

Youth Study Guide

Introduction

The Mary Hill Davis Offering® for Texas Missions (MHDO) provides funding for ministries across Texas. When you give, you are helping people across the state share the love of Jesus with those who need to know Him as Savior. This lesson will focus on Camp Fusion.

Bible Verse

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Background Information

Camp Fusion is a four-day camp of summer fun designed to bring middle school and high school students together from Texas Baptists intercultural churches. The experience centers on helping second generation students from a variety of cultural backgrounds grow spiritually as they move through the challenging teen years. Gifts through the Mary Hill Davis Offering help to provide Camp Fusion each summer at Latham Springs Baptist Camp.

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Preparation

This study is designed as a “no locks” escape room. That means the students will be teaching and discovering on their own rather than being taught by a speaker. It consists of four stations to be completed with a small group (4-5) of their peers. The stations will be set up with everything needed for the activity. Best options are for four team members to each take a turn at leading at one of the stations. That encourages all to be actively involved but you may find choosing one person to serve as facilitator from start to finish will work better for the groups. All stations require responses, either verbally or in writing. One person can record everyone’s response when written. You can have them record responses on a poster or whiteboards, if available. Rather than locks being opened as in a traditional escape room, completing the activity will “unlock” the next station. Groups may start with any station and rotate through until all stations are completed.

Station 1:

The World is Already Here!

This is a scripture study of verses pertaining to sharing the gospel with people of different languages or cultures. Verses and applications are on page 3 of this study guide. Make a set for each group or print on cardstock that will withstand being handled by multiple groups. After the matching is complete, students will have thought questions to answer together. An answer key is included for the adult leaders.

Instructions:

The United States of America has been known as a melting pot for over 200 years. A melting pot implies a blending of many nationalities and cultures from all over the world to form a new nation, a new culture. Even today, God is bringing the world to our doorstep as immigrants and refugees have flocked to this place that promises freedom and hope for a better life. We call it The American Dream. However, many of those who arrive in Texas struggle to adjust to their new home. Camp Fusion is designed to help teens whose families have immigrated to this country find spiritual growth and encouragement with other teens who have similar stories.

To understand the role of Texas Baptist intercultural churches working to facilitate spiritual growth among the youth of those churches, use the scripture passages on the pages to discover how you can welcome international members of your community.

Use these Bible verses and applications to discover how you can support ministries to intercultural youth.

Match the verse to the action or attitude that reflects the scripture.

When you have completed matching, choose one of the applications that you believe you can do. Share with your group which action you chose and describe how you can start doing that action.

Bible Search

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Be willing to go and share the gospel with confidence. God is with you.

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. – Psalm 145:18 NIV

Pray that intercultural youth will respond to the gospel of Jesus.

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.
– 2 Peter 3:9 NIV

Be willing to get to know people who are different from you.

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. – Galatians 3:28 NIV

Recognize that all our differences disappear at the foot of the cross. We all need Jesus.

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”
– Galatians 5:14 NIV

Love people the way Jesus loves people.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.
– Matthew 25:35 NIV

Give of your money and your time to meet the needs of others.

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”
– Matthew 25:40 NIV

You serve a Savior who loves all people. Be kind.

Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. – 1 Peter 4:9 NIV

Introduce new friends from other cultures to your friends. Include them in your life.

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.
– Ephesians 5:15-16 NIV

Never waste an opportunity to share your faith. Wasted opportunity is a tragedy.

Station 2:

Escape to the Fun Word Search

This is a word search activity of the facts about Camp Fusion. Each group will need one copy. Students will find the answers in the paragraph at the bottom of the word search page. An answer key is included.

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Using the information below, unscramble the list of words to discover facts about Camp Fusion. When you finish, turn in your paper to move to the next station.

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Station 3:

Popcorn and a Movie

This is a short video of 2022 Camp Fusion. The station will need a computer or students can use their phones. Students will watch the video and record as many activities as they can list from the video. Three thought questions conclude the activity. Plan to serve popcorn at this station. The link is below.

Instructions:

As a group, watch the brief video of Camp Fusion 2022. List as many activities as you can find in the [video](#).



Which activity looks like the most fun to you?

Which activity will impact spiritual growth?

Which activity do you think will build relationships?

Share your answers and discuss with your group.

Station 4:

Ethnic Fellowships in Texas

This station will help students understand how Texas is a huge melting pot of people groups from around the world and the need to share the gospel with them. Students will use a world map to locate the country of origin for the seven largest intercultural fellowships in Texas. Each group may use a printed world map, a map on a computer or large screen, or on their phones. The fellowship information is included in the packet.

Instructions:

Texas Baptists partner with intercultural churches representing seven language and cultural groups from all over the world. In addition to the organized fellowships, there are at least twenty-seven other language groups in the early stages of forming their own fellowship with the goal of sharing the gospel with people within their culture. The seven fellowship groups are African, Cambodian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, and Vietnamese.

“After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.” (Revelation 7:9 NIV)

Use the list below to gain a basic knowledge of the groups. Find each country of origin on the world map and pray for each cultural group

African:

Congolese
Democratic Republic
of the Congo
Ethiopian – Ethiopia
Nigerian – Nigeria

Cambodian:

Cambodia

Chinese:

People’s Republic of China
(China)
Republic of China (Taiwan)
Hong Kong

Japanese:

Japan

Korean:

Korea – North or South

Laotian:

Laos

Vietnamese:

Vietnam

Conclusion:

Serve international foods/snacks and discuss their application choice from Station 1.

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Mary Hill Davis

Mary Hill Davis, president of Texas WMU from 1906 to 1931, saw Texas as a rich harvest field with its mixture of Anglo, Black, European, and Mexican populations. In 1910 she led the Baptist women of Texas to set aside a week to pray for the needs in the state and to take up an offering as was done for foreign and home missions. Following her death in 1934, the Texas missions offering was named in her memory.

Escape to the Fun Word Search Answer Key

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