

# CHILDREN'S SERMON

**THEME** | God is always doing a new thing in mission. Children can partner with God's mission work now and in the future.

**SCRIPTURE** | Isaiah 43:18-21

## OBJECT(S)

- A cell phone (new or older)
- Old phones (crank, rotary, wall mount, etc.) or printed pictures of old phones



**1** Share about your experience with phones—show old phones or pictures of old phones. Say something like: “When I was a child, phones hung on the wall. People did not carry phones in their purses or backpacks. We had to stand by the wall because the cord reached only so far.”

**2** Tell how phones have changed—show a new phone. Say something like: “Today, we do not have to stand by a wall. We do not have to walk to the phone because our phones are always with us. Cell phones have made talking with family and friends easier. You can call or text from almost anywhere.”

**3** Ask: “Do you think phones will be different in the future? What do you think phones will look like when you are older?” Allow children time to share.

**4** Share about God's ingenious use of technology. God has used all kinds of new ways to share the good news of Jesus. Hundreds of years ago, the first missionaries traveled in boats. They sailed for months before getting to

their place of service. Then God used trains and planes to get missionaries to other countries. And today, some of our missionaries can use the internet to tell others about God's love. You can see a picture above of International Missionaries Carlos Bonilla and Mayra Giovanetti teaching the Bible to people in Chile through Zoom.

**5** Ask: Do you think there will be new technologies in the future that God can use to tell other people about Jesus? Do you think you could be part of that?

**POINT** | God is doing a new thing in mission. Children can partner with God's mission work now and in the future.

**CLOSING PRAYER** | Heavenly Father, we do not know what the future will bring but we know you. You are a good God who works in mind-blowing ways. You have used boats, trains, planes, and now the internet to share the good news of Jesus with people all over the world. We know you are not done with this work, so use us in new ways to tell others about your love. In Jesus' name, amen.

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