



A fun and easy way for kids to learn about missions.

Hello Parents,

This week, we go to the Dominican Republic to meet a man named Helsy Luperon. Growing up, Helsy attended church with his mother, but as an adult, he stopped going. Soon, he began to feel an emptiness inside.

Everything changed one day when Helsy saw a flurry of activity across the street from his shop. It was Maranatha volunteers constructing a new church. He felt like God was sending him a message.

We hope this video and discussion guide allows your children to consider the nature of our spiritual journeys and how we can be attentive to God's voice.

### Pre-video Discussion Questions

- Do you sometimes feel close to family or friends, and other times you don't feel as close? Why do you think that is?
- Are there days you feel excited for church, but others when you are not? Why is that?

### VIDEO

In today's video, see how one man's journey with God intersected with a Maranatha project in the Dominican Republic.

### Post-video Discussion Questions

- It's normal for people to have a journey with God that changes over time. Although Helsy wasn't going to church anymore, how was he still connected to God?
- Why do you think the Maranatha volunteers made such an impact on Helsy?
- In the Bible, God spoke to people in different ways. For Elijah, God wasn't in any big, loud events (like wind, earthquake, or fire). God spoke to him in a gentle whisper. God may give us an idea from a conversation we have with a family member, from something we read, or when we pray. Like Helsy, how can you be ready when God is trying to tell you something?

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### **Prayer Points**

- People who don't feel close to God right now.
- For us to be aware of how God might be speaking to us every day.
- Ask kids what they would add to the prayer list.

### **Did You Know?**

- The official language of the Dominican Republic is Spanish.
- Over the years, Maranatha has constructed 377 churches, schools, and houses in the Dominican Republic.