

Mission Lesson

March – May 2025

Mexico

Goal: To introduce children to the cultures in Mexico and give them an opportunity to pray for the churches and church leaders there.

Supplies:

- Mexican Christian music; here are a few options:
 - E Alfarero: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nylgLCGsgGQ>
 - Dame más sabiduría: <https://youtu.be/0iCeNwC-ih8?si=oxCAfEjwHJkain6N>
 - Eran cien ovejas: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OA06OVJclvI>
 - Te vengo a decir: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V8U_R2Xyzbw
 - Mariachi en el Cielo: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dby46xAxIJC>
- Pictures of the Mexico regions, Juan Carlos, and children participating in the Descúbrello program (see appendix)
- Popular Mexican treats for children to sample, such as:
 - Mexican candy (popular flavors include mango, lime, and tamarind)
 - Coca-Cola
 - Pork rinds (“chicharrones”)
- World map
- Wooden figure or life-sized poster to represent Juan Carlos, wearing a cowboy hat (you can search “vaquero” online to find more ideas)
- Props to go with Juan Carlos (soccer ball and marbles)
- Bible
- Long strands of red, white, and green yarn (or stretchy string) that will be used to make necklaces for each child (cut into the appropriate length for necklaces in advance)
- Cardstock pictures of a soccer ball for each child to color for their necklace (cut in advance) (see appendix)
- Hole punches
- Crayons in Wordless Book colors

Mission Station Set Up: Decorate your mission station with bright colors, piñatas, and streamers to create a fun, vibrant party atmosphere.

Lesson:

Have upbeat mariachi music playing as children enter.

Welcome to the country of Mexico! *Hand out treats as children sit down.* Let's find Mexico on our world map. *Show Mexico on the world map.* Mexico is the third largest country in Latin America.

There are three main areas in Mexico. *Pass around pictures as you speak.* There are the dry mountains in the north (the very top of Mexico), the rainforest in the south (the bottom of Mexico), and the big city in the middle.

In the dry mountains, many rural people work as cowboys, taking care of cattle. I'd like you to meet my friend, Juan Carlos. *Pull out the wooden figure and/or picture of Juan Carlos.* Juan Carlos comes from a family of northern cowboys. He lives in the state of Coahuila. *Point out Coahuila on the world map; it is just south of the U.S. state of Texas.*

Juan Carlos likes to watch and play soccer, eat spicy candy, and play marbles with his cousins. And guess what? Juan Carlos and his cousins go to church, just like you! *Hold up the Bible.* There are churches in Mexico that use the Discovery Land program, but in Spanish it is called Descúbrello. *Show picture with kids participating in the Descúbrello program.* Kids in the Descúbrello program are learning the same Bible lessons you learn, and they are learning that Jesus is the only One who can save us.

People all over the world need to know that Jesus is our Savior! Today, we are going to pray for the people in Mexico who need to hear that Jesus is our Savior. We are going to pray that the leaders in the churches will be good teachers and that they will help kids like you learn more about Jesus!

Hand out crayons and pictures.

Remember how Juan Carlos and his cousins like to play soccer? As you color in this soccer ball, let's use the Wordless Book colors to help us remember that Jesus is our Savior.

As children color, review the Wordless Book colors, key words, and Bible verses. Talk about how kids all over the world need to hear the Gospel. Once children are finished coloring, leaders should punch holes in the cardstock soccer balls, and then add string to create a necklace. Encourage children to wear their necklaces during the week to help them remember to pray for the people in Mexico.

Close by praying for the church leaders in Mexico. Ask God to help them be good teachers and to boldly share the Gospel with children.