VBS/Day Camp idea

God created and loves the whole world: **Revelation 7:9** – “After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from **every nation, tribe, people and language**, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.”

Childhood is a great time to start learning about and caring for the world God created. That’s why many VBS Curricula already include a missions component. Here is a simple way to incorporate this into your already existing VBS or Day Camp. If you add a fundraising aspect to this, you can include the funds in your World Services giving.

Celebrate India with your 5 senses (Can be used one per day, or all in one day)

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(Snack time) (Recreation)(Craft idea)

*Taste*

Easy, kid-friendly, affordable options:

-Coconut water

-Chai tea

-Naan

-Ripe Mango

-Bananas

*See*

-pictures

-colorful fabrics

-children’s storybooks from/about India (check your local library for options!)

*Smell*

-Spices: curry, Garam Masala, turmeric, cumin, coriander, ginger

-chai tea

-lotus (The national flower of India is the lotus. Find lotus scented essential oils to permeate the room)

*Feel*

-sari fabric

-hot weather

-barefoot walking and playing (be sure the area is safe!)

*Hear*

-Indian music

-Dandiya stick dance Check Youtube for “easy” or “simple” instructions. An example is this one which shows men and women dancing (so it doesn’t seem like just a “girly” activity.) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ewpNQ6rZ0Y> It is a bilingual video so don’t be concerned that you and the kids won’t understand.

-Have kids make their own Dandiya dance stick (either buy 5/8 or ¾ in. dowel rods and cut in 12 in. lengths, or follow this youtube video on making them with newspaper, then decorate with whatever supplies you want: paint, washi tape, ribbon, yarn, etc.) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1yrbTQCJOXE>