



TEAM MEMBER
MANUAL



TEAMS

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Ministry Prep

It is essential to the success of your trip for you to learn the object lessons and skits as a team. Instructional videos are accessible here: teams.onehope.net/resources/

Object Lessons

- Gum and Money
- Choices
- M&Ms
- Playdoh
- Water (Identity)
- Balloon (Peer Pressure)
- Jacket (Addiction)
- Paper + Eraser (Gospel)

Skits

- Walk of Life
- The Chair
- The Hello Song
- Heart Skit

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Country and Culture Research

It is helpful to do a little bit of country and culture research before you go on your trip. Some key things to find out:

- How to say "hello" and "thank you" in the local language
- Learn about the religious climate in the country
- Find out more about current events, and the country's government; including the name of their Government Leader.
- Know eating mannerisms. For example, in some countries finishing your plate is expected, and others it signifies you were not fed enough.
- Understand what is considered respectful clothing. Your team leader should have more information on this from the OneHope team.

Sharing Your Testimony

Sharing your personal testimony of how you encountered Christ and the work He is doing in your life is an integral part of any Teams trip. It helps those you will be ministering to know that the Gospel message of hope is real and impactful in our daily lives and invites them to share in that story. You might feel intimidated to share your testimony in a public setting. Don't let fear prevent you from potentially helping someone encounter Jesus for the first time. These are typically some of the most special times during a trip with so much potential to move hearts for Christ.



Testimony Tips

- Take some time before the trip to consider what God might have you share.
- Your testimony should not be your entire life story. It could be a key moment where you experienced God’s provision or presence, a problem you overcame with God’s help, or something miraculous you witnessed.
- Don’t compare your testimony to others. If you have a relationship with Jesus, you have a unique story with the potential to relate to someone else.
- Think about your main point — can you say in one sentence what you want them to walk away with? How does your story support this?
- Share your heart with the students, and speak of emotions that apply to everyone. Don’t focus on things that separate them from you (i.e. possessions, money).
- Before you share, calm your heart and listen to the Spirit in case there is a different direction you should go.
- If your testimony is being translated, speak slowly and simply. Stop after every few sentences for the translator to catch up.
- Tailor your content to your audience. If your story involves mature themes, consider how you can best explain that in simple terms to a younger audience. (Some people have two testimony stories prepared—one for younger audiences and one for teen audiences.)
- Tie in the *Book of Hope* to your story. Hold it up when you talk about the power and truths of God’s Word.

