

10/40 Window Activity

Suggested for ages 5-6

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

Directions:

1. Pass out the construction paper pieces to five children.
2. Mount the map on a wall or bulletin board.
3. Say, *"What is this map showing?"* (the earth or world) *"The earth is a home for all the people God has made. Think about a real house."*
4. Have a child bring up the roof piece. *"What is this?"* (the roof) *"A roof goes on the top of your house."* Attach the roof to the top of the map.
5. Have three children bring up the floor and wall. Attach them to the map. *"The walls go on the sides of your house. The floor goes on the bottom."*
6. Have one child bring up the window frame. Attach it so it covers the middle of the map. *"What do you think this part of the house is?"* (a window) *"In the middle of the world is an imaginary window. Many people live here. Most people who live in this part of the world do not know about God. Most have never heard that Jesus died for their sins. They do not know that they can go to heaven or be God's children."*
7. Say, *"Your house has an address so that people know where you live. This 'window' has an address, too. It is called the 10/40 Window. Can you say that?"* Have the children repeat as you attach the 10/40 sign to the map.
8. Say, *"Just like a real window, it can open and close. Many countries in the 10/40 Window are closed to the gospel."* Have the children put their two hands together, side by side, pinkies touching (like an open book). *"Most people there do not get to hear about the true God, read the Bible, or go to church. There might be no Bibles in their language. It could be against the law to tell people about Jesus."*
9. Say, *"In some areas, the 'window' is open."* Have the children pull their two hands apart, palms facing each other. *"It would be all right to talk about Jesus here."*
10. Have the children put their two palms together (as if to pray). *"Why do you think we should pray for the people who live in the 10/40 Window?"*

Preparation Time:

10 minutes

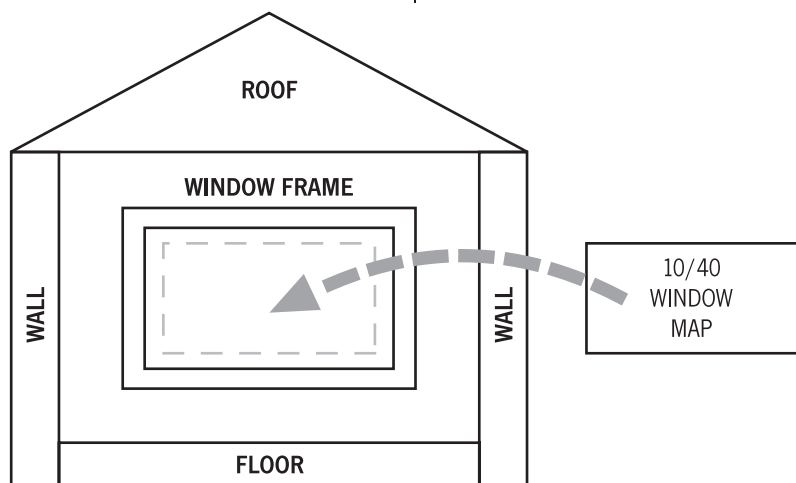
Teaching Time:

10 minutes

Materials:

- a world map
- construction paper rectangular window frame
- 10/40 Window sign
- construction paper triangle for a roof
- tape or tacks
- three construction paper strips — one for a floor and two for walls

Note: The house pieces must be large enough to fit around your world map (see illustration below).



10/40 Window Focus Facts

Suggested for ages 7-10

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

for “Window Focus Facts” (page TF-8)

Directions:

1. Place the world map on the floor and have the children sit around it.
2. Say, *“Today we are going to learn about an area of the world where many people live. It is called the 10/40 Window. It is a rectangular-shaped area. That is why it is called a window. Many people who live in the 10/40 Window have never heard about the true God.”*
3. Ask, *“Who can find the equator on this map?”* Have a child locate it. *“The 10/40 Window is north of the equator from 10 to 40 degrees. There are many different countries in this area. We will use some fact cards to find out some things that are the same about people in the 10/40 Window.”* Select seven readers and pass out the Window Focus Facts Cards to them.
4. Have Reader #1 read the first fact card. After it is read, have the children help you stretch the piece of yarn around the 10/40 Window. *“What countries do you know inside this area?”*
5. Have Reader #2 read the second fact card. After the reading say, *“About $\frac{2}{3}$ of the people in the whole world live in this area.”* Have a child put six people figures inside the 10/40 Window and three outside.
6. Have Reader #3 read the third fact card. After the reading say, *“Many families inside the 10/40 Window make \$500 or less in a whole year. In other areas, families may make more than 50 times that much money. Here is a bag of 50 pennies. Here is one penny.”* Have a child place the bag outside the 10/40 Window. Have another child put the single penny inside the 10/40 Window.
7. Have Reader #4 read the fourth fact card. After the reading say, *“These raisins represent the world’s food supply.”* Have a child place 8 boxes outside the 10/40 Window. Have another child place one box in the 10/40 Window.
8. Have Reader #5 read the fifth fact card. After the reading say, *“The Bible says that people who do not know Jesus are walking in darkness. Satan blinds their hearts and minds to the truth. These people practice false religions.”* Have a child lay the bandana over the people figures inside the 10/40 Window.
9. Have Reader #6 read the sixth fact card. After the reading say, *“There are more than two billion people there who have never heard about Jesus. Think about how many Bibles you have at your house. These people might not have even one in their language.”* Have a child place the five Bibles outside the 10/40 Window.

Preparation Time:

20 minutes

Teaching Time:

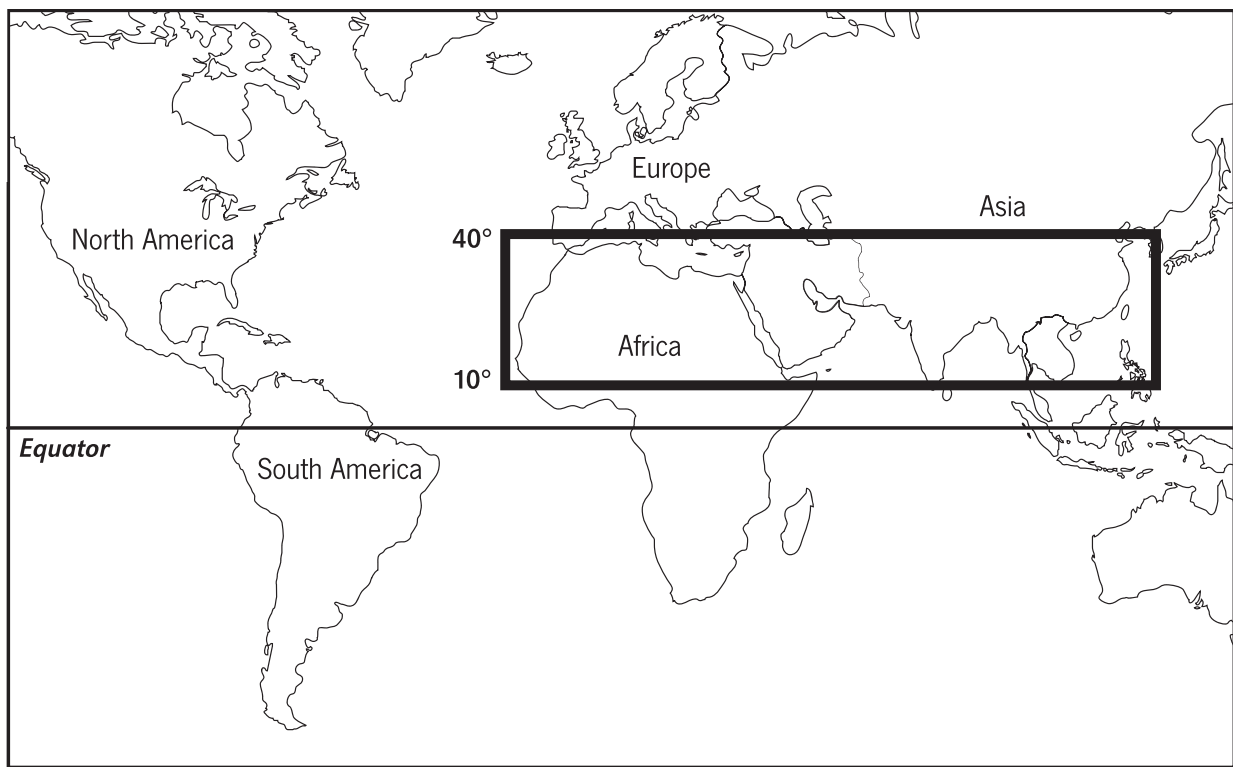
15 minutes

Materials:

- a large world map
- 50 pennies in a plastic bag and one penny
- a bandana
- a colorful piece of yarn (long enough to frame the circumference of the 10/40 Window on the map)
- five Bibles
- Window Focus Facts Cards (page TF-8), photocopied and cut apart
- nine small boxes of raisins
- nine figures of international children (page TF-9). Photocopy, cut out, color, and/or laminate them, if desired.

10/40 Window Focus Facts, continued

10. Have ten children stand up. Then say, *"Imagine that you are missionaries and you are thinking about the part of the world where you will go to tell people about Jesus. Each of you point to the place that you think needs you the most. Let's see if your choice matches with what is really happening."*
11. Have Reader #7 read the fact card now. After the reading say, *"The 10/40 Window is the area of the world with the fewest missionaries."* Have 8 of the children sit down. Then say, *"These eight would go to countries outside the 10/40 Window. Only one or two would work in the 10/40 Window."*
12. In conclusion ask, *"Why do you think we need to pray for the people in the 10/40 Window?"*



Window Focus Fact Cards

<p>1</p> <p>This area includes part of Africa, the Middle East, India, Asia, and parts of the former Soviet Union.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Many people live here. It is very crowded in some of these countries.</p>
<p>3</p> <p>The people who live here are some of the poorest in the world.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>People here don't have much money for food. Many are hungry. They get sick easily and die young.</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Satan is working to keep people from worshiping the true God.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Many people in this area have never heard of Jesus. Very few have churches or Bibles in their languages.</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Not many missionaries go to the 10/40 Window. Only two out of ten work in this area of the world.</p>	

10/40 Window Kids



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