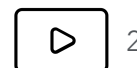


# TEN MINUTE Vision Casting FOR PASTORS AND MINISTRY LEADERS

## 1for50 Promo

(Show the "1for50 Promo" Video.)



## Two Candles Object Lesson



(Hold up two candles, one tall and one half burned.) **Which one of these two candles would you purchase? Why?** (Invite responses. People will choose the tall one because it will last longer). **Would you buy it even if it's more costly?** (Invite responses.)



The two candles represent two people who come to believe in Jesus. One is an adult, and one is a child. **Which one do you think is the adult?** (Invite responses.) The half-burned candle is the adult. When an adult comes to believe in Jesus, they will begin to shine for him, but they will only shine for Jesus for the remainder of their life. The tall, unburned candle represents a child who comes to believe in Jesus. If we nurture that child in their faith, they have the potential to shine for Jesus for an entire lifetime.



Mary grew up in a poor urban community in the Philippines. Her father was a drug addict, and she was abused as a child, filling her with a sense of shame and hopelessness. With the help of her aunt, Mary started attending church and came to know Jesus. Though her circumstances did not change, the message of the gospel slowly changed the way she viewed herself and her heavenly Father. Today Mary runs a ministry for exploited women and children in the Philippines and leads a Christian radio broadcast with children that reaches a half a million listeners!



It may seem like investing in children is too costly, but the investment is worthwhile as we see them come to know Jesus and grow in their love for him. Because Mary's aunt invested in her when she was a child, Mary is following Jesus now as an adult and shining the light and love of Jesus.

## The Dream, The Need

What if every child in every community had someone to reach, disciple and empower them to become an influential, Kingdom Champion, just like Mary had? This is the dream of 1for50. And we believe it is possible because this is God's dream, not ours.



Jesus taught us the value of children throughout his life and ministry. In **Matthew 19:13-15** we read, **"Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there."**



Jesus knew then what research is telling us now! Children are ready for the Kingdom. Research shows that 70% of people who come to know Christ do so between the ages of 4 and 14. Children are eager to believe and open to coming to Christ. Still, out of the 2.3 billion children in the world, only 1 out of every 3 know Jesus personally.



1for50 exists to respond to this great need.

### About 1for50

1for50 was born at the first Global Children's Forum (GCF) in 2008. About 50 leaders from nations around the world gathered to ask the question, "What might God be asking us to do together (that we could not do alone), to reach the world's 2.2 billion children?" As they dreamed and prayed together, the idea of 1for50, a collaborative training and networking initiative began. They thought if one children's leader was trained for every 50 children all around the world, we COULD possibly reach every child. 1for50 has grown into a global movement with activity in more than 100 countries. It is a global move of God!



As a networking movement, 1for50 also supports denominations, organizations and local children's ministry networks as well as some of the other global initiatives for children, including the 4/14 Window Movement and the Viva network for children at risk.

### 1for50's Mission and Efforts

The mission of 1for50 has always been to: reach children with the life-changing love of Jesus, disciple children to know and follow Jesus for a life-time, and to empower children to become influential Kingdom Champions in their own families, communities and beyond.

To accomplish this mission 1for50 equips local leaders with relevant tools and ideas to impact the next generation. But 1for50 is much more than equipping; it also seeks to mobilize and connect leaders so they might work together to reach the goal. 1for50 is not an organization. There is no office, no paid staff. 1for50 is not a program. It is designed to enhance to the programs that already exist in churches and organizations or to challenge people to create something new to better reach, disciple and empower their children.





A pastoral couple in Mongolia believed God was calling them to plant a new church. Upon their arrival in a new city, they prayed for people to come to the church, and children began to show up. At first the pastor objected to God, saying, "No, we want people for our church, not children." God rebuked her and said, "These are the people I am giving you." So the pastor began learning how to effectively minister to children and youth. The pastors have disciplined these kids and put them into positions of leadership and serving. The children and youth lead the worship, do visitation of the sick and newcomers, clean the church and set it up each week, do evangelism, and older ones teach the younger ones. They even have gone to a prison to do ministry. Why? Because the men in prison miss their families so seeing the children brings joy to their hearts, and they will listen to the children talk about Jesus. The wife came to a 1for50 training to learn how to better disciple the members of their church.



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While most churches have both adults and children attending, this story demonstrates how reaching, discipling and empowering children strengthens the ministry of the church.

### Car and Spare Tire

(Show a toy car or a picture of a car.) Think of the church being like a car. Our children are not meant to be like a spare tire, hidden away in the trunk for a special occasion or until they are old enough. They are one of the four wheels. Just as each wheel is needed to make the car move forward effectively, discipling and empowering our children is needed for the church to grow strong.



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Investing in our children NOW can help our churches reach more people for Christ, make more disciples, strengthen families, and grow stronger today!

### Closing Challenge

What is your dream for the next generation? Do you want to see them be a vital part of the church? It starts today, and 1for50 is committed to working with you to see it happen. Together, let us reach, disciple and empower the next generation to become influential Kingdom Champions. Find out more. (Introduce the local 1for50 network if known and invite people to connect.) For more information or to get great free resources for sharing the vision for children, training the children's workers of your church/ministry or teaching children visit the 1for50 website at [www.1for50.net](http://www.1for50.net).



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