

Friends Club



***★ Multiculturalism

Additional Project Ideas

Talk to an expert. Choose a missionary your church supports. Conduct email (or phone) interviews with the missionary. Encourage the girls to ask questions about the culture – what languages the missionaries learned, what they wear, what differences they observe from traditional American culture. Fix a dish commonly served in the country or region you've chosen and celebrate the culture.

Write about it. Have the girls write or share about a time when they were discriminated against (for age, gender, race, etc.). Ask them what feelings they experienced, how they responded, and what the result of this encounter was.

Look back. Have the girls talk to parents, grandparents, and other relatives about the culture they come from. Encourage the girls to learn about the first member of the family to come to the United States, why they came, and what region they originally settled to. Have the girls fix a traditional dish from their culture.

Celebrate it. Have a culture celebration. Encourage each girl to prepare a dish representative of her own culture or a culture she's chosen to study. Share the recipes.

Emulate it. Have each girl choose a culture's art she'd like to emulate. Encourage the girls to research different cultures and what different cultures consider to be beautiful. Have the girls share their projects with the group and explain the history of the art form, how she created the piece (what medium she used), and what she thought about creating the piece.

Celebrate regional culture. Take the girls on a field trip to a regional cultural event. Watch your community calendar for an arts festival, farmer's market, play, etc. If your community has any historical landmarks or a community museum, make arrangements to visit.

Start a collection. Have the girls start collecting testimonies. Have the girls ask their families, friends, pastors, and other church members about their experience coming to Christ and subsequent experience of being baptized in the Holy Spirit. Have the girls also ask about how the individual has grown in his or her relationship with the Lord and how being baptized in the Holy Spirit has affected their relationship with the Lord.

Resource Ideas

- *The Revolution: A Field Manual for Changing Your World* by Heather Zydek, Relevant Books, 2006.
- *I Am Relevant: A Generation Impacting Their World with Faith* by Various Authors, Relevant Books, 2002.
- *Be the Change* by Zach Hunter, Zondervan, 2007
- *Leave a Footprint: Change the Whole World* by Tim Baker, Zondervan, 2009

Additional Discussion Questions

Discovery #1

- What is a culture? Why is it important to know about culture?
- What are some things you appreciate about your culture?
- What cultures are you a part of? What cultures are represented in your club? What cultures are represented within your church? What cultures are represented at your school?

Discovery #2

- What are some things that you like about your regional culture?
- When you've visited or lived in other parts of the country or world, what are some things you noticed about the local cultures that are different from your own?
- Do you think your church has a culture? Why or why not? If so, what are some things that distinguish your church's culture?

Discovery #3

- What are some cultural rules you follow?
- What are the consequences for breaking rules within your culture?
- What are some cultural rules of your friends or schoolmates?

Discovery #4

- What does *stereotype* mean? What does *discrimination* mean?
- Why is it important to understand what these terms mean?
- Have you ever been stereotyped or discriminated against? How did it feel? How did you react?

Discovery #5

- What should our attitude be toward those of different cultures?
- How do missionaries respect other cultures while working to win people to Christ? Is it important for them to respect culture? Why or why not?

Discovery #6

- How do scriptural cultures affect you?
- Is it important to understand Scripture in the cultural context? Why or why not?
- How can understanding Scripture in the cultural context help you apply it to our culture today?