

# THE NATIONS AS OUR NEIGHBORS

LESSONS FOR MISSION MINDED KIDS

LESSON 3

CARLOS KELLY IN YORK



# The Nations As Our Neighbors

## Lesson 3: Carlos Kelly in York

### Goals for Lesson 3:

- Students will be introduced to Carlos Kelly and his family and their work among the Spanish community of York, PA.
- Students will review their knowledge of Dominican Republic and become more familiar with its culture.
- Students will begin to remember Psalm 86: 9-10 as it is reviewed.

### Verse for “The Nations As Our Neighbors”:

“ All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name. For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.” Psalm 86: 9-10

### Before Class:

- Read through lesson and decide what you will use according to your age group and time allotted.
- Write Psalm 86:9-10 on the board, a transparency or a large piece of paper. Prepare several blank slips of paper, large enough to cover at least one word from the verse. Write each child’s name on a small slip of paper and put all names into a “hat”. Have tape or sticky tack available.
- Obtain “Hispaniola” map from Lesson 2 and prepare as an overhead transparency, or as a visual aid.
- Make a copy of the blank Caribbean map for each child.
- Decide how you will use the craft and assemble the materials as given in the instructions. If you are going to make extra bracelets to send to one of the ministries, plan how many you will make, and to whom you will send them. Then prepare a group card and mailing materials and follow the instructions provided.

## Lesson Plan:

- Begin lesson time with prayer.
- Play the following game to review the “Nations” verse: **(Refer to “Before Class” preparations.)** Show large version of the verse. Pull a child’s name out of the “hat” and have that child come forward. Give child a slip of paper with a roll of tape or sticky tack on the back, and have him cover any part of the verse he chooses with the blank paper. The class then tries to say the verse together, filling in the missing word(s). Leave that slip in place and call another child’s name to come forward and cover another part of the verse. The class now repeats the verse, filling in all of the missing parts. Repeat until interest dwindles, or adapt as necessary for your group.
- Read or tell the story part of the lesson, discussing or explaining as necessary and using the “Hispaniola” map as a visual aid.
- Complete the craft project together.
- Play a short game with the blank Caribbean map as follows, or as time allows. Lay out crayons or markers and give each child a copy of the map. Give instructions such as, “Find the tip of Florida and color it pink”; “Find the island of Hispaniola and circle it”; “Put a star in the middle of Dominican Republic”; “Color Haiti green”; “Draw five fish to the south of Hispaniola”; etc. Use the maps from Lesson 2 or a globe as aids if the children need them, or assign older students to work with younger ones. Add more instructions as time and interest allow, pointing out other Caribbean islands, and discussing the area as desired. Point out that Psalm 86 tells us that all nations (all the people on all these little islands) need Christ and will one day worship Him.
- Close your time together with prayer for the Kelly family, “La Iglesia Cristiana de York”, and the people of Dominican Republic.

## Lesson 3 Story - Carlos Kelly in York

Who remembers what church we talked about the last time that we met? This week we are going to talk about another church plant in our church denomination. We are going to talk about “La Iglesia Cristiana de York”. What language do you think that sounds like? It’s in Spanish. What do you think the name means in Spanish? It means Christian Church of York.

Because it is so new, this church congregation does not have their own church building yet and they meet in the building of the St. Paul EC Church in York, PA. The English speaking congregation shares their building with the Spanish speaking congregation. They have different times for their services and ministries, but sometimes they do things together, because they are all brothers and sisters in Christ. Pastor Carlos Kelly, his wife Yanira, and their three daughters, Mery Anne, Pamela, and Carla are responsible for this new church that ministers to the Spanish speaking community of York.

Pastor Carlos is originally from Santo Domingo which is the capital of the Dominican Republic. He grew up in “La Casa del Joven” in Santo Domingo (The Home for Youth). Do you remember what other country shares the island with Dominican Republic? (**Show “Hispaniola” map from lesson two**) Do you remember what language is spoken in the Dominican Republic? (Spanish)

Sometimes pastors can feel called by God to become ministers when they are very small or maybe at your age. Sometimes they don’t feel called by God until they are grownups. Pastor Kelly can’t really remember a time when he knew he would become a pastor. As he was growing up in the church and was mentored in his local church, he became more and more involved with different ministries. After awhile he felt the Lord place a sense of responsibility on him, and God provided more opportunities for him to become involved in various ministries. Since he was about 20 years old, his local church and pastors realized that God was calling Carlos into a fulltime ministry.

It was in the Dominican Republic that Pastor Carlos and his wife Yanira started their first church in the city of Santiago. **(Find Santiago on the Dominican map and point it out to the children.)** They also were part of a church plant in Santo Domingo. The decision to move to York, PA was not one that they came up with on their own. Our Global Ministries office recognized a need in York for a Spanish speaking congregation and they asked the Kelly's to come and minister in York.

Iglesia Cristiana de York (Christian Church of York) began back in the year 2000. The Kelly's sent out invitations to a home Bible study. In December of 2000, the church held its first service. Now the church has 50 members, most of whom are Spanish-speaking. They have several ministry projects too, like drama ministries, VBS, street cleanings, and youth groups.

Their church services are much like any other church service although one of the main differences is that the service is conducted in Spanish. Music is very important to the Kelly family and their worship services show the importance of music as a worship tool. A lot of their music has a Caribbean inspired style. There is a lot of clapping and singing and rejoicing in their services. They also meet sometimes with the Anglo, or English speaking congregation that shares their church building, remembering that Jesus died for all nations, and He brings us together as neighbors through His love.

One thing that we can remember to pray for with this congregation is the continued growth of their small groups. Also the church is looking for leaders and for a teacher for the ESL (English as a Second Language) classes that they are hoping to start as an outreach to their community.

## Salvation Bracelet Craft

*This craft is designed to be given away. You may decide how your group will use it. You may want to have each of your children make one for themselves and teach them how to use it in showing their friends the way to salvation in Christ. You may also choose to have each child make several, sending the extra bracelets to any of the ministries we are learning about in this lesson series.*

Difficulty: Easy

Things You'll Need:

- Suede or leather cord (8 to 10 inches per bracelet)
- Plastic "pony" beads: black, red, white, yellow & green (1 of each per bracelet)

Instructions:

**Step 1:** Tie a knot in the leather cord about midway through the 8 to 10 inch length. Read the Bible verse Colossians 1:16; "Everything was created by God and for God." Explain that God created each person to have a relationship with Him.

**Step 2:** Put the black bead on the leather cord first and read the Bible verse Romans 3:23; "All have sinned." Explain that the black bead represents sin which separates us from God. If the knot you tied in step 1 is not big enough to keep the beads from sliding over, double knot it.

**Step 3:** Thread the red bead next to the black one and read the Bible verse Romans 5:8; "Christ died for us." Explain that the red bead represents the blood Jesus shed when he died on the cross to clean up our sin.

**Step 4:** Add the white bead to the bracelet after the red one. Share the Bible verse Isaiah 1:18; "Though your sins were like scarlet, they will be white as snow." Explain that white represents our clean hearts after Jesus' blood has removed our sin.

**Step 5:** Thread the green bead next, and read the Bible verse Galatians 6:22 to 23; "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control." Share that green represents the growth in our lives when we start to live like Jesus.

**Step 6:** Thread the yellow bead last, and share the Bible verse 1 Thessalonians 4:17; "We will always be with the Lord.." Yellow represents the streets of gold in heaven. Explain that yellow represents Heaven where we will always be with God after we die.

**Step 7:** Tie another knot as close as possible after the yellow bead. Double knot if necessary to keep the beads in place. As you tie read the Bible verse John 10:28; "No one can take us out of God's hand." Explain that nothing can ever remove us from His love.

**Step 8:** Wrap the leather cord around your arm and tie the ends together to form a bracelet. Allow as much wrist room as you prefer. Then cut the excess leather cord, leaving approximately 1/2 inch on each end. This will allow enough cord to untie and retie the bracelet if you would like to take it off.

***\*\*If you will be sending extra bracelets to one of our ethnic ministries, package each bracelet in an individual sandwich sized ziplock baggie. Use the following page to print as many small cards as you will need. Print them on colored card stock and cut them apart, putting one in each ziplock baggie with a bracelet. Each child may sign the back of the small card with a simple message and their first name (like, "Love, Zach"), or decorate it with small stickers. Put all of the zipped baggies in a padded mailing pouch along with a note or card from your group. (Write a note explaining what church you are from and why you did this craft project. Include a group picture of your group and/or have each of the kids sign their first names. Be sure you identify your group as the Mission Minded Kids, and mention that you studied about their ministry in one of your lessons.) Bracelets will be used as gifts or prizes in the various children's and adult ministries in the church where you send them.***

**\*AL-KHAL, GHOSOUB J. (Michelle)**  
527 Seventh Avenue,  
Bethlehem, PA 18018  
610-867-2739  
E-mail: [elmgus@yahoo.com](mailto:elmgus@yahoo.com)

**\*KELLY, CARLOS A. (Yanira)**  
1003 Greenbriar Road  
York, PA 17401  
717-767-5161  
E-mail: [icyork@verizon.net](mailto:icyork@verizon.net)

**\*DIAZ, ROLANDO I. (Doris)**  
5153 D Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19120  
215-329-9673

**\*MENDEZ, RAMON E. (Mercedes)**  
2334 Alsace Road  
Reading, PA 19604  
610-921-3737  
E-mail: [pastoremilio@mividanueva.com](mailto:pastoremilio@mividanueva.com)

**Knot at Beginning:** Colossians 1:16; "Everything was created by God and for God." *(God created each person to have a relationship with Him.)*

**Black Bead:** Romans 3:23; "All have sinned." *(The black bead represents sin which separates us from God.)*

**Red Bead:** Romans 5:8; "Christ died for us." *(The red bead represents the blood Jesus shed when he died on the cross to clean up our sin.)*

**White Bead:** Isaiah 1:18; "Though your sins were like scarlet, they will be white as snow." *(White represents our clean hearts after Jesus' blood has removed our sin.)*

**Green Bead:** Galatians 6:22 to 23; "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control." *(Green represents the growth in our lives when we start to live like Jesus.)*

**Yellow Bead:** 1 Thessalonians 4:17; "We will always be with the Lord." *(Yellow represents the streets of gold in heaven, where we will always be with God after we die.)*

**Knot at End:** John 10:28; "No one can take us out of God's hand." *(God loves us and nothing can remove us from His love.)*

**Knot at Beginning:** Colossians 1:16; "Everything was created by God and for God." *(God created each person to have a relationship with Him.)*

**Black Bead:** Romans 3:23; "All have sinned." *(The black bead represents sin which separates us from God.)*

**Red Bead:** Romans 5:8; "Christ died for us." *(The red bead represents the blood Jesus shed when he died on the cross to clean up our sin.)*

**White Bead:** Isaiah 1:18; "Though your sins were like scarlet, they will be white as snow." *(White represents our clean hearts after Jesus' blood has removed our sin.)*

**Green Bead:** Galatians 6:22 to 23; "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control." *(Green represents the growth in our lives when we start to live like Jesus.)*

**Yellow Bead:** 1 Thessalonians 4:17; "We will always be with the Lord." *(Yellow represents the streets of gold in heaven, where we will always be with God after we die.)*

**Knot at End:** John 10:28; "No one can take us out of God's hand." *(God loves us and nothing can remove us from His love.)*

**Knot at Beginning:** Colossians 1:16; "Everything was created by God and for God." *(God created each person to have a relationship with Him.)*

**Black Bead:** Romans 3:23; "All have sinned." *(The black bead represents sin which separates us from God.)*

**Red Bead:** Romans 5:8; "Christ died for us." *(The red bead represents the blood Jesus shed when he died on the cross to clean up our sin.)*

**White Bead:** Isaiah 1:18; "Though your sins were like scarlet, they will be white as snow." *(White represents our clean hearts after Jesus' blood has removed our sin.)*

**Green Bead:** Galatians 6:22 to 23; "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control." *(Green represents the growth in our lives when we start to live like Jesus.)*

**Yellow Bead:** 1 Thessalonians 4:17; "We will always be with the Lord." *(Yellow represents the streets of gold in heaven, where we will always be with God after we die.)*

**Knot at End:** John 10:28; "No one can take us out of God's hand." *(God loves us and nothing can remove us from His love.)*

**Knot at Beginning:** Colossians 1:16; "Everything was created by God and for God." *(God created each person to have a relationship with Him.)*

**Black Bead:** Romans 3:23; "All have sinned." *(The black bead represents sin which separates us from God.)*

**Red Bead:** Romans 5:8; "Christ died for us." *(The red bead represents the blood Jesus shed when he died on the cross to clean up our sin.)*

**White Bead:** Isaiah 1:18; "Though your sins were like scarlet, they will be white as snow." *(White represents our clean hearts after Jesus' blood has removed our sin.)*

**Green Bead:** Galatians 6:22 to 23; "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control." *(Green represents the growth in our lives when we start to live like Jesus.)*

**Yellow Bead:** 1 Thessalonians 4:17; "We will always be with the Lord." *(Yellow represents the streets of gold in heaven, where we will always be with God after we die.)*

**Knot at End:** John 10:28; "No one can take us out of God's hand." *(God loves us and nothing can remove us from His love.)*

