

David Livingstone

Summary

David Livingstone was a hard worker when he was a boy. He would keep his school books open so he could study while he worked. David loved God and loved people. He wanted to go to China to tell them about God but China was not letting missionaries come into their country. So, David started thinking about going to Africa.

When he was 28, he went to Africa for the first time. He landed in Cape Town, but he was sad by what he saw. The missionaries did not treat the African people with respect. They thought they were better than the Africans. David loved the people and hated slavery. Instead of staying on the edges of Africa like the other missionaries, he journeyed deep into Africa to meet the people and tell them about God.

He taught the people about Jesus and showed them how to do things to make life easier. During a lion hunt with tribesmen, David was attacked and badly injured. While he was recovering, he met a woman and fell in love. They got married. When it became unsafe, his wife, Mary, and their children returned to England. But David stayed in Africa to explore and help the people and fight the slave trade. Even though he wasn't very popular at the end of his life, he wanted to stop slavery and help the African people learn about God.

David Livingstone Outline

David loved _____ and loved people.

He went to _____ to tell people about God.

He was sad that the missionaries didn't treat the African people with _____.

David hated _____.

While he was hunting, David was injured by a _____.

David worked to fight the _____ trade.

Florence Nightingale Summary

Florence Nightingale was born in Florence, Italy in 1820. Her father was a wealthy banker. Even though most girls did not go to school, her father wanted his daughters to learn and made sure they were taught math, science, and history. Most wealthy women back then did not work. They grew up and got married and took care of the home and children. But Florence wanted something different. She felt that God wanted her to help others by becoming a nurse. When she told her parents, they were not happy!

Nurses had to be around sick, dirty, germ people and they did not want Florence to have that job! But Florence was sure that's what she wanted to do. She went to school and learned how to care for patients and keep a hospital clean. When the Crimean War started, Florence was asked to lead a team of nurses to Crimea to care for wounded soldiers. It was horrible! The Army hospital was dirty and smelly! Many soldiers died from disease and infection, not from getting hurt in battle. Florence knew she needed to do something. She cleaned up the area, set up a kitchen, and cared for the soldiers, keeping them clean and fed. She would check on the patients during the night, carrying her lamp through the hospital. The soldiers called her "The Lady with the Lamp." In 1860, the Nightingale Training School for Nurses opened in London. Florence had done so many things to make hospitals better for patients.

Florence Nightingale Outline

Florence wanted to become a _____.

She went to school and learned how to keep a hospital _____.

During the _____ War, she helped the wounded soldiers.

The soldiers called her the _____ with the _____.

She opened a training school for nurses in _____.

Hudson Taylor

Summary

Hudson Taylor was born in England. Even though he didn't believe the Bible when he was young, when he was 17 years old he chose to follow God. He felt that God wanted him to go to China to tell people about Jesus.

He started learning the Chinese language and studied medicine so he could help people. He ate oatmeal and rice and gave away most of his things so he could get ready to live in China. He knew God would take care of what he needed. When he arrived in China, he noticed that the Chinese didn't listen to the British missionaries because they looked strange with their English clothes and hairstyles. So he decided to dress in Chinese clothes and wear his hair in a long braid down his back. The other missionaries were shocked! But Hudson Taylor's plan worked—the people started listening to what he had to say! He traveled farther into China to tell others about God. He later started the Inland Chinese Mission, which was a group who told the Chinese people about God. Even though Hudson Taylor had a hard life at times, he trusted that God would take care of him.

Hudson Taylor Outline

Hudson Taylor wanted to go to _____ to tell people about God.

He learned the Chinese _____ and studied _____.

He decided to _____ like the Chinese people.

He started the Inland Chinese _____.

Hudson Taylor knew _____ would take care of him.