

“Hey Kids, Remember...”



William Carey first took the Gospel to India over 200 years ago, in 1793. But still, today in India, most people groups have not heard about Jesus. They worship idols like this one. Will you pray that God will send someone to tell these people about God's love?

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We Must Remember

Way back in the 1600 and 1700s, God's people kind of forgot what God said about taking the Gospel to the rest of the world - to people who hadn't heard about Jesus yet.

Then God helped one young man to see that when God said "Go," He was talking to us.

That young man was William Carey. He obeyed God despite many hardships, and God did wonderful things through him.

Read about William Carey in this issue of **GC Kids**, and ask God if "Go" means you, too.

William Carey "The Father of Modern Missions" Missionary to India



William Carey lived in England long, long ago, before the father of your father's father was born. While still young, he asked some

ministers of his church about taking the Gospel to people in other countries. One minister told him, "Young man, sit down. When God pleases to convert the heathen world, He will do it without your help or mine." William knew that was wrong. He was convinced that Christians must take God's Word to every nation. Years later he said, "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God". And he did!

William Carey was a missionary to India for forty years. He is called "The Father of Modern Missions".

Mr. Carey was born in 1761 in a

small cottage in England. His father was a school teacher. William's father gave him the best education he could. But at the age of twelve William had to quit school and go to work because his family was so poor. He became a shoemaker. William didn't stop learning, though. The room where he worked was filled with insects in every corner, and he loved to watch them growing. He collected birds, butterflies, and animals. He loved to draw and paint. Like all young people, William also enjoyed being with his friends when he could.

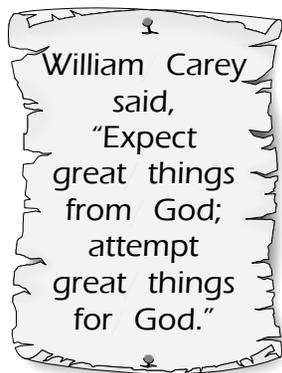
As a shoemaker's apprentice, William Carey did his work so well that his boss kept a pair of shoes to show William's good work.

While a teenager, William gave his heart to Christ, and was sometimes asked to speak in meetings in his church. William's church encouraged him to start preaching full time. He wanted to, but his boss died, and William began to work for himself to pay

expenses while preaching. He married at twenty, and had his family to support. He became a pastor but at first his salary was not enough to live on so he did shoe-making, too. William Carey and his family lived on very little, often going without meat for a month at a time until the church was able to pay him more.

All this time Mr. Carey somehow managed to study. He learned Latin, Dutch, Greek and Hebrew. In seven years he could read his Bible in six languages. He bought a French book for a few pennies and in three weeks could read it. Mr. Carey found it so easy to learn a new language that it was fun to spread out a book and study as he worked.

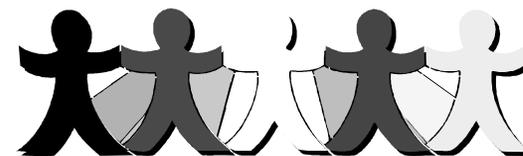
One day the shoemaker preacher was asked to preach to a group of ministers. It was there that he said "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." As a result of that sermon, the Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Heathen was



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Mark 16:15

Think About It

1. William Carey said, "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." Write the same thing in your own words:
 - be missionaries. What did he do about that?
2. When William Carey was young, some people told him that God doesn't need us to
 - What will you do if people say you don't need to think about being a missionary?



The Great Commission

Just before Jesus left the earth to go back to Heaven, He said something very, very important to his disciples—and to us. It was about a job he wanted us to do. It is a huge, urgent job.

Because the job is so big and important we call it “**great**”. Because it is a job, errand or mission, we call it “**commission**”.

So, we call Jesus’ com-

mand to us the “Great Commission.”

Jesus spoke this command at least four times, using different words. That must mean he really, really wants us to obey it!

One of the places in the Bible where Jesus gave us the Great Commission is **Mark 16:15**. Look it up in your Bible and fill in the blank spaces below the pictures on the next page.

formed.

Very soon Mr. Carey decided to go himself as a missionary. He said, “If every person in the world needs to believe the Gospel, then it is the duty of those who have the Gospel to make it known among all nations.” By then Mr. Carey and his wife had four children, including a baby. The whole family

set out for India by ship. The trip took five months.

Soon after they got to India, Mr. Carey had to take what work he could get to support his family. The money they had brought did not last long. This was before there was electricity, cars or airplanes. Letters took months to get from India to England. Fifteen thousand miles from home, the only way to get more money was to work for it. Mr. Carey also sent for seeds and plants for a large garden to feed his family. Soon afterward, five-year-old Robert Carey died. Despite all this, Mr. Carey was determined to do the work God wanted him to do.

After five years of hard work

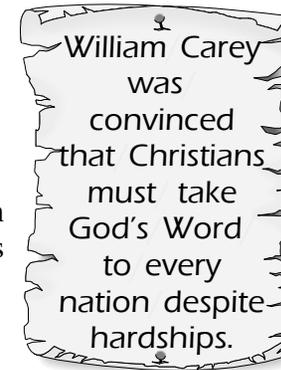
and tough times, Mr. Carey went to a place called Serampore, where his greatest work was done. After seven years in India, he baptized the first Hindu convert, who lived to preach for twenty years afterwards.

Mr. Carey also formed a team who translated the Bible into 40 languages. He started many churches and 100

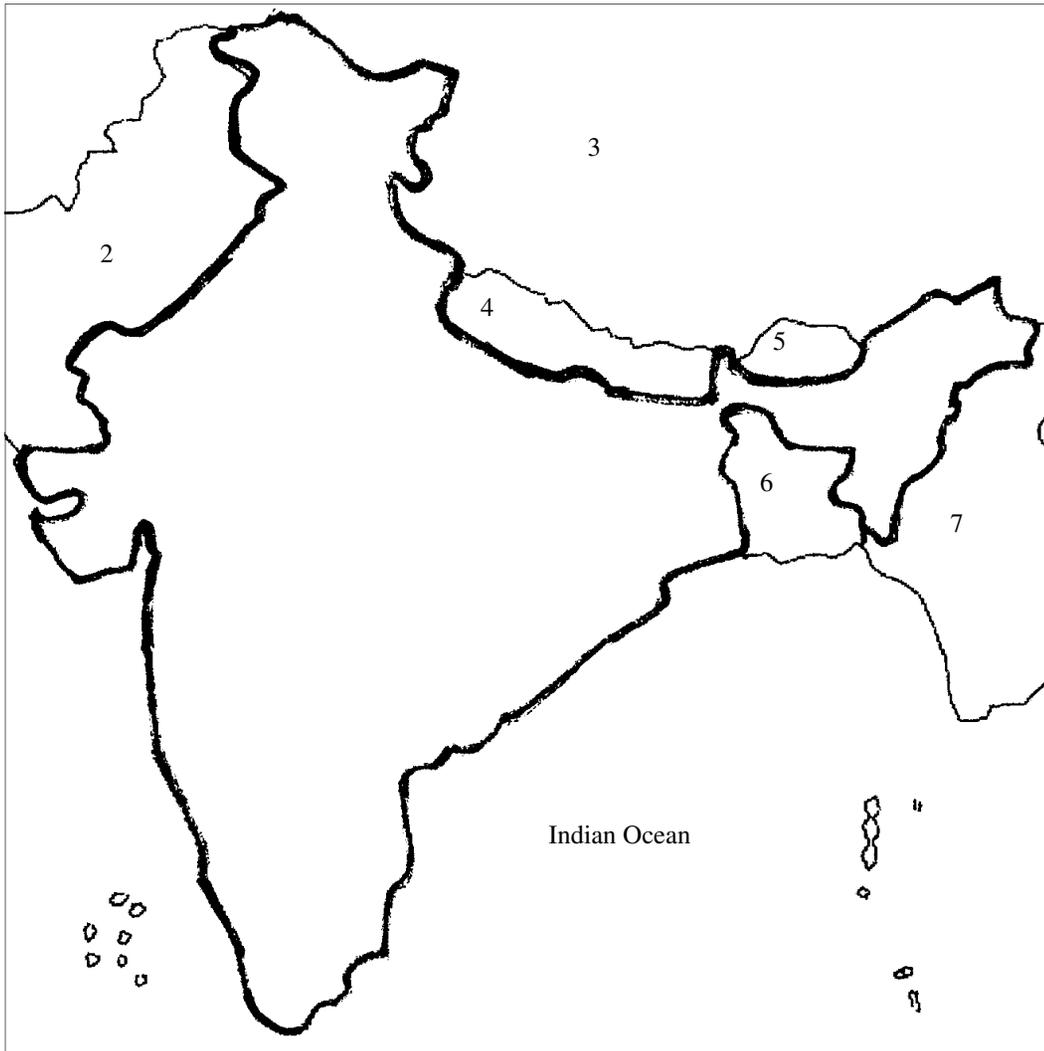
schools. He also did many other wonderful things.

As important as all those things are, most important is that William Carey showed Christians that we do need to obey the Great Commission and that God will help us do it. His life encouraged many thousand people to give themselves to spread the Gospel world-wide.

After forty years as a missionary, just before Mr. Carey died, he told a friend, “When I am gone, say nothing about Dr. Carey -- speak about Dr. Carey's God.” ■



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Can you tell which country on this map is India?
 Label it and color it.
 Find and color in different colors these countries
 that are neighbors of India:

2. Pakistan,
3. China,
4. Nepal,
5. Bhutan,
6. Bangla-desh,
7. Myanmar (Burma).

India Now

William Carey went to India 200 years ago. Others have also taken the Gospel there. Some parts of southern India have strong churches that preach the Gospel. However, India has the largest number of unreached people groups of any nation in the world because so few in Northern India have ever heard the Gospel.

More than one billion people of northern India in hundreds of people groups are unreached for Jesus. Their lives are spiritually dark, without the Light of knowing Jesus as their Savior.

“People groups” means groups of people whose language or culture or both language and culture is different from other people around them.
 “Unreached” or “least reached” means that they have not yet been able to hear about Jesus.