

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



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## Hats from Around the World

### Theme

There are many different types of people in the world – people with different jobs and people from different countries and cultures. But all people need Jesus and can be saved.

### Verse

Romans 10:12-13

*"For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

### Preparation

1. Gather a variety of different hats. Put in a bag or box.
  - a. Three hats representing familiar occupations of people in the U.S. or Canada.
  - b. Three hats from different countries or cultural groups around the world.
2. Or use pictures of hats. [Downloadable from this webpage.]
3. Get little sombreros or other hats to give out to kids. Print out brims with verse on it and put on hats. [Brim available on this webpage.]
4. Or print out sombrero activity to hand out to kids. [Available on this webpage.]

### Message

#### **A. Hats – Occupations**

I have something I want to show you. [Pull out firefighter hat.] What's this? Yes, it's a firefighter's hat isn't it? [Optional: Have kids wear or hold hats.]

[Pull out nurse's cap.] What's this one? It's a nurse's cap. [Pull out football helmet.] It's a football helmet isn't it? [Construction worker, clown, chef, cowboy, baseball cap, etc.]

People wear lots of different kinds of hats, don't they? Sometimes you can get a clue about the kinds of jobs people do by looking at their hats.

#### **B. Hats – Countries**

[Pull out hat from Mexico.] What about this one? It's a hat from Mexico. [Pull out hat from China.] What about this one? It's a hat from China. [Pull out hat from Nigeria.] What's this? It's a hat from Nigeria. People all around the world wear different kinds of hats, don't they? Sometimes you can get a clue about the country people are from by looking at their hats.

#### **C. Chido**

I want to tell you about a man in Nigeria who wore a hat like this one. His name is Chido. When Chido was a young boy, he lived in a poor village in Nigeria where there weren't any schools. One day missionaries came to Chido's village and built a school. Chido and his friends were happy that now they could learn to read and write.

And they were happy to learn about Jesus at their school because it was a Christian school. One day Chido came to know Jesus and asked Jesus into his life as Savior and Lord. Isn't that great?

When Chido grew up, he went to a Bible College and now he's a missionary. He's telling other people about Jesus so they can know him too. And he's still wearing a hat like this one. [Indicate Nigerian hat.]

**D. We All Need Jesus**

People wear lots of different hats don't they? [Point out/pick up all the hats one by one.] There are firefighters, and nurses, and football players. And there are people from Mexico, China, Nigeria, Canada, and America. There are different kinds of people all over the world. But just like Chido, we all need Jesus don't we?

**E. Bible Verse**

I want to read a verse from the Bible for you. It's in Romans 10:12-13.

*"For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

Or you could say there is no difference between firefighters, or nurses, or football players, or between Americans, or Canadians, or Mexicans, or Nigerians. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Do you want people everywhere to call on the name of Jesus and be saved? I hope so.

**F. Prayer**

Let's pray now.

Dear heavenly Father, thank you that there are so many different people in the world – like firefighters, and nurses, and football players. And like Americans, and Canadians, and Mexicans, and Nigerians. And we thank you that you want them all to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. Please bless missionaries like the ones our church supports and like Chido in Nigeria and many others all over the world who tell people about Jesus. Help these kids and all of us adults to be missionaries right here where we live and to tell others about Jesus. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

**G. Hand Out**

Before you go, I'd like to give you something. [Pull out hat.] What is this? This is a sombrero from Mexico. I hope it will help you to remember that all people everywhere – like firefighters and nurses, and like Nigerians and Americans and Canadians – everyone needs Jesus. Like our verse says – "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Will you remember that? I even put it on your hats so you can remember it.

[Note: Text in brackets is not meant to be verbalized.]