



60-Minute Class Plan: “World Watchers – Keep Praying!”

Time	Activity	Details
0–5 min	Welcome & Icebreaker	Greet kids as “World Watchers.” Ask: “ <i>If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?</i> ” This connects to the “passport/map” idea.
5–10 min	Bible Verse Memory Game	Teach Luke 18:1 – “ Keep on praying and never give up. ” Play “Echo Game”: Leader says each phrase, kids echo back louder/softer. End with a quick speed challenge (who can say it fastest/slowest/most dramatic).
10–20 min	PPT Teaching – Persecution	Use slides to explain: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What “persecution” means- 5 ways Christian kids face persecution: violence, bullying, school problems, secret believers, losing homes- Who Open Doors are and how they help- Why prayer is powerful.
20–30 min	Interactive Discussion	Ask kids: “ <i>What would it feel like if you couldn’t tell anyone you love coming to church?</i> ” or “ <i>If you were bullied for loving Jesus, how would you want your friends to help?</i> ” Keep answers short and affirming.
30–40 min	Prayer Passport Activity	Hand out Prayer Passports and maps. Kids pick 1 country to “visit”: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Colour in its flag- Write a simple prayer for Christian children there- Tick their “visited” box.
40–45 min	Prayer Time	Invite 2–3 volunteers to read their prayers aloud. Pray together: “ <i>Lord, help Christians to keep strong and keep praying, even when it’s hard.</i> ”
45–55 min	Creative Reflection	Option 1: Colouring Bible Verse Luke 18:1 on “World Watchers” map. Option 2: Write/draw one way they can “never give up praying” this week (family, school, friends).

55–60 min **Wrap-Up & Challenge**

Review memory verse. Challenge: *“Pray once this week for a country on your map. Tick your passport when you do!”* End with fun cheer: **“World Watchers – Watch & Pray!”**

Key Slide Ideas for PPT

1. **Welcome – You’re a World Watcher!**
2. **Luke 18:1 Memory Verse** (big bold, with fun icons).
3. **What is Persecution?** (Simple definition).
4. **5 Ways Kids Face Persecution** (one per slide with cartoon-style image).
5. **Who are Open Doors?** (show kids helping).
6. **Why Pray? Because God listens.**
7. **Passport Activity Instructions.**
8. **Closing Challenge – Keep on praying, never give up.**



Are You a World Watcher?

Will you watch out for people who need prayer?

Millions of Christians around the world are bullied and treated unfairly because they follow Jesus. Some live in countries where their leaders have made it illegal for Christians to meet together or have Bibles. Some have been forced to leave their home. Others live in places where they are treated badly by their neighbours, or where it is hard to go to school or get jobs.

They need people to look out for them! Open Doors does this by helping persecuted Christians with whatever they need. It could be special schools, secret Bibles, food, medicines, or something else.

Above all, we let these Christians know that they are not forgotten, and that people all over the world are praying for them. And that's where YOU come in!

You can use this Prayer Passport to be a **World Watcher**. Colossians 4:2 says:

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."

This Prayer Passport will help you to watch what is happening around the world, and pray for the Christians who are facing trouble because of their faith in Jesus.

You can watch out for them on the TV and find out about them online. You can speak to people who have visited different places. And best of all, you can pray for them. Because even more than just watching the world, **we can change the world through our prayers.**

You may not know the Christians that you're praying for, but God does. He knows them and He loves them. And when you ask God to help them, He hears you.

Your prayers can change the world!



World Watch List

Each year, Open Doors ranks the countries where Christians are persecuted in the **World Watch List**. It's a table of the top 50 countries where Christians are in the most danger.

You could even make it a challenge: How many countries on the list can you pray for this year?



How to Use Your Passport and Map

- Read about the country in the Prayer Passport and use it to pray.
- Write down the date you prayed and fill in what you prayed for.
- Colour in the flag – look up the country on your Activity Map to find the right colours.
- Tick off the country on the map to show that you've visited.
- Look at the boxes on the back of the Activity Map about the five main ways Christian families and children face persecution. Does the country you've prayed for fit into one of those boxes? If so, add it to the list.

That's not all. You'll find more ideas about how to pray in the Prayer Passport. And on the map there are more areas to colour in!

Remember – if you're a World Watcher, you're always on the lookout for things to do and ways to pray!

Maybe you could even keep your passport by your bed and pray for a new country every night before sleep.



How Are Christian Children Persecuted?

There are five main ways that Christian children face persecution:

1. **Violence.** Children and their family members may be attacked, hurt or even killed for following Jesus.
2. **Bullying.** Christian children may be bullied by other children in their school or community. Their whole family may face bullying, such as not being allowed to use their village well.
3. **School problems.** Some children are not allowed to go to school because they are Christian. Or perhaps they are allowed to go, but their teacher ignores them.

4. **Secret believers.** Some children and their families must keep their faith completely secret. They may meet with other Christians secretly, keep their Bibles in a hidden place, or only pray silently.
5. **Losing their homes.** Children and their families may have to run away from home to escape from people who want to attack Christians. Some have even had their homes burned down.

* To help you remember, you could draw a little picture or symbol for each type of persecution next to your notes (like a house for “losing homes” or a school for “school problems”).

* And remember, even though these things are sad, **Jesus promised never to leave His people.**

Stories of Real Children

Secret Believers – Sepideh (Iran)

Sepideh and her mother became Christians and had to keep it secret even from her father. In Iran it is illegal to leave Islam. When her father discovered the truth, he threatened to report them to the police.

🙏 Pray for Sepideh’s safety, for her father’s heart to change, and for secret believers to find safe fellowship.

Bullying – Julie (Egypt)

Julie faces bullying at school because she follows Jesus. With support from Open Doors partners, she found courage: *“If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31).*

🙏 Pray for Julie’s courage and for her classmates to accept her.

Losing Homes – Wenkun (Burkina Faso)

At 4 years old, Wenkun’s village was burned by extremists. His family fled, walking for 3 days before finding shelter. His father says: *“We are displaced, but Jesus is not.”*

🙏 Pray for safety, provision, and comfort for displaced families.

Violence – Preeti (India)

Preeti's grandfather was beaten for holding prayer meetings. She felt afraid and angry, but asked us to pray: *"Pray for my family to grow in Christ and be safe."*

🙏 Pray for healing for her family and protection for Christians facing violence.

School Problems – Benham (Iraq)

As a toddler, Benham's house was burned. Years later, his family returned and rebuilt their home with Open Doors' help.

🙏 Pray for safety and education for children like Benham, and for peace in their communities.

What Does the Bible Say About Persecution?

- Jesus said: *"If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also."* (John 15:20)
- Paul wrote: *"Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."* (2 Timothy 3:12)
- Jesus also said: *"Blessed are you when people persecute you... great is your reward in heaven."* (Matthew 5:11-12)

Persecution doesn't mean God has abandoned us — in fact, many Christians say they feel closer to Him in those times.

WHO ARE OPEN DOORS?

The Original World Watcher – Brother Andrew

In 1955, Brother Andrew began smuggling Bibles into places where Christians weren't allowed them. He drove a tiny blue Volkswagen Beetle across Europe.

Later, he founded **Open Doors**, which today helps Christians in more than 60 countries with Bibles, training, food, homes, and prayer.

You can read more in his story “God’s Smuggler” or the children’s book “Secret Smuggler.”

Open Doors is a group of people who help persecuted Christians around the world.

Sometimes that means giving them emergency supplies, like food and water and medicine when they are ill.

For Christians who lose their homes, we help with finding them somewhere safe to stay.

For children who have school problems, we might set up special schools or help with their education.

Where Christians face bullying we help them stand up for their rights.

And where they have been hurt or faced violence we pay for medicine and hospital fees.

Even where Christians have to be secret believers we are with them, taking them smuggled Bibles, or just letting them know they are not alone.

* Open Doors has been helping Christians for over **65 years** — starting when Brother Andrew smuggled Bibles into countries where they were banned.

* Today, Open Doors is in **more than 60 countries**, making sure that children and families know they are loved and not forgotten.



Ideas for Prayer

- **Watch what you eat:** If you eat food from another country (India, China, Vietnam, etc.), pray for Christians there.
- **Watch closely:** Choose one country from the World Watch List to focus on all year. Read about it, watch news, and pray.

- **Neighbourhood watch:** Use things you see nearby as reminders: a lamppost = Christians shining light; a school = children needing education.
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Going Further

- **Tell your church:** Share what you've learned. Lead prayers for persecuted Christians.
- **Send a letter:** Draw pictures or write encouragement to persecuted children.
- **Walk, run, ride:** Do a sponsored activity to raise money for Open Doors.

Even children can make a huge difference — your prayers, your voice, and your actions matter!



THANK YOU!

So thank you for joining us in this work.

It means such a lot for persecuted Christians to know that people like you are watching out for them!

Thank you!

* When you pray, you are joining a huge team of people all over the world who are also praying. It's like being part of a giant **family mission team!**

* Remember the Bible verse: *“Keep on praying and never give up.”* (Luke 18:1).

* Every time you pray, you are shining light into a dark place — and God hears every single prayer.