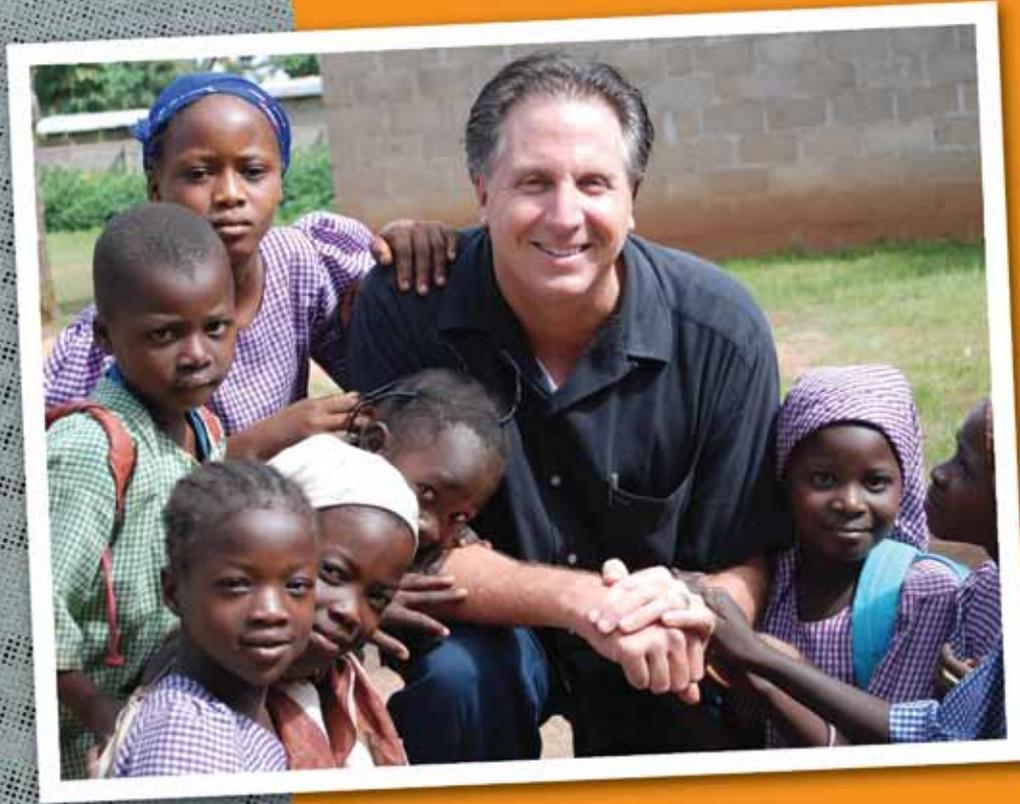




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Hello OneVerse Partner!



more languages, it may not seem like a hard thing to get something translated. But the people around the world that we are helping don't speak Spanish, French or Chinese. They speak languages that are unknown to most everyone else. We call these people "Bibleless" because they don't have the Word of God in their language. For this reason, they can't know how much God loves them or understand completely the good news of Jesus Christ.

That's where you come in! During these next eight weeks, you can sponsor one Bible verse for one of these Bibleless people groups. This verse will

Dear Friend,

I am so glad you have chosen to take part in this very special eight-week journey. You will explore faraway places. You will learn about children and families who live in these places, and about how God is working in their lives.

Most of us have had Bibles in our homes for as long as we can remember, but people in these faraway places don't know or read English. If you live in a place where people speak two or

be your very own—no one else in the world will be connected to your special verse in that unique language! If you are able, you may sponsor as many Bible verses as you would like.

In the next eight weeks, as you read stories about how God is changing the lives of people who once had no Bible, you'll realize how important the work of Bible translation is. Some of the Bibleless people do things that are very wrong because they fear evil spirits. Others feel unloved and find it hard to love others. God's promises are unknown to them. Even though they struggle to live, their lives have little meaning.

Once the Bibleless people learn God's truth, they want to celebrate, and you're going to join them! During Week 8, you will get to plan a special ceremony of joy to celebrate the coming of God's Word.

As you learn and mature, remember that you will always be linked with one of these faraway people groups whom you helped find new truth through the Word of God in their own language. I pray that by knowing you have made such a big difference, your heart will be encouraged to follow Jesus and love His Word.

I am so glad you are joining this journey!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy".

Roy Peterson
President



Who are Bibleless People?



In every culture, people worship something or someone because they are trying to fill the emptiness in their souls. The only thing that truly satisfies is God's message of love through Jesus Christ.

Sadly, each year 2.4 million people die without hearing that message clearly. These individuals come from "Bibleless people" groups. They do not have God's

message of love in their own language.

Each of the groups is different in their way of life, where they live, and what they believe. However, many share common struggles.

They are **FORGOTTEN**, overpowered by the bigger groups in their country. They are often poor. Although they have some schools, not everyone has the money, time or transportation to get an education. Many of them cannot read.

They are **PRISONERS** of false beliefs. They often fear evil spirits and carry out rituals that keep them enslaved. They do not know the personal and loving God who sent His own Son to die for them, so that they can know forgiveness and move forward into a future filled with hope and purpose.

They are **HELPLESS** against those who have money and power. Many do not have access to doctors, clean hospitals or effective medicine to help fight deadly diseases like AIDS. Even basic things like clean drinking water are not available sometimes.

They are the **PERSECUTED** church, faithfully serving Christ in the face of prejudice and punishment. They are brave even until death. Having God's Word in their language will help these church leaders know how to tell others about Christ's love.

Today we invite you to bring at least one verse to one of these Bibleless people groups. It is our prayer that the people group you've partnered with will hear God speak to them.

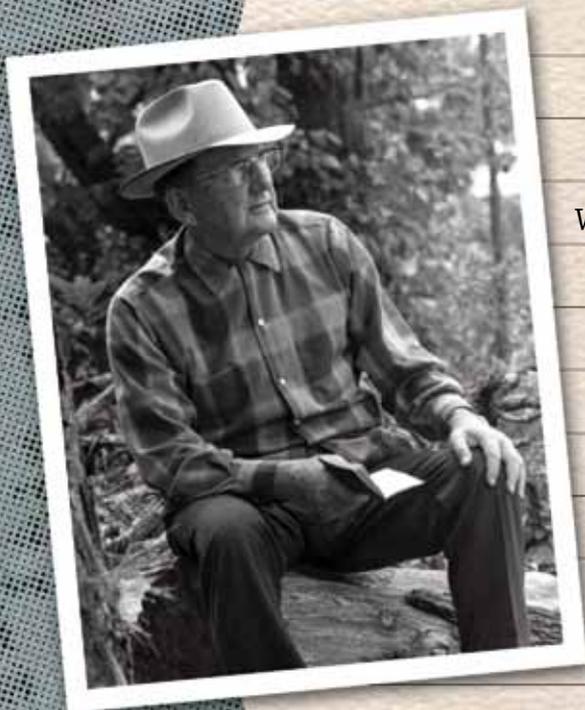
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Week 1

Why Bible Translation?

What was Uncle Cam's unwelcome surprise when he got to Guatemala?



What new things did you learn about the Bible?

DISCUSS WITH YOUR PARENT Today more than 2,200 languages still do not have even one verse of the Bible. God is moving upon the hearts of many people to reach Bibleless people groups. *“With man, this is impossible, but with God, all things are possible.”* (Matthew 19:26) How does God accomplish seemingly impossible tasks through people?

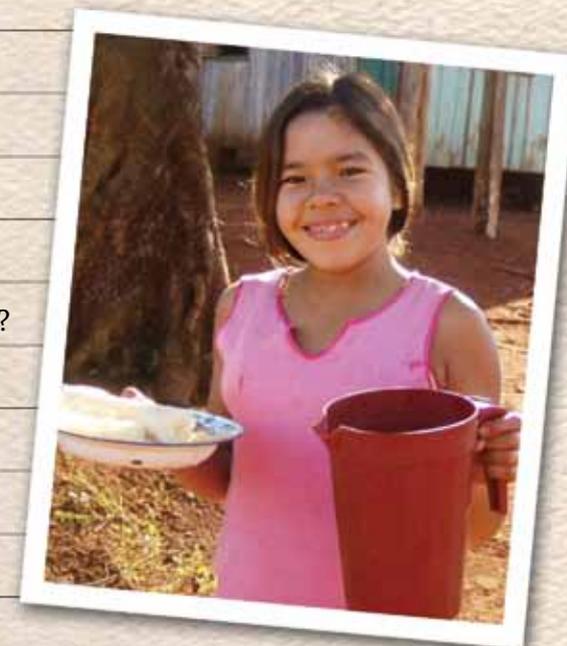
Focus on The Americas

Week 2

Can you think of something that really happened to you, your family, or one of your friends that was like a Bible story you've heard?

List the five senses and how they help us learn about life, people, and God.

DISCUSS WITH YOUR PARENT Just as every culture has its favorite foods, every culture also has its own way of speaking. God speaks to all through His word, the Bible. *“Man does not live by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.”* (Deuteronomy 8:3, Matthew 4:4)



Week 3

Focus on Asia

How does Jesus connect us from our earthly lives to eternal life in Heaven?



Being able to read changes lives. In what ways does reading improve your life?

What are some ways that your parents and family protect you from evil?

In what ways does God protect us?

DISCUSS WITH YOUR PARENT In the book of Matthew, chapter 6, Jesus taught His disciples how to pray. We often call this the Lord's Prayer. In it, we ask God to give us this day our daily bread, forgive us for our sins as we forgive others, and deliver us from evil.

Week 4

Focus on Deaf Communities

How does Jesus tell us to treat others who are different from us?



What did you learn about God's love, and how we can love like God loves?

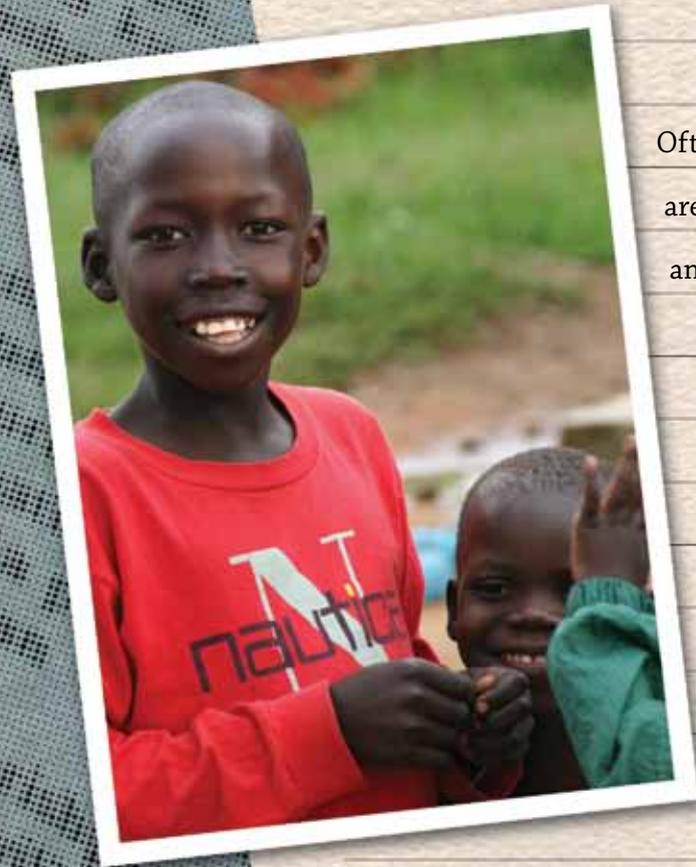
What are some ways we communicate without words?

DISCUSS WITH YOUR PARENT Jesus healed many people in His time on earth. When He healed a sick woman, He said, "Your faith has healed you." (Matthew 9:22) What do you think He meant?

Week 5

Focus on Africa

Why did Ndama feel that he had to keep his recording a secret?



Oftentimes, we think of the Bible as a printed book. What are some other ways that people might “read” the Bible and understand what God is saying to them?

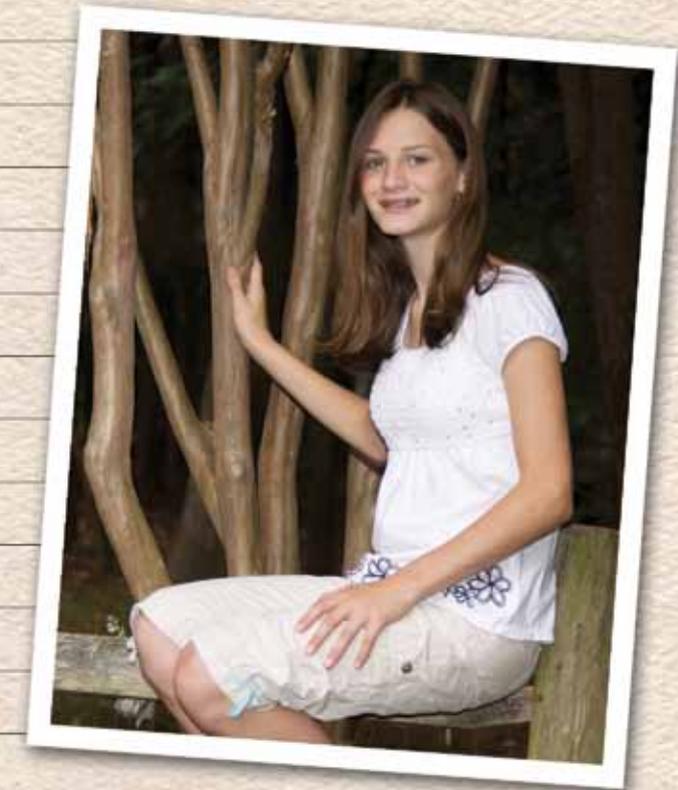
How does believing in Jesus change your relationships with others?

DISCUSS WITH YOUR PARENT God is in control. Proverbs 16:9 says, “*In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.*”

Week 6

Part of the Action

Why do you think God gives us choices?



What did you learn about worldly possessions?

List some examples of things that cost about \$26.

DISCUSS WITH YOUR PARENT Jesus promised us that if we give up time or things to help others, we will have “*treasure in Heaven.*” (Matthew 6:20, Matthew 19:21)

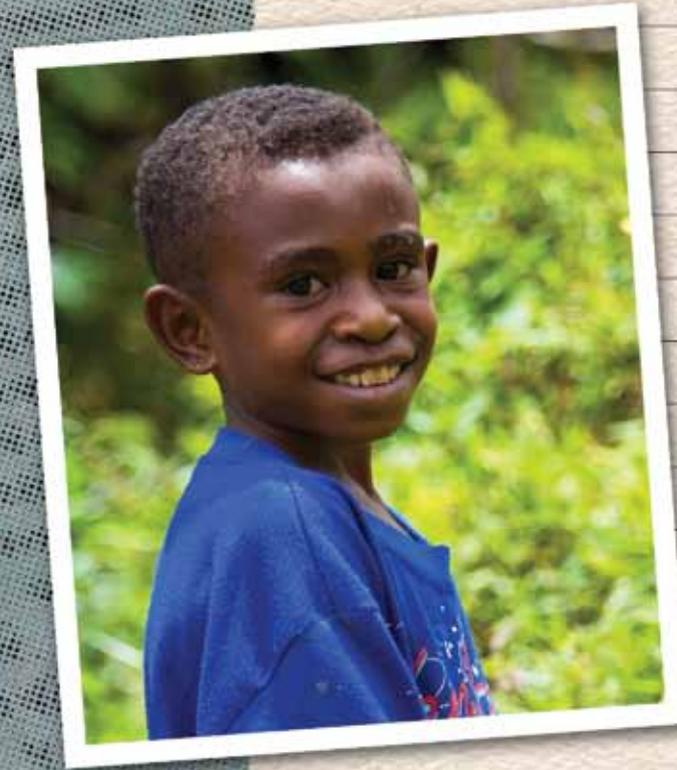
Week 7

Focus on the Pacific

How can we turn to God during times of sickness or when we are sorry about sin?

What did you learn about Jesus and sacrifice?

DISCUSS WITH YOUR PARENT "Atonement" means that something that was wrong has been corrected or satisfied. In the main story, for what were the people atoning? Hebrews 2:14-18 explains that God sent His Son Jesus in human form so that He could atone for our sins.



Week 8

Celebrate!

The story of Jesus has a very happy ending. What is it?

What did you learn about real joy and happiness?

Many movies with happy endings have suffering in them. What are some of the ways that Jesus suffered?

DISCUSS WITH YOUR PARENT The good news of Jesus Christ gives us a reason to celebrate joyfully. "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1)





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