

LESSON

4



Welcome back! We've made it to Lesson 4 of Mission Kid Ukraine!

Last time, we learned about two ministries of Heritage Ukraine. Do you remember what they were?

(Time for kids to answer)

Right! Roma's Deaf Bible Study and The JOY! Center! Today, we're going to learn about another ministry of Heritage. It's called Families Assistance. Do you remember what it means when a child is at-risk?

(Time for kids to answer)

It means their parents can't take care of them, and they might end up living in an orphanage without help. Families Assistance helps families in Ukraine who are at-risk of their children going to live in an orphanage. They need help with things you and I take for granted- like having food to eat and a house to live in.

Families Assistance is a ministry that helps families stay together. They do things for people in their community like renovating houses to meet government standards and plant gardens so families can grow their own food.

Houses in Ukraine might look a little different than your house, but families need houses to live in so they can stay together. Sometimes these houses are falling apart, and sometimes they need simple repairs. This is where our friends at Heritage come along to help these families with "Families Assistance". Families Assistance has installed a new bathroom for a family, installed a stove and fireplace for a family who didn't have heat, and planted and harvested crops at people's homes.

God cares for people who others may call "dirty" and "unwanted," like the at-risk and the orphan, and he calls them "worthy" and "loved."

In your Bible in Luke 12:6-7, it says *"Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs on your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows."*

Just like God cares for the birds of the air and the flowers of the field, He also cares for at-risk families. Our living conditions on earth- our wealth or poverty- won't keep us from the love of God. In fact, God's heart is for the poor, the marginalized, and the at-risk or fatherless. He tells us in scripture to help take care of them.

Let's pray that we will remember families who are struggling, and that we will help the hurting and the poor, just like God does. What are some ways you can help people around you who are struggling?

(Time for kids to answer)

Now that we know more about families in Ukraine who are struggling, let's pray for them as they come to learn more about Jesus with the help of Heritage Ukraine.

(Lead kids in prayer.)

Tomorrow is our last day together at Mission Kid! We'll finish up by learning about the last ministry of Heritage Ukraine. See you then!

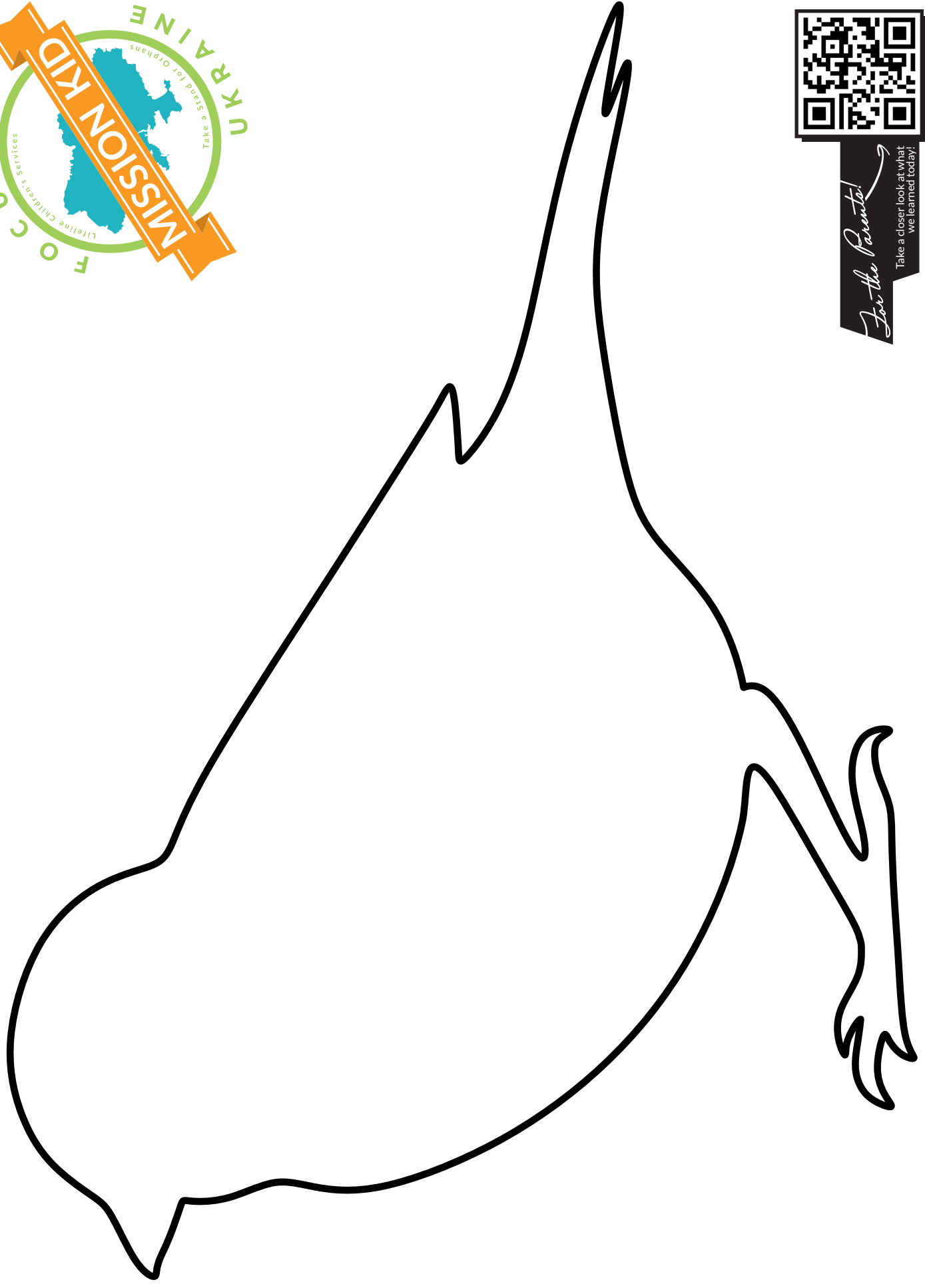
Day 4 Activity Options

1. Individual Option - Sparrow Page

Use the sparrow cutout/coloring page to have the kids remember that as God loves and cares for even these birds, He loves and cares for mankind even more. Kids can color in the bird or write ways they are reminded of God's care for them inside the bird.

2. Group Option - Heritage Prayer Banner (Part 2)

Bring out the Heritage banner from the previous day. Let each child write or draw something new they learned about Heritage or write prayer requests for Heritage. Then, hang it up in your area so the kids can continue remembering to pray for Heritage and the kids who attend.



For the Parents!
Take a closer look at what we learned today!