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EVERY NATION
EVERY DAY

FROM THE PRESIDENT

God tells us, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). The communist leader, Vladimir Lenin, believed this and said, "Give me four years to teach the children and the seed I have sown will never be uprooted." This has influenced communist countries greatly as most do not allow anyone under the age of 18 to be taught the Bible. Other religions strive to keep children from the Bible and learning about God by indoctrinating them with false ideas and teaching against God.

Today, there is a great movement to confuse children about sexuality. Some think second graders should decide their gender without parental consent. Homosexuality is openly taught in public schools. The United Nations and politicians actively support the LGBTQ+ agenda and promote abortion as a show of respect for "human rights". Yet there seems to be little regard for the true needs of children.

Children are exposed to physical and emotional abuse in a world of drugs and broken homes. Many have not experienced love and care, training and discipline, protection and provision. They are hopeless. Without knowledge of God and His Word, they are swept away by the tides of this world and set on a path of eternal destruction.

God provided the perfect alternative. The Gospel saves children lost in sin, redeems the disappointed to God's amazing love, brings peace and hope in the trauma of war and earthquakes, and brings new life.

Will we allow this spiritual darkness to engulf our children or be committed to reach them with the light of God's Word?

One day in Sri Lanka, as I considered the Middle East, I confessed, "There must be a way to reach the children with the Gospel, for my Father in heaven does not want one of them to be lost." God opened that door and mobilized many people moved with compassion for the lost children.

We must remember God's will for children and work by faith, weeping and praying for these children to come to the Savior.

A servant of the Gospel,

Jeremiah Cho

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Please Pray

- 1 *Child Evangelism Fellowship®* missionaries will boldly witness to children who have never heard about Jesus.
- 2 Through *CEF®* ministries children will develop a biblical worldview.
- 3 Children will grow in their faith through attending *Good News Club®* and other *CEF* ministries.
- 4 God would provide opportunities for abandoned children to be reached with the Gospel.
- 5 Children will know they are loved by God.
- 6 Children will be led to Christian influences and start attending a Bible-teaching church.





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HARDSHIPS AT HOME

What was it like for you growing up? I had loving parents who took me to church when I was a child. Although they later admitted they did not believe in God, both were influenced by Christianity because they were raised going to church. But that is not the case in most places around the world. Different beliefs, cultural mores, superstitions, education, and economic situations influence family life. And the family impacts the lives of children.

It may seem there is no hope for children influenced by an unbelieving family. Many are taught to live contrary to the Word of God. Praise God that an unbelieving family does not disqualify someone from becoming part of God's family. These children can hear the truths of God and turn to Him for salvation. God will be with them to help and protect them.

CHILDREN LIKE ANYA*

Nine-year-old Zahid* reads the Bible to his Muslim cousin, Anya, when she spends the night at his home. One day after reading about the sacrifice of Isaac, he explained to her the connection with the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. The next day Anya told him, "I am Christian. But it must be our secret, otherwise Mom won't let me come to your house anymore." Every time Anya goes to Zahid's house, she asks him to tell her a story from the Bible. Currently seven-year-old Anya attends *Good News Club* while praying her parents don't find out.

An Asian CEF worker shared how God showed His loving care to a child who came from an unbelieving family.

By the grace of God, I had the opportunity to teach 23 children at *5-Day Club*®, and all of them

professed Jesus as Savior. Among them was a Buddhist girl named Than*. She asked me to pray for her not to miss club. The next day there would be a religious ceremony (not Christian) that she had to attend with her mother. I prayed with Than and told her to obey her parents and that God would prepare a wonderful way for her.

The next day at club, Than greeted me with big smile. She shared that her mom was so bored at the ceremony they left early so she could come to the club on time. I encouraged her that God answers prayers so she should pray to Him for whatever difficulty she faces. Then she said, "Yes, teacher. He answered my prayer just now. He is wonderful!"

FOR SOME IT IS A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH

Fatima* volunteered to help CEF staff. Although she is from a Muslim family, Fatima believed in Jesus as Savior. But after this became known to her family, they tried to kill her. Fatima continued to help evangelize in Muslim villages. Sometime later she visited her family and again shared about Jesus. Her mother and older sister accepted Jesus.

A CEF worker in the Middle East shared the following testimony of how God used a *Good News Club* to change one family to become a godly influence on an unbelieving village.

I faced lots of challenges when I started a GNC™ in a Hindu village. Within a few weeks some villagers learned I was a Christian coming into their village to tell children about Jesus. They told other villagers, "That man is coming into our village to make our children Christian, so we should not let our children go near him. We should kick him out of our village."

Many villagers stopped sending their children to club. One day as I entered the village, they came with sticks and threatened me and chased away children who did attend club. I prayed with my wife, "God, please let the Hindu village children come to *Good News Club*, and let them believe in Jesus." I went to club every week, even though there were threats from the Hindus.

A month ago, a little girl came to club for the first time with her grandmother. She listened intently to the message and accepted Jesus as Savior. She said, "Teacher, my head is very sick, but I can't go to the hospital because I don't have any money. Please pray for me."

I prayed for the little girl with the children in club. When I finished praying, the grandmother said she was also sick and asked me to pray for her. I told her about Jesus and she accepted Him as Savior. I said, "It's God who heals grandma and granddaughter, not me." Then I touched her and prayed in Jesus' name.

The next week, when I went to GNC, the grandmother said, "God has completely healed me and my granddaughter. From now on, I will help at GNC. I will not let villagers threaten and disturb you, and I will bring my children every week."

I said to her, "Grandma, God loves you. Not only did He save you so you can know Him and go to heaven, but He also healed your sick body."

Today, 30 to 40 children attend club, and the grandmother comes every week to ensure no one interrupts it. Please pray for our team, that this club will be fruitful, that children and adults in the village will come to faith in Jesus, and that a church will be planted in this village.

Children from unbelieving families are desperate to hear the truth about God. Through ministries like *Good News Club*, children hear the Good News of Jesus and learn of the hope that comes from God alone.

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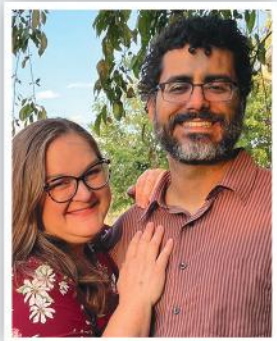
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JOEY

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**THROUGH CEF
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GREW IN HIS LOVE FOR
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GOD’S WORD**

Joey accepted Christ at age 12 in a *5-Day Club*. The teenager who taught the club enthusiastically spoke about Joey’s interest in the things of God. A few weeks later Joey joined a home *Good News Club* led by the local *CEF* director. Joey attended the club for a couple of years with many questions and a sincere learner’s heart.

In one club the opening question of the Bible lesson on Daniel was “What is prayer?”

Joey answered, “I am not sure what prayer is, but I know it must be bad.”

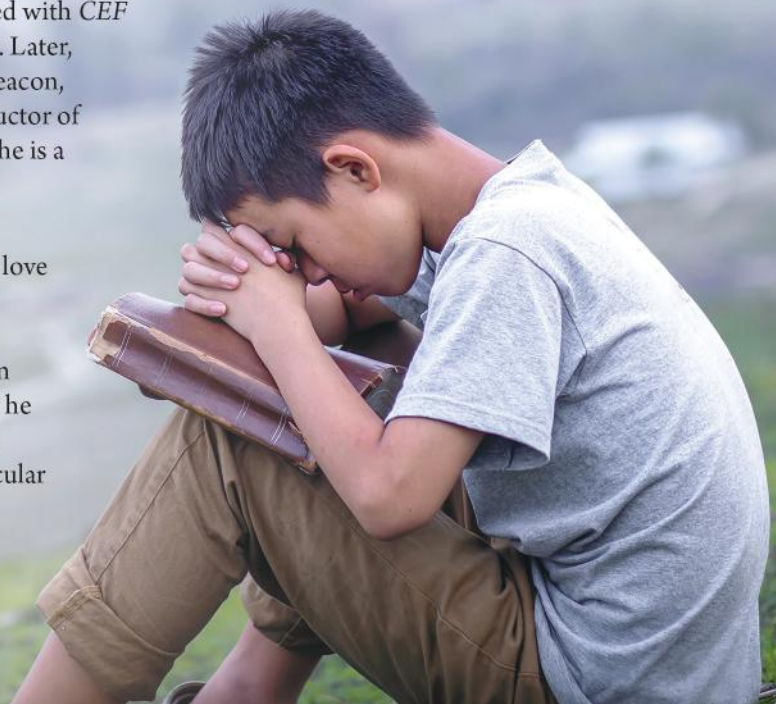
“Why?” the leader asked.

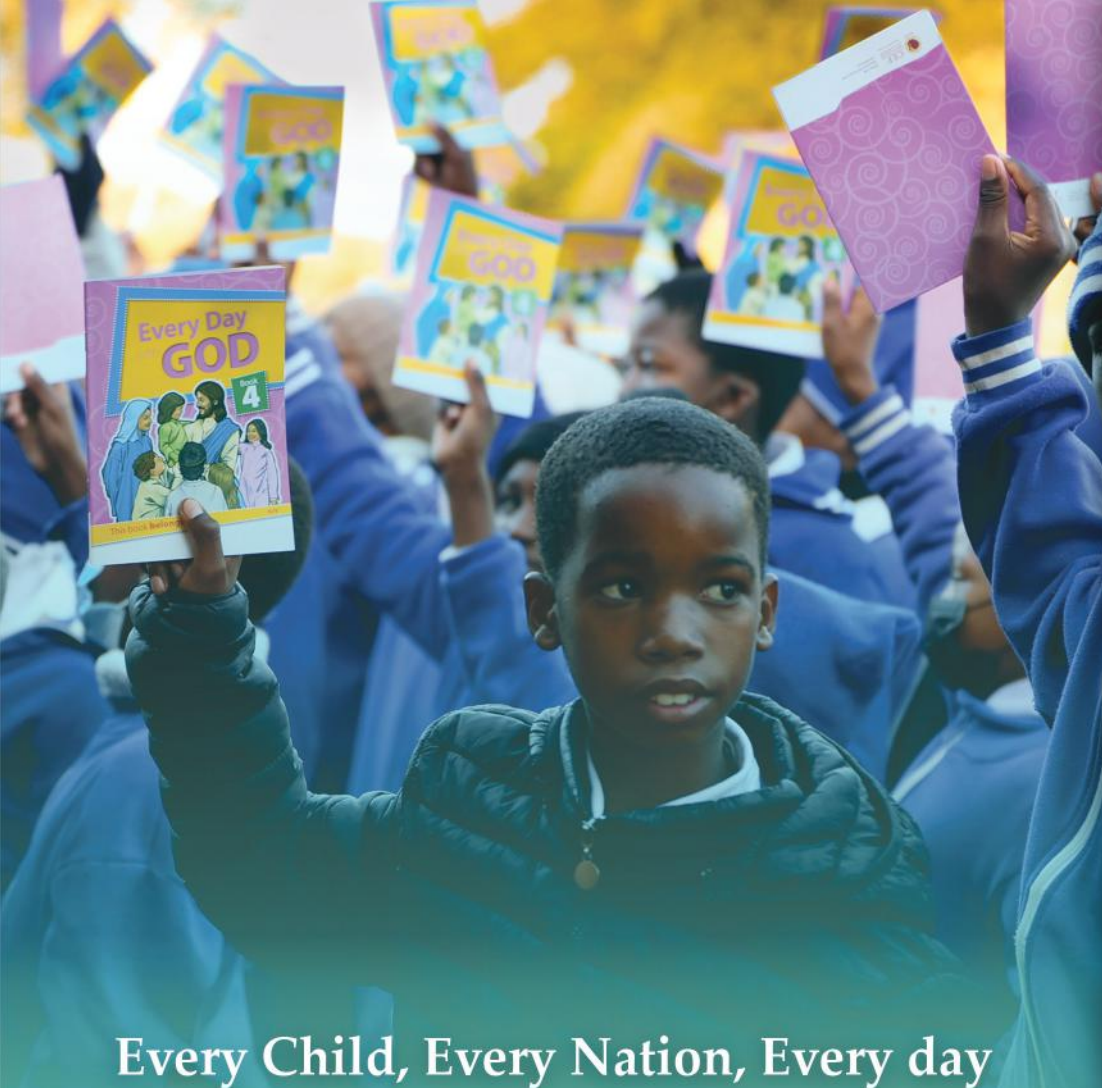
“Because drugs, guns, and prayer are not allowed in school,” Joey replied.

Joey’s parents took him to a church with liberal teaching. Through GNC he learned to respect the Bible and that it should be the standard for teaching and discerning truth from error. When Joey entered his teen years, the *CEF* director moved to another city. He sought out the director and said, “In GNC you told us that when we are old enough to choose our own church, we could go to a church that teaches biblical principles like we learned in GNC. Would you review those principles with me as I seek to find a Bible-teaching church?”

Joey sought out Christian fellowship in high school and beyond. He boldly prayed the Lord’s Prayer at his high school graduation, despite threats of disciplinary action for doing so. As a college student, he attended *Christian Youth In Action*® and served as a *5-Day Club* teacher and *Camp Good News*® summer intern for a few years. He travelled with *CEF* staff to visit a *CEF* ministry to South Asia. Later, as a young adult, Joey became a church deacon, *CEF* committee member, volunteer Instructor of Teachers Level 1, and *CEF* donor. Today he is a vocational nurse and lay pastor in an inner-city church.

Through *CEF* ministries, Joey grew in his love for and knowledge of God’s Word. He understood the importance of applying biblical principles to his life which led him to a life of service. The biblical worldview he learned during his time in *CEF* ministries helped shield him from the dangerous secular ideologies of the world.





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DRUGS

Tuba-playing Club Leader

At age 13, Zach attended a meeting to learn about CEF summer ministry opportunities. When he introduced himself, he said, "I am Zach. I am saved and have vowed to not put any harmful substances in my body." That got the CEF local director's attention. Zach's parents were divorced and he lived with his mother. She introduced him to marijuana and illegal substances when he was in middle school.

Through Zach's high school years, he spent his summers serving in CEF ministries. He gained an interest in playing the tuba, so his public school gave him an old one to practice with. Playing the tuba was Zach's substitute for craving drugs. It was not unusual to see Zach ride his skateboard from one 5-Day Club to another carrying a 5-Day Club bag, a bag of puppets, a broomstick, and a curtain for the puppet stage while playing his tuba. He told the children, "If you listen and behave well, after club on Friday I will play a tuba concert for you."



One of Zach's teenage life goals was to own a new tuba. Student tubas can cost \$3,000 to \$5,000. Professional tubas can cost over \$20,000.

Eventually Zach qualified to be a paid CEF summer missionary. One day between clubs the teaching team had lunch at a pizza buffet. After a couple of hours Zach asked if he could use his remaining pocket money for a taco. They had just eaten—a lot! The CEF local director knew he could not be hungry yet and suggested he save his money. She learned that Zach did not always know when his next meal would come and his mother would search his pockets to find money for illegal substances. So, CEF staff and Zach's church started a discipleship mentor dialog with him about financial responsibility and stewardship.

"I AM ZACH. I AM SAVED AND HAVE VOWED TO NOT PUT ANY HARMFUL SUBSTANCES IN MY BODY."

Reflecting on this financial mentorship, Zach said, "I think Mom missed the financial responsibility talks." The deacons of his church helped Zach open a bank account with their co-signatures and monitored him though high school. At times Zach lived with different families and eventually received a music scholarship and graduated from college. Today he is married and is working to be financially responsible. He still loves music and finally owns a tuba.

Years later the CEF director met with Zach. While discussing health trials, Zach quoted the first chapter of James. He had memorized the book of James when he was a CEF children's camp counselor. Many years after Zach's first involvement with *Christian Youth In Action*, God was still using his experience to strengthen him and bless his life.

Joey (page 6) was one of Zach's church deacons.



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ABANDONED
& ABUSED

IN NEED OF CARE



The most vulnerable children are those who are alone with no guardian to care for them. Over 100 million children worldwide are homeless, some live on the streets, others are taken in by those who abuse them. The reasons for their dilemmas are numerous.

RUNAWAYS

Some children run away from home, like 12-year-old Tuti* from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He ran away from his parents' house because he had stolen. He lived on the streets as an abandoned child.

TRADITIONS

In Senegal, many boys ages 5-15 are sent to a Marabout (Quranic teacher) for religious training. Many of these boys, called Talibés, are forced to beg. Every day they hold cans to collect money for the Marabout as they fend for themselves. When they return, they may be beaten for not meeting their daily quota.

VIOLENCE AND WAR


An Asian CEF worker taught about 140 refugee children in his first ever summer camp. For five days he taught 10- to 12-year old children, some of them now homeless because of civil war. They have been separated from their parents and have suffered much trauma.

POVERTY AND ADDICTION

Extreme poverty or drug addiction may lead parents to sell their children. Two-month-old Hannah was left at Project Destiny Kids; she had been very sick. Her birth mother, a prostitute and drug addict, planned to sell her at birth for drug money but was stopped by her cousin who agreed to continue prostituting to earn money to provide for the baby's needs.

Exposed to all sorts of dangers, many children alone on the streets are beaten, sexually abused, forced to beg, or become involved in criminal activity. They often suffer with sickness, starvation, and even face death.

WHAT CAN BE DONE FOR THESE *CHILDREN?*



God can do miracles through a loving, caring person who shares the life-changing message of the Gospel with these vulnerable children.

RUNAWAYS

Things changed for Tuti when he attended a Christmas Party Club™ and believed in Jesus as Savior. He asked to be taken to his parents to ask for forgiveness. With joy, Tuti was forgiven and received into his family.

TRADITIONS

Bella was a Talibé. He was saved through open-air evangelism by a CEF worker. Now he is a CMI graduate and teaches three Good News Clubs. He has trained some Talibés in child evangelism who now help him to reach fellow Talibés.

VIOLENCE AND WAR

During camp, 22 refugee children professed Jesus as Savior. They learned God loves and cares for them. They became happy and said He was the only one to give them hope. Although they don't have parents, they know they have a Father in heaven who always loves them.

POVERTY AND ADDICTION

Teresa trusted Jesus as Savior at age five. She began to attend *Christian Youth In Action* at age 13 and served as a summer missionary for 4 summers. Teresa served overseas for 25 years, the last 18 years in the Philippines where she founded Project Destiny Kids, an organization serving street children.

Under Teresa's care, Hannah began to thrive and was adopted. She trusted Jesus as Savior in second grade and moved to Illinois in 2020. At age 12, Hannah attended CYIA™ and served as a summer missionary. In 2023, the Lord led Teresa to CEF of Tennessee where she serves as Northeast Tennessee local director. Hannah is currently 14 years old. (Read Hanna's Testimony.)



HANNAH'S TESTIMONY

"I didn't know I was adopted until I was eight years old. My mom always told me that I could ask her anything and she would tell me the truth. I soon learned that my birth mother had planned to sell me. That was hard to hear and I believed it was my fault. I was hurt and angry. I treated my mom awful; we fought a lot because I was so angry.

"When I attended CYIA this year, I heard the Amy Carmichael missionary story and how she rescued girls sold to be temple prostitutes. That stirred something in me. I began to understand just how much God loved me that He would send my mom to adopt me. My birth mother made a terrible choice, but it was her choice and had nothing to do with me. My CYIA cabin mates and leader prayed for me and helped me process my pain and anger. The next day, with God's help, I testified to the whole group, including my mom, what God had done in my heart. I am thankful for CYIA and my mom."

*name changed



Sharing the *Good News* Amidst War

UKRAINE

We conducted our first Christmas Party Club in an orphanage. The road was covered with snow, making the long journey difficult. Though we got lost along the way, with God's help we arrived. As soon as we finished the Christmas lesson, the air alarm sounded and the children were taken to a nearby bomb shelter. At first we thought we would leave the presents, pack up and go, but Lida suggested we go with the children.

In the bomb shelter, children were assigned to three compartments based on age. Interaction was more personal, perhaps because every time the alarm sounds the children are scared by the unknown. Lida reminded the children about God's truth, why the Lord came into our world, and what joy everyone can have despite the dangers of war. The fellowship turned out to be heartfelt, although it did not last long. The youngest group sang a Christmas song. We gave out presents and "Joy" booklets. The children were really happy! Before we could finish with the last group, the all-clear signal sounded.

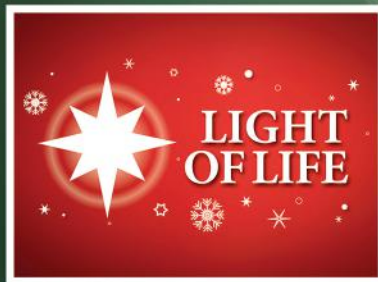
In these difficult circumstances the children had a special opportunity to attentively hear the joyful news! For us, it was God's miracle—He enabled us, ordinary people, to comfort children in the terrible conditions of warfare and to give them moments of joy and hope in Him.

Unfortunately, in towns and villages close to the front line, there are still families with children who have not moved to safer places. These children, teenagers, and adults especially need help, fellowship, and of course, God's Word. We thank the Lord that during Christmas many children had the opportunity to hear the message of the newborn Savior.

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One Christmas Party Club took place in a remote village of a sensitive country. Nine-year-old Maya's parents divorced when she was young and her father left them. This made life very difficult for Maya and her mother. When Maya heard the Christmas lesson, she accepted Jesus as Savior with joy. She said, "Even though I don't have a father here on earth, I know now that I have a Heavenly Father who loves me forever."



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THE WRONG INFLUENCE

MALAWI

Using her mother's phone to play games, Rabecca was quickly drawn to sites with inappropriate content. She was soon invited by neighbor girls to join their group where they engaged in this behavior in person.

In fourth grade, Rabecca joined her school's *Good News Club*. She heard the Good News of Jesus and received Him as Savior. Later she shared with her sixth grade schoolteacher that when she heard the message of salvation, she withdrew from the girls group. Her friends tried to get her back, but she refused. Later she attended *Go and Tell!* training with two other friends and learned how to share the Gospel with others.



THE RIGHT INFLUENCE

More and more children, even preschoolers, have access to online content. While some content may seem harmless, what is produced often reflects the author's worldview. The world's philosophies (views on sexuality, morality, and disrespect of authority) are often subtly introduced to children. Parents also have to beware of unwanted content that appears before their children. Children influenced by positive Christian values are more apt to develop a biblical worldview. That is why CEF developed the U-Nite® platforms.



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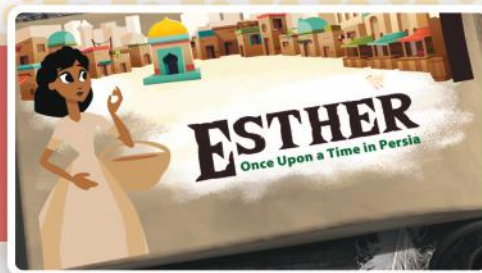
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"My 16-month-old loves to watch the music videos on U-Nite TV! He claps along and tries to do some of the motions. It is adorable and more beneficial than traditional baby songs. He has a playlist of his favorite songs on my phone to play when we are on the go. I wish there was a playlist option on our television. The ability to download songs on the app is also great! I love that there are no ads." —Andrea B., USA

"Let me tell you about my journey with U-Nite TV – it's been nothing short of amazing. From the first time I stumbled upon it, I knew it was something special. My family and Sunday school children have always been big on faith but finding ways to make it exciting and relatable for my kids has been a challenge. That's where U-Nite TV stepped in and changed the game for me. The shows aren't just entertaining, they're like nuggets of wisdom wrapped up in fun stories and colorful characters. My kids can't get enough. They're learning about God and His Word without even realizing it, and that's awesome. But it's not just about the shows. It's about the conversations they spark. I find myself chatting about the stories long after the TV is turned off, diving deeper into our faith as a family and children's ministry. U-Nite TV has become more than just a channel, it has become a part of our daily routine, a source of joy and connection in our home. I'm grateful for the positive impact it's had on my family, and I recommend it to other families looking to strengthen their faith together. Thank you, U-Nite TV, for being a light in my life and helping us grow closer to God as a family. You are making a difference, one show at a time." —Musa K., Zambia



Many children are hopeless and vulnerable to attacks. But they do not need to be engulfed by spiritual darkness. God loves children and has made the way for them to know Him and live with Him forever. When you partner with CEF through praying, helping, teaching, giving, or going—you bring the hope of the Gospel to lost children. You can help train children to use the armor of God to stand against attacks. Will you ask God to show you how He can use you to bring hope to a hopeless child?

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