

Where Would You Go?

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Around Columbus Day or a long school break weekend, dream together about places you would like to visit and what it might be like to be God's people in a different place.

For
Young Family

Season

Fall

Needed

World map, globe, or Web site with maps; children's story Bible, photos from family trips

Activity Plan

1. Gather the family around a world map or globe. Invite each family member to point to a place that he or she would like to visit and tell why.
2. If your family has taken a trip together, recall what it was like to travel to a new place. Or one family member could recall a trip he or she took. Discuss: How did you travel—plane, boat, car, train? What were you most excited about? Most worried about? When you were in that new place, did you try new foods, meet new people, or learn new customs? If you have pictures from your trip, look at them together.
3. Read a story from a children's story Bible about some of God's people who traveled to new places, such as:
 - Ruth and Naomi (Ruth 1)
 - Jonah (Jonah 1, 2, 3)
 - Peter (Acts 9:32-43)
 - Paul (Acts 16)
4. After the story, imagine what it would have been like for those people to travel. How would it have been different from trips you take as a family? What would it be like to be adventurers today who travel to new places to tell about the good news of God's love?
5. Close by praying aloud:

Dear God, thank you for brave adventurers who travel to new places to tell the good news of your love. Help us to be brave adventurers everywhere we go, being kind and helpful to people we meet. Amen.