackie Pullinger. Talk about some of the things she accomplished. Pray with the children and ask God to help them serve Him like Jackie Pullinger did. Hudson Taylor did.

