

kabir's story 🗺️

• a family devotional •

INTRODUCTION

LOOKING AHEAD

For the next eight days during Missions Fest, we're going to learn about church planters!

A church planter is a missionary who goes to a new place to share the Gospel with a new group of people, build relationships with them, and start a church with new believers.

Did you know that Grace Church, with our partners, have planted over 75,000 churches over the last 10 years?

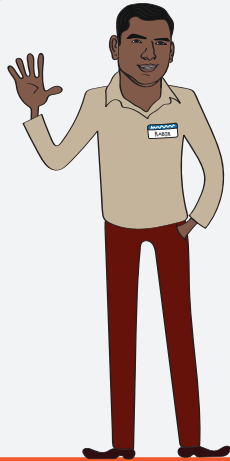
That's a lot of churches!

Over this next week, we'll hear the story of a man named Kabir. Kabir was part of an unreached people group — people who have never heard the name of Jesus, have no Bible, no church, no believers, and no one trying to tell them about Jesus.

God transformed Kabir's life through the love and relationship with a church planter. Kabir grew in his love for Jesus and is now a church planter supported by Grace Church bringing the Gospel to unreached people groups like his own! So, without further ado, let's meet Kabir!

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INTRODUCTION



“Hello! My name is Kabir. It’s nice to meet you! Throughout this Missions Fest, we are going to be highlighting our key verse from 1 Chronicles 16:24. Check it out below!”

KABIR

KEY VERSE

1 Chronicles 16:24

“Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples.”

This week, memorize this verse as a family!

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SUNDAY RECAP

STORY (0:00-0:53)

“My name is Kabir. I come from the countryside. My family was very poor. Seven of us lived in a mud hut, and every time it rained water poured into our house, causing us trouble.

There were many sleepless nights. Our neighbors and relatives laughed at us; teasing, they prayed for the gods to send more rain. It made us cry; we were so ashamed.

My parents wanted to break the cycle of poverty, so they worked very hard to put me through school. I completed my education to be a teacher, but was unable to find a job.

My parents and I wasted all our money visiting Hindu priests and witch doctors, hoping they could help, but nothing changed. Without a job, my family still suffered in poverty.

I was discouraged and depressed.”

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SUNDAY RECAP

Look at the map on Page 8 with your family. It identifies the 10/40 Window, which happens to be one of the biggest regions of unreached people groups! How many countries do you and your family recognize?

Pick 3-5 of these countries for your family to pray for over the next week.

As we go throughout the week, we are going to journey with Kabir to see how God uses Kabir's life for God's glory!

PRAYER

FAMILY DISCUSSION

This morning in class, we heard the first part of Kabir's story.

As a family, do you know anyone who has struggled to see hope because they do not know who Jesus is?

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DEVOTIONAL 1

STORY (0:54-1:27)

“During this time, a friend visited me and told me about Jesus. I hated Christians, so I kicked him out of my house telling him to never come back.

Thankfully, he didn’t listen. He persisted until I agreed to come to church with him. That’s where I met TTI (The Timothy Initiative) church planter, Rovin, and my life changed forever.

What Rovin shared from the Bible touched my heart. The miracles I heard about and witnessed at the church were unlike anything I had ever seen.

Little did I know, I would personally experience a miracle that very week.”



How exciting! I made a new friend named Rovin! Keep reading to see what happens next!

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DEVOTIONAL 1

As a family, think about people in your life who don't know Jesus. Who can you invite and bring to church?

Pray together that God would give you an opportunity to invite them to church.

Then, find a piece of paper to write down their names and a prayer to God. For younger kids, draw a picture of someone you know who you'd like to invite to church.

PRAYER

FAMILY DISCUSSION

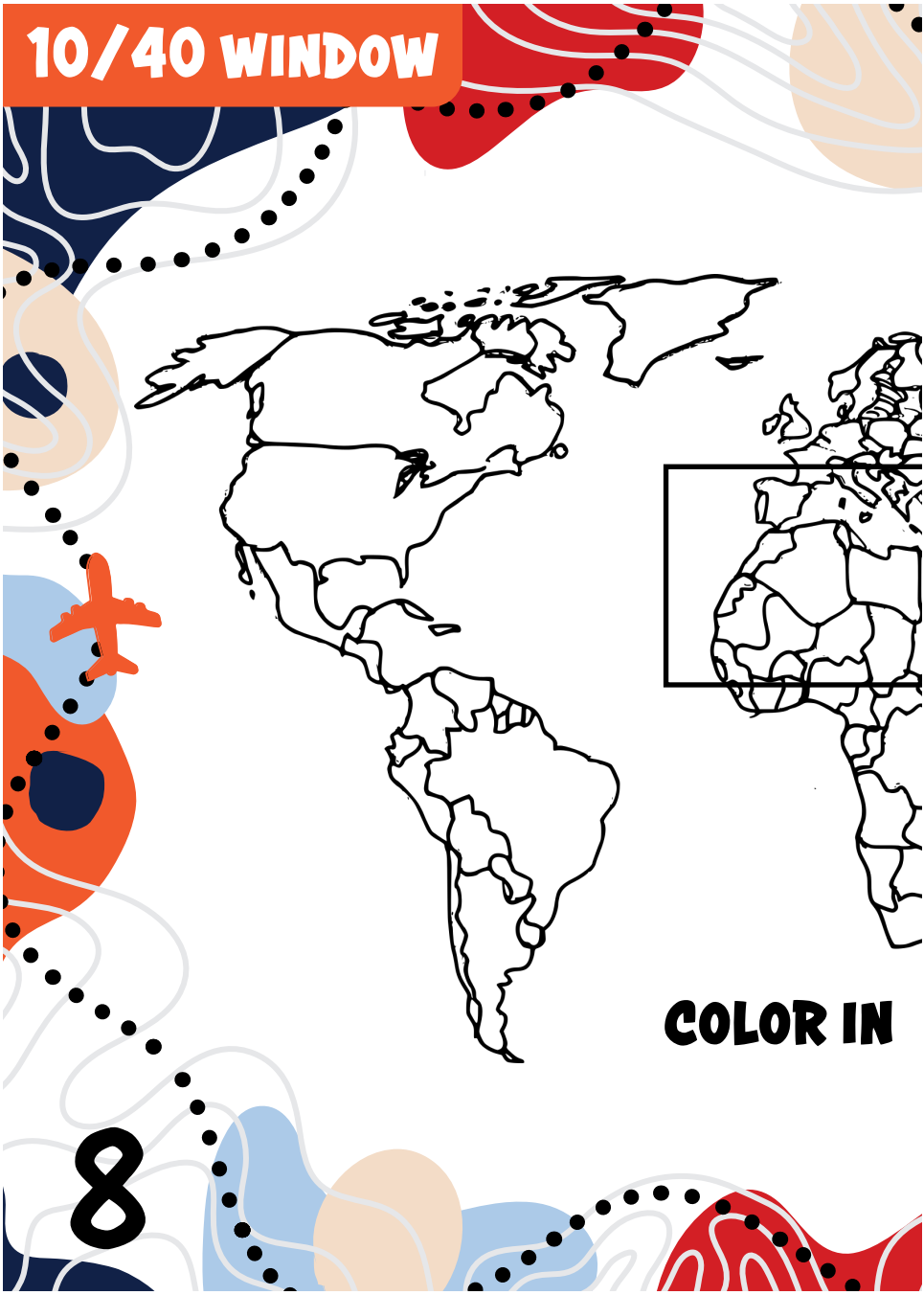
We see in this part of Kabir's story how a personal invitation and someone bringing him to church really impacted him.

How did you first get involved in coming to church? What about your family? Who was the first person to start going to church and who invited them?

As a family, discuss why it can be difficult to step out in faith and invite someone to church.

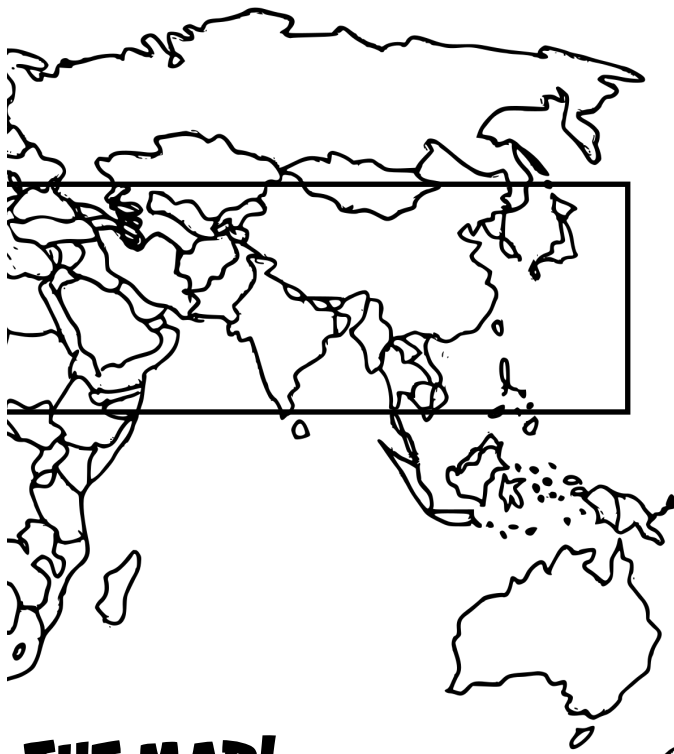
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10/40 WINDOW



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10/40 WINDOW



THE MAP!

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DEVOTIONAL 2



STORY (1:28-2:31)

“One night my father ran into the house, crying. Our cows, our only source of income, were dying. They got entangled in each other’s chains and were choking to death. We ran outside and found them lying on the ground bleeding.

We tried desperately to free them. We tried to loosen the chains, but we couldn’t. We began crying. If the cows died, we would have no way to provide for our family. We called out to our Hindu gods to help; nothing happened.

Then I remembered what I had witnessed at Rovin’s church; miracles. I didn’t know Jesus; I didn’t know how to pray. But, in desperation, I said in my mind, ‘Jesus, if you are the real God, help us; set our animals free from these chains and save them.’

The moment I said this prayer, their chains broke. The cattle stood up, and the blood stopped flowing. I was amazed and wondered, ‘Who is this Jesus? Who hears prayers before even I speak them out loud?’ I had to know Him!”



DEVOTIONAL 2

As a family, think about what you've been praying for over the last few months.

What prayers have you seen God answer? What prayers are you still waiting for an answer?

Remember that God doesn't always answer prayers in the way we expect, but He is still faithful to hear us and love us.

PRAYER

FAMILY DISCUSSION

Isn't it amazing how God knows and hears our prayers even when we don't say them out loud? He broke the chains off Kabir's cows when no one else could!

Our God is a chain-breaker. Has there been a time in your life or within your family where you've seen God answer prayer?

Take time to discuss as a family when you've seen God move in your life or in the life of someone you know.

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DEVOTIONAL 3

STORY (1:28-2:31)

“I gave my life to Christ, and Rovin started discipling me, and invited me to join TTI’s training. I was so blessed through the training I had received. I learned more about Jesus, how to study the Bible, and the importance of making disciples.

I loved seeing people come to Christ and have their lives transformed. I not only wanted to make disciples and plant churches myself, but teach others how to do the same, so we could reach our whole area with the Gospel. So, I became a TTI trainer and leader.

As the ministry grew, I was given the responsibility to oversee all the work in my area. I was amazed by what God has done. A guy who knew nothing about Jesus, and nothing about the Bible is now in full time ministry, training others how to help make disciples and plant churches among unreached people groups.”



DEVOTIONAL 3

We want to continue to pray for those who do church planting every day! Go back to the map on Page 8 (from earlier this week) and remember that these countries are some of our largest unreached people groups.

Take some time as a family to pray for Kabir, The Timothy Initiative, and those you know who are reaching people who have never heard the name of Jesus!

PRAYER

FAMILY DISCUSSION

Over these eight days, we have seen how God completely transformed Kabir from an unbeliever to a disciple maker. Isn't it amazing how the Gospel can completely transform us? As soon as we place our faith and trust in Jesus, God begins to transform each one of us.

How has the Gospel transformed your life? Have you placed your faith in Jesus? If not, what is holding you back?

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SUNDAY RECAP

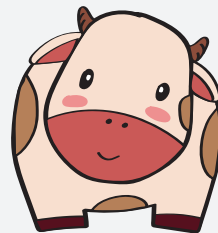
LOOKING BACK

This week, we got to unpack Kabir's story as God transformed his life through the discipleship of church planters.

We learned about how church planters go into areas of unreached people groups and share the Gospel with them, the hope of Jesus!

If you missed the story, go back and check out the devotional to see how Kabir's life changed through knowing Jesus.

God was looking out for Kabir (and me!) the whole time! Did you know He does the same thing for you, too?!





SUNDAY RECAP

As a family, make a plan to continue praying for our friends around the world and in our neighborhoods and schools who don't know Jesus.

Pray for the church planters as they declare His glory among the nations!

PRAYER

KEY VERSE

Can you say the key verse?

1 Chronicles 16:24 "Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples."

We pray this week has blessed you as you've learned about church planters, Kabir's story, and how God can transform any life!

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