

MISSIONS EDUCATION FOR FAMILIES



**Children are capable of
_____ when it comes to
missions.**



We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

Psalm 78:4 ESV



FACILITATORS



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WHY MISSIONS EDUCATION MATTERS EARLY



AGE 9

Their moral foundations are in place.



AGE 12

They may respond to the meaning and personal value of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.



AGE 13

In many cases, their spiritual beliefs are irrevocably formed.



Mission-minded adults
often begin as
mission-shaped children.



GEN ALPHA



Gen Alpha

- Believing in and engagement with the Bible less than previous generations.
- Struggling with anxiety.
- Deconstructing truth leading to disillusionment and detachment.
- Detaching as a result of lacking community.
- Searching widely, remaining open to all kinds of spirituality.



DISCUSSION

How can missions education help connect the gospel to real-world action for pre-teens?

If beliefs are “largely set” by thirteen, what does that mean for how we prioritize missions education in children’s ministry?



**Engaging children in God's mission
isn't just important—
it's urgent.**



PARENTS AS PRIMARY DISCIPLERS



OPPORTUNITIES



BARRIERS



- 1. A growing number of first-generation Christian parents**
- 2. Lack of strong spiritual foundation**
- 3. Lack of confidence**
- 4. Lack of resources**
- 5. Lack of time**



EQUIP AND ENCOURAGE



PRACTICAL IDEAS



MAPS



BOOKS



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES



SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Go
therefore

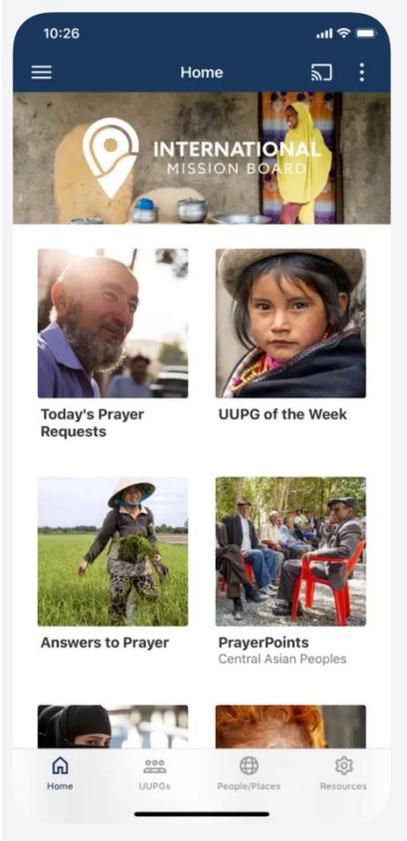
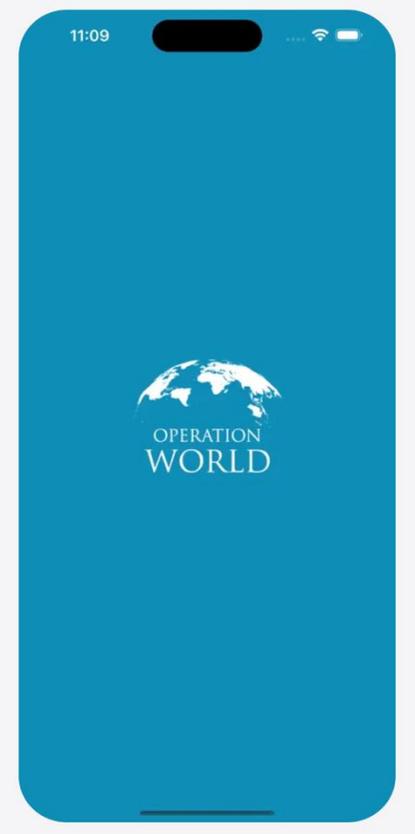
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nations.

baptizing
them in the
name of

the Father and
of the Son and
of the Holy
Spirit



APPS



WEBSITES

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PEOPLE GROUP OF THE WEEK

WOLOF OF MAURITANIA

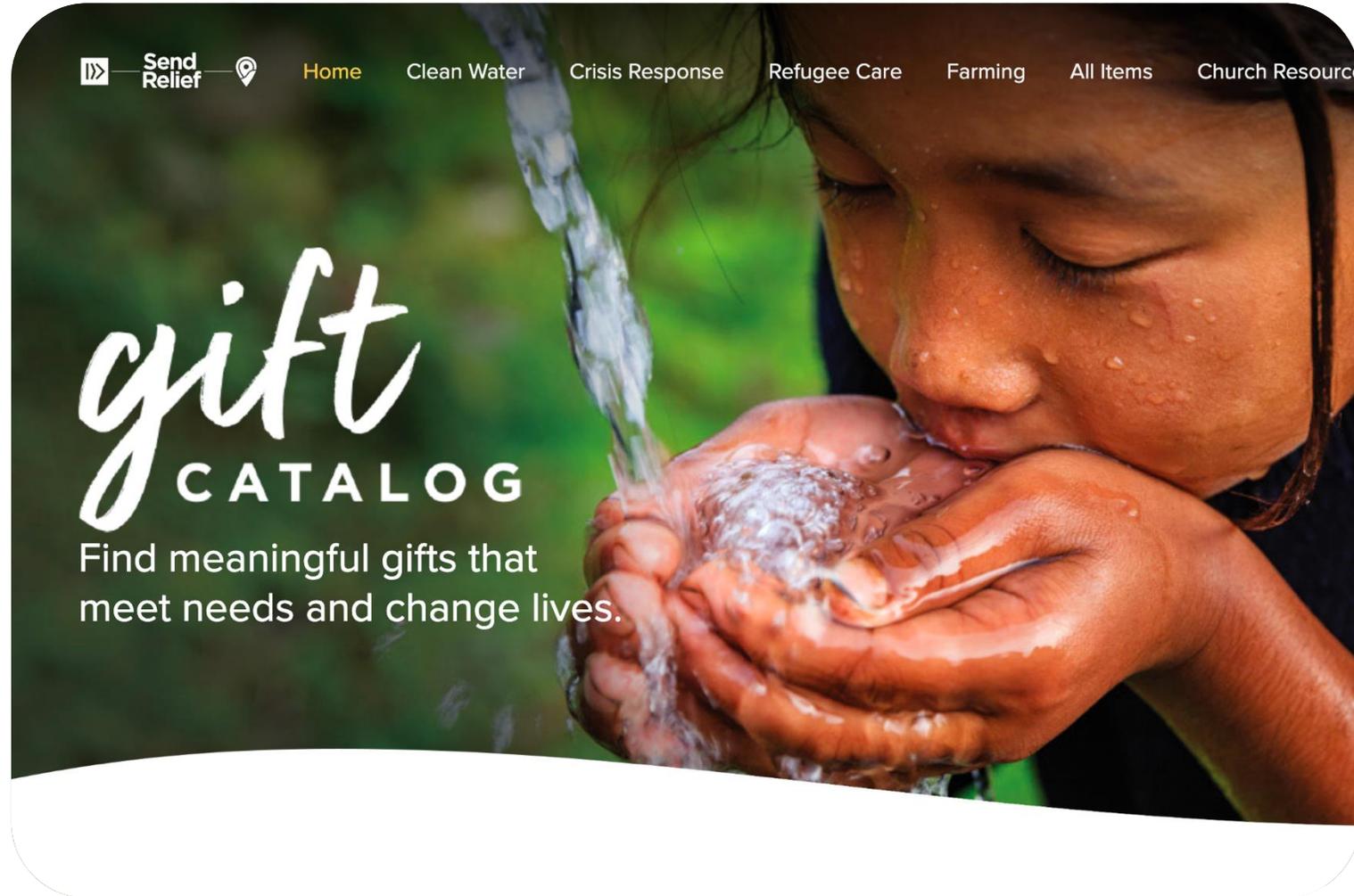
The Wolof of Mauritania, numbering 357,000 are Unengaged and Unreached with < 0.1% Evangelical believers. They are a group indigenous to northwestern Senegal, the Gambia, and southwestern coastal Mauritania who primarily adhere to Islam.

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<p>12,373 People Groups 8,240,730,784 population</p>	<p>7,279 UPGs 4,844,666,004 population</p>	<p>3,109 Unreached 289,425,494 population</p>
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MEANINGFUL GIFTS



MISSIONARIES



EXAMPLE



RESOURCES



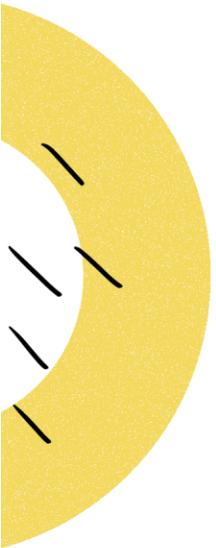
REFLECTION

- What is your church doing well to teach children about missions?
- What can you do to help equip parents to guide children in missions discipleship?
- Who will you try these resources with?





PRAYER





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