

## The Go Tour

Screens display THE GO TOUR logo. CHOIR and CAST (minus TEX, PATRICIA, STAN, and GLORIA) are in loft wearing traditional choir t-shirts and jeans (no costume pieces yet). EMMA wears a fashionable skirt and leggings with choir shirt. MATT and JULIE are in choir shirts and jeans. CHRIS wears a ballcap and athletic pants or shorts with his choir shirt. **Luggage** (CHRIS's bag is full of sports items) for each cast member sits on stage for them to grab as they come down from loft.

### SONG – IN THIS WORLD

CHOIR in loft. BAND on mini stage. SOLOIST at steps. Solo mic center.

#### Scene 1 – Airport

SONG ENDS. SOLOIST to loft. CHOIR sits. MATT, EMMA, CHRIS, and JULIE grab luggage as they take places on stage. Screens display AIRPORT SCENE. BACKSTAGE: TEX wears a cowboy hat and boots and carries a **Chick-fil-A cup**. STAN wears choir shirt with black vest and ball cap and carries a **camera**, GLORIA choir shirt with black apron, with a **make-up brush** in her pocket. PATRICIA has blazer and scarf to cover choir clothes.

**MATT:** (to the BAND) Hey, y'all ready? We're about to meet the videographer who will be following us on the GO Tour we're taking around the world. (looks around) Where's Tex?

**EMMA:** I knew I shoulda put my hair in braids! With all these different countries we will be visiting, I need a look that is fashionable everywhere. I mean, what could be more universally stylish than braids?!? Maybe I've still got time before they start filming! (starts to frantically braid her hair)

**TEX:** (entering P with a milkshake in his hand) Ok, so have y'all had the new peach milkshake from Chick-fil-A yet? Best EVER! True story!

**JULIE:** (she has been fiddling with luggage and walks up to others) So, all the bags are checked, and here are your tickets. PLEASE put them somewhere safe. Everybody got their passport?

**CHRIS:** (big-eyed, shocked look) Passport? (starts pulling all kind of sports gear from his bag searching)

**EMMA:** (pulls it out of a bag) Ummm, yeah, we've got 'em! (smiles at CHRIS who shows great relief)

**PATRICIA:** (Enters O with NEWS, walks over to MATT to shake his hand) Hello, I am Patricia Mims, videographer extraordinaire, and I am simply delighted to be a part of recording your world tour!

**MATT:** Thanks Patricia! We really appreciate you taking the time to come with us! I'm Matt Ledman, this is the Lakeview Kids Choir, and our band: Chris, Tex, Julie, and Emma. We are SUPER pumped about the tour!

**PATRICIA:** Yes, as we all are! This is my camera man, Stan, and my assistant, Gloria. We're going to be following you around the world, filming your journey, asking you questions along the

way, and sharing the scoop with an international audience of your biggest fans. So let's get started! (*screams*) Gloria! Make-up! (*Gloria smacks a powder puff on her face.* Patricia Screams again) Roll 'em, Stan!

**STAN:** (*standing with camera near SOLO mic*) Here we go! In 3, 2, 1...

**PATRICIA:** (*total schmooze*) Hello, friends! The one and only Patricia Mims here with Matt Ledman and the Lakeview Kids Choir as they are about to embark on the G-O Tour extravaganza! (*to MATT*) Matt, when you say these letters, G-O, what exactly are you talking about? (*She glares back dramatically into the camera.*)

**MATT:** (*a little taken aback by her*) Well, the "Go" Tour is all about taking the message of God's love all around the world. We've based the tour around a Scripture verse, 1 John 4:17, "In this world, we will be like Jesus." In each location we'll be doing concerts, but our main purpose will be to see how we can be "Jesus" to the people there!

**PATRICIA:** Fascinating. And can you tell us where the tour will be stopping?

**MATT:** Our first stop will be Ireland, then Uganda, Africa, then on to India, and we'll wrap up in Argentina, South America!

**EMMA:** It's gonna be amazing! So many different cultures, clothing styles, hairstyles, makeup styles, fashion!

**CHRIS:** And so many different sports and games. It's gonna be awesome!

**TEX:** And don't forget the main event – All... that... food! I've seen a menu for some of our stops and the things I'm most excited to eat I can't even pronounce! (*Sighs happily*)

**JULIE:** Um, okay... But we really want to help people see that God's love and His Spirit are the same all around the world, that even though He created us with different languages and customs – and fashion, sports, and food - the Bible tells us there is One True God who loves us and wants a relationship with us all.

**SCRIPTURE 1:** (*at SOLO mic*) "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life" John 3:16

**MATT:** Exactly! I don't know about the rest of you, but when I think of all that God has done for us and the opportunity we have, to go and share, it makes me want to sing and shout! (*START TRACK. BAND to mini-stage. PATRICIA and NEWS step back to sing with CHOIR.*)

### **SONG –SING AND SHOUT**

*CHOIR in loft. BAND on mini stage. SOLOIST at steps. Solo mic center.*

*Main song theme: Your cross draws me to your heart / sing and shout*

*SONG ENDS. Screen fades to black. SOLOIST to loft. ALL CAST plus McKENNA quickly exit. TEAM IRELAND don costumes and take places on stage. PATRICIA drapes Irish shawl around her shoulders. McKENNA puts on vest over her choir shirt. TEX gets Styrofoam carton and spoon. CHRIS gets a frisbee. STAGE sets*

up park bench, fake plant and a trash can. Screen displays park scene and outdoor sound clip. TEAM IRELAND goes to spots on stage. BAND enters P. EMMA wearing a green wrap skirt.

### Scene 2 – Park in Ireland

- TEX:** *(carrying a carton of food and eating quickly)* Matt, this Irish tater pudding stuff you found is so good! I can't believe I've had... *(silently counts the others and himself... he's eaten all of theirs as well)* 5 cartons already!! *(licking off the spoon – realizes he hasn't offered the others any – sticks the spoon out towards them)* Mmmm....wanna bite?
- BAND:** Uh, no thanks. We're good! (Etc.)
- JULIE:** Ireland is so beautiful, Matt! What a wonderful place to travel to!
- CHRIS:** Seriously! I'm so excited to be here. I wonder if we'll see some competitive hurling!
- BAND:** What?! Ew! Huh?
- TEX:** Nah, man. I'm okay. I mean, I ate a lot, but I think I'm good.
- CHRIS:** Not what I meant, Tex. Hurling is a cool Irish team sport. It's been around for ages – kind of like soccer and hockey rolled into one. I've always wanted to see a game.
- EMMA:** *(still braiding)* Um, interesting. You know, I just can't get over how many different tartan patterns there are here. I mean, I used to think plaid was kind of 90s, but I am rocking this ensemble. Oh - AND I know how to speak with an Irish accent! Have since I was a weeee little lass!
- TEX:** Whoa! REDLIGHT! *(puts up his hands to indicate "stop")* I know how to Riverdance! *(McKenna enters O and TEX bumps her)* Oh I'm sorry! Are you ok?
- McKENNA:** I'm fine! And I'm sorry too! I wasn't watchin' where I was goin'.
- JULIE:** Hi, I'm Julie, and this is Emma, Chris, Matt, and Tex. What's your name?
- McKENNA:** McKenna! McKenna O'Connor.
- EMMA:** Wow! What a cool name! It's really fun to say! McKenna O'Connor! *(McKENNA smiles and looks down.)* Is something wrong? You look a little sad.
- McKENNA:** I'm ok. I just can't get the girls over there to play with me. I just moved here, and they've all been friends for a long time. It feels like they don't even realize I'm here... Actually, I was just adopted. I've been in foster homes most of my life. But, I finally have a family, and I have a new life in a new place.
- EMMA:** So, how's it going with your "new family"?
- McKENNA:** Really great! I got the wish of my lifetime! They gave me a name! I've never really had a last name before, but I always prayed for one.

**JULIE:** That's amazing, McKenna. You know, we're here on a mission to tell others about the One True God, the very One who answered your prayers and placed you in your family and gave you the name you've always wanted!

**McKENNA:** Well, I don't know a lot about God or the Bible, but I do believe in Him, and I talk to Him. My new mom and dad take me to church, so I'm learning.

**MATT:** You know, since we're talking about names, one thing you can learn about God today is one of HIS names: Jehovah! The name that God gave Himself, "I AM" is too holy to be pronounced in the Hebrew language, but we translate it Jehovah. It tells us that God is the one true, eternal God who has no equal.

**McKENNA:** Whoa. A God so holy I cannot even say His name?

**JULIE:** Yes! But also a God so loving that He sent His Son Jesus to be the Savior of the world.

**SCRIPTURE 2:** "This is how God's love was revealed among us: God sent His one and only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. And love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins...." 1 John 4:9-10

**CHRIS:** Hey, why don't we throw the Frisbee around, and we can tell you more about Him.

**PATRICIA:** *(enters P, whispering loudly to STAN and GLORIA)* There they are! Gloria! Make-up! *(GLORIA smacks her in the face with a powder puff.)* Roll 'em, Stan!

**STAN:** *(once again with camera set up near SOLO mic)* In 5, 4... *(counts down 3, 2, 1 with fingers)*

**PATRICIA:** Top of the mornin' to ya! We are strolling through the lush land of St. Patrick, shamrocks, leprechauns and potatoes...

**MATT:** *(walking over to her)* Ummm, Patricia? What are you...?

**PATRICIA:** Ohhh, no! You mean Patti O' Mimmmms...ry! *(In a loud whisper)* Roll with it, it increases our international appeal! I'm here with Matt Ledman and his fiercely talented friends trying to find out how they are enjoying their visit to our bonny land!

**TEX:** She *so* reminds me of someone, but I just can't put my finger on it.

**EMMA:** Well, I for one, am loving it here. I mean, green is definitely my color. *(pointing to her green skirt.)*

**CHRIS:** And everywhere I look I just want to build a golf course. This place is amazing! The hills, the water hazards.

**PATRICIA:** Matt, I remember something from our first chat about how you wanted to, how did you put it, "Be like Jesus" to the people of the world? Tell me, how has that worked here on the Emerald Isle?

**MATT:** I'm so glad you asked! We have simply been loving people and teaching them about God, just following the example of Jesus. Whether we are here in Ireland or at home in

the United States, we have found all people need to be reminded that Jesus loves them and that He provides the only way to God.

**SCRIPTURE 3:** *(at SOLO mic)* 1 Timothy 2:5 “For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”

**SCRIPTURE 4:** Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6

**JULIE:** Just now our new friend McKenna has reminded me of the love God shows us by adopting us into His family. No matter where we live or who our parents are, we have a Father in Heaven who desires for us to be His children!

**SCRIPTURE 5:** “...to all who did receive Jesus, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God” John 13:35

**TEX:** That’s right! Our God is Jehovah. He knows ya, He loves ya, and He wants you to trust in His Son! *(START TRACK. BAND to mini-stage. PATRICIA and NEWS step back to sing with CHOIR).*

### **SONG – JEHOVAH KNOWS YA**

**Main song theme: Jehovah knows ya and saves ya when you trust in His son**

*SONG ENDS. TEAM IRELAND returns to loft, and screen fades to black. BAND to places on stage. TEAM UGANDA don costumes and take place on stage. PATRICIA and NEWS exit O for costume change. MERCY exits for costume change. CREW removes park bench, tree, and trash can and replaces them with **woven rugs and large floor pillows with African fabric, an African drum, soccer ball, and a plate of rice and beans.** Lights back on, screen displays African orphanage.*

### **Scene 3 – Orphanage in Uganda**

**EMMA:** *(practicing wrapping hair with a pile of fabric in her lap)* I cannot believe how many different ways you can wear a headwrap. With all these gorgeous African fabrics, headstyle might be even more beautiful than hairstyle – amazing!

**TEX:** *(scarfing down the last of the rice and beans on his plate and not even looking at EMMA)* Looks great, Emma. *(pushes away his plate and picking up drum)* Did you see this djembe drum they gave me?!? Talk about amazing. A work of art and it sounds – *(to CHRIS)* HEY! Watch where you kick that thing!

**CHRIS:** *(bouncing a soccer ball on his knee)* Sorry! I was just trying out some of the cool moves a few of the kids showed me today.

**MATT:** Hey, I wanna tell you I am proud of how hard you all worked building beds for the kids at the orphanage today! It reminded me of 1 John 3:17-18.

**SCRIPTURE 6:** “If anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.”

**MATT:** Today we didn't just talk about what Jesus is like, we did what Jesus would do - providing for our brothers and sisters in need. *(Ugandan children come down from loft dressed in African clothing).*

**TEX:** *(to Ugandan children)* Hey there! How y'all doin'? *(Ugandan children smile really big and look around at each other shrugging.)*

**EMMA:** They don't understand English, Tex. *(to MERCY)* Hujambo!

**CHILDREN:** *(smiles big)* Hujambo!

**CHRIS:** *(looks at EMMA in complete surprise)* WHAT? How'd you know that, Emma?

**EMMA:** Well, I learned a few Swahili words before we left. *Hujambo* means hello. You guys know some, too. The song we're doing at the concert tonight has that Swahili phrase in it, ***Mungu anakupenda.*** *(UGANDAN CHILDREN look up and smile when they hear that phrase and they all nod in agreement.)*

**JULIE:** Aw, that's so cool! They know it means **"God loves you!"**

**EMMA:** Yes, they do!

**MATT:** There's another word we know that they know too, and we even say it the exact same way. It's the only word in the world that is the same in every language... *(MATT smiles at UGANDAN CHILDREN.)* Alleluia!

**CHILDREN:** *(points up toward heaven and smiles)* Alleluia!

**ALL:** Alleluia!

**JULIE:** Wow... that's beautiful! Nothing can stop God from showing us how much He loves us. Not language barriers, not cultural differences, nothing!

**EMMA:** You know at first, this place made me a little sad, seeing the struggles these children face every day. But seeing how they live really makes me think about how I live - the things I care about and what I think is important. The simplest things like food, clothing, or the beds we made for them today are received by these children with such sincere joy and thanksgiving. And when I look at these people and their love for God...they have nothing...but in Christ they have everything.

**MATT:** *(PATRICIA, STAN and GLORIA enter O. STAN and GLORIA are totally disheveled wearing African attire. Patricia's costume is extremely elaborate.)* What in the world? PATRICIA? *(BAND moves toward her in disbelief.)*

**PATRICIA:** Hujambo! I am Pattiwa Mimmzuzi! *(giving him a big wink)* I am here to tell our viewers in Africa and beyond all about your latest efforts in your quest to be like Jesus to the world. So please tell us, how have you enjoyed your visit in Africa?

**TEX:** Well, Pattiwa, did you know that Uganda is called the Fruit Basket of Africa? There were lots of things I've had before like pineapple and bananas, but I got to try some new ones like passion fruit, jackfruit, and papayas!

**CHRIS:** Man, the kids here have worn me out. They can do amazing things with a soccer ball!

**EMMA:** Speaking of amazing, girls here can take a beautiful piece of cloth and turn it into ten different headwraps, six different shirts, and three skirts just by how they twist or fold it! Their sense of fashion is inspiring. If they can do all that with a piece of fabric, what can I do with all that God has given to me?

**JULIE:** Great point Emma. And you know, it has never been more clear to me that God’s love isn’t dependent on anything we have or anything we do. These people have so little, but they truly understand that they have His love. They didn’t pay for it or impress their way to receive it, God just loves them because that’s what He loves to do.

**SCRIPTURE 7:** “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

**SCRIPTURE 8:** And we pray “...that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge...” Ephesians 3:17-19 (*START TRACK. BAND to mini-stage. MERCY, PATRICIA, and NEWS step back to sing with CHOIR*).

### **SONG – MUNGU ANAKUPENDA**

**Main song theme: God loves you**

*SONG ENDS. MERCY and TEAM UGANDA return to loft, and screen fades to black. BAND and NAVEEN take places on stage. NAVEEN wears a bright vest over his choir shirt. TEAM INDIA don costumes and takes places on stage. CHRIS exits P and retrieves **cricket bat**. PATRICIA and NEWS exit O for costume change. CREW removes drum and plate, sets up **two chess boards, bag of chips, tattoo supplies, and flips floor pillows** so Indian fabric shows. Lights back on, screen displays Indian after-school center.*

#### **Scene 4 – After School Center in India**

**TEX:** *(sitting on the floor watching a chess game holding a **potato chip bag**)* Man, these Indian-flavored chips are the bomb, y’all!

**JULIE:** *(getting up from a chess game she’s been playing)* Ok, I’m done. These kids are too good for me!

**EMMA:** *(calling her over)* Hey Julie! Come check out the henna tattoo these girls have been making for me. It’s really going to complete my look in tonight’s concert! Do you want one too?

**NAVEEN:** I can’t thank you enough for the time you and your friends have spent with our children today! They will never forget it!

**MATT:** Naveen, it has been our joy! What a wonderful facility you have here!

**NAVEEN:** It is truly a gift from the Lord! My family is from here, but my parents moved to the States before I was born. Years ago, I began feeling the Lord stirring my heart to move back here. India is one of the oldest countries in the world. It is also one of the poorest. I

wanted to come back here to see how the Lord could use me to help show His love here! I give the children a good meal and a place to play. And while they are here, I tell them about Jesus and His great love for them. I am really blessed that our Heavenly Father has allowed me to serve Him in this way!

**CHRIS:** *(running in from P out of breath)* So, I've never played Cricket before, but I think I've found my sport! Who knew? *(TEX hears the word "Cricket" and runs over)*

**TEX:** Did you say "Cricket"?

**CHRIS:** Uh, yeeeeees.

**TEX:** As in "Cricket Dance"?

**CHRIS:** What?

**TEX:** Ok, everybody up! It's time to get... *(raps)* Crazy with the Cricket Dance! Everybody get crazy with the Cricket dance! *(TEX does the dance and makes a funny sound effect with it, then runs around showing the kids the dance. They are all laughing and having a great time!)*

**NAVEEN:** *(belly laughing)* Oh, Tex, you are *ajiba*. *(pronounced "ah-jeeb")*

**TEX:** *(thinking he sneezed)* *Gesundheit!*

**NAVEEN:** *(laughing harder)* No! no! *Ajiba!* It means funny!

**TEX:** Oh, I gotta remember that one! Love it!

**NAVEEN:** Oh, this is just what we needed! *(laughs)* To laugh and to feel the joy and the love of our Lord! You have truly made me and the children here feel loved!

**MATT:** Would it be alright for me to teach the children the chorus to one of our songs so they could sing it with us in the concert tonight? It's called "*Pyara!*"

**NAVEEN:** *(sighs)* Ah, *pyara*, love! That would be beautiful!

**MATT:** Naveen, you spoke earlier about how you felt God stirring your heart and you had to obey. I have felt Him stirring my heart the whole time I've been here. We are both seeking to be obedient sons. I am so thankful the Lord has allowed us to serve Him today!

**NAVEEN:** One of my favorite verses is 1 John 4:11, "Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we should also love one another." I want you to know, I love you and your friends, and I'm so thankful for the way you have shown us God's love today.

**BAND:** We love you too, Naveen. *(Everyone is hugging. PATRICIA, STAN and GLORIA enter. PATRICIA walks in slowly with a regal air like a princess. She has on a crazy, "Indian royalty" outfit with a big headdress and a veil over her face. STAN and GLORIA stand at attention on either side of her.)*

**PATRICIA:** *(dramatically enters the room)* Padmaaaaa Mimsrah, here. Just checking in on our friends Matt Ledman and the Lakeview Kids Choir to find out how the Go Tour is, well, going here in India.

**JULIE:** It's been unforgettable! Our friend Naveen has reminded us that when you have God's love, keeping it to yourself is just not possible! He couldn't wait to get back to India to share God's love with others. He's really on fire for God!

**TEX:** Oh, and speaking of fire, seriously, this place has a corner market on spices. My taste buds have been officially dialed to 11. *(START TRACK. BAND to mini-stage. NAVEEN, PATRICIA, and NEWS step back to sing with CHOIR).*

### **SONG – GOD IS PYARA**

**Main song theme: God is love**

*SONG ENDS. TEAM INDIA returns to loft, and screen fades to black. TEAM ARGENTINA don costumes and take places on stage. BAND exits P. PATRICIA quickly removes sari O and returns to stage in her usual blazer and a bright scarf. STAGE CREW removes pillows, chess boards, and rugs. Lights back on, screen displays outside of stadium. TEAM ARGENTINA take places on stage.*

### **Scene 5 – Outside a large stadium in Buenos Aires, Argentina**

**PATRICIA:** *Hola!* Hello! I'm Patricia *(pronounced Pah-treet-zia)* Mimsuelos! I am standing in front of the *futbol* stadium here in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where Matt Ledman and the Lakeview Worship Band will be performing *esta noche*, tonight!

**MATT:** *(enters with the band, sees PATRICIA and fights through crowd to get to her.)* Patricia! How did you get here before we...?

**PATRICIA:** *El Jefe*, the boss, Matt Ledman! Everyone is bursting with excitement about your *concierto esta noche*, your concert tonight!

**EMMA:** *(smiles towards STAN)* Hey, Stan... Gloria... *(STAN and GLORIA nod, look uncomfortable)*

**PATRICIA:** So Matt, am I right in saying this is the last night of your world tour?

**MATT:** It is! We've really had the time of our lives the last few weeks! We've been able to tell people all over the world how much God loves them and that they can have a relationship with Him through His Son.

**JULIE:** Tonight is the last night, so we want to tell as many as we can here that Jesus Christ came so that anyone, anywhere can receive salvation and become a Christian! The word "Christian" actually means "belonging to Christ!" and we want people everywhere to know how they can belong to Christ by repenting of their sin and believing in Him.

**PATRICIA:** Oh, *magnifico*, magnificent! I also hear that you are premiering a new song tonight *en Espanol!*

**MATT:** Ummm, that was gonna be a big surprise, but, yes we are! The song we're debuting tonight in Spanish is called "Dios Nos Ama!" which means "God Loves us!" The song was a blast to write and the band rocks it! It's a salsa!

**TEX:** Salsa? Where? I'm starving!

**CHRIS:** *(to TEX)* He means the style of the song!

**MATT:** *(to PATRICIA)* Now, Patricia, there were really three things we wanted to accomplish on this tour – to go, connect, and share. I feel so blessed because that is exactly what the Lord has allowed us to do.

**JULIE:** We've traveled to four locations around the world, connected with people of all different races, cultures and languages, and we've shared the gospel with them. Tonight we have another chance to tell a ton of people that God loves them, and that His Son Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

**PATRICIA:** *Si! Si! Excelente!* Yes, excellent. You know, El Jefe Ledman. I, Patricia Mimsuelos, videographer extraordinaire, am also a professional back-up singer and dancer who has never been given the chance to release the full magnitude of her remarkable talents on the world stage!

**MATT:** Oh! You want to perform with us onstage? *(Laughs)* Well, all right then! Today is your day!

**PATRICIA:** *(shocked)* WHAT? I mean QUE?

**EMMA:** Come on, you already look the part, so I'll teach you the background vocals and show you the dance moves.

**PATRICIA:** *(ecstatic to the point of swooning)* Ai-yai-yai! The dream of my lifetime has finally come true. Come on! Let's get going! I've got to prepare! *(screams)* Gloria! *(GLORIA smacks her with the powder puff.)*

**CHRIS:** Hey Matt, being at this stadium makes me think about how fearless I am when I'm playing soccer or baseball, or any sport. But I've kind of struggled with something on this trip. You seem so confident about sharing God's love and what Jesus did. And I know God loves me and I want to tell others, but I feel so young. Why should anyone listen to me?

**MATT:** You know, Chris, the Bible tells us in 1 Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." You're never too young to share God's love with others! Come on, I'll help you get started! *(START TRACK. PATRICIA and BAND to mini-stage. NEWS step back to sing with CHOIR).*

### SONG – DIOS NOS AMA

Main song theme: God loves you / set an example / tell everybody

*SONG ENDS. TEAM ARGENTINA returns to loft, and screen fades to black. PATRICIA exits O and puts on airline hat. CREW sets up 3 stools behind 3 chairs (like on an airplane) and a newspaper on side stage in front of black curtains. BAND, STAN and GLORIA take seats. STAN reads paper, GLORIA puts on eye mask from insider her apron pocket. Screen displays inside airplane.*

### **Scene 6 – On the Airplane**

- JULIE:** *(sitting next to EMMA and sharing some Twizzlers)* So, what happened to the braids? You were so excited about them. I thought you'd keep them for awhile.
- EMMA:** I guess this trip has really opened my eyes to what's important and what's not. I found I had been focusing far too much on how I looked on the outside, but as the Bible says in 1 Samuel 16:7, "man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart". It's fun to dress up and enjoy different styles, but it's so much more important to care about Jesus showing in my heart and in my life.
- CHRIS:** Yeah, I see what you're saying. Reminds me of Matthew 5:14 and 16, "You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."
- JULIE:** Most of the people we met on the tour live very humble lives. They have to work hard to survive each day, but they do it with joy! They love God, and they love others.
- EMMA:** Exactly.
- MATT:** You know, it's amazing how God can change your heart when you experience things like we have. I wish everyone could have the chance to experience other places around the world.
- JULIE:** There is beautiful variety around the world and it came from God's mind and His heart. Even beyond the languages and skin colors, it's all about the different sounds, smells, colors, and tastes... the rhythms of the different music styles... the Lord created and inspired it all!
- TEX:** *(reaching over from behind them to grab the Twizzler bag)* Y'all done with those? *(takes the bag and starts eating)* I'm starving! I gotta find out when the next meal is. I keep pressing the flight attendant button, but nobody comes. I think it might be broken. *(PATRICIA enters through curtain dressed as a flight attendant with hair up and wearing a small coordinating hat and glasses. She walks to TEX.)*
- PATRICIA:** Yes sir? How can I help you?
- TEX:** Umm, don't I know you? Hey guys, doesn't she look so familiar? Anyway, how much longer 'til lunch? *(Everybody recognizes her except TEX.)*
- MATT:** Stan! Gloria! *(STAN pulls the paper down and GLORIA pulls the eye mask off and they wave at MATT.)* I thought so. Patricia, I thought you were done with this "pretending to be someone else." After all, it's just us now, no more need for "international appeal", right?

**PATRICIA:** Patricia? No, I'm Pa-laaaaane Mimmms-wing, the head flight attendant today. However, there might be a passenger named Patricia in our first class cabin. Let me check! I'll tell her you asked for her! *(She pauses, steps back slowly and disappears behind curtain.)*

**CHRIS:** *(looking around at the others)* This is so weird! *(BAND is dumbfounded, but laughing and silently explaining to TEX the whole deal. His reaction should be over-the-top surprise. Behind the curtain, PATRICIA takes off her cap and glasses and lets her hair down.)*

**PATRICIA:** *(Rushes back in without hat, runs so fast she is out of breath)* The flight attendant said that it was urgent that you speak to me! What is it? Do you need to book me for more shows?

**MATT:** Patricia, hang on! You've been around the world with us and seen and heard all that we have shared about God's love. But I'm thinking there may be something really important you missed.

**PATRICIA:** Really? What's that?

**MATT:** Clearly you heard everywhere we went, that God loves us. And He desires for us to be His children. No matter where we live or what language we speak. But just like there is only One True God, there is also only one way to be a child of that One True God.

**PATRICIA:** And what is that way?

**MATT:** It's not a what, it's a who. And I think Chris is ready to tell you all about Him, right Chris?

**CHRIS:** Um, sure, okay... So, Patricia, the first thing to know is that God is holy - meaning perfect - and we aren't. The only way we can approach a God so holy is to be made holy...to have our sins forgiven, because our sin is what separates us from God.

**SCRIPTURE 9:** Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God".

**CHRIS:** But we can't become holy on our own, because we aren't perfect. Fortunately, Jesus is! And Jesus paid the price for our sins so that we could be forgiven.

**SCRIPTURE 10:** Ephesians 2:13 "You who were far off have been brought near by the blood of the Lamb".

**SCRIPTURE 11:** Ephesians 1:7 "In Jesus, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our sins".

**EMMA:** Our redemption cost Jesus His life, so we can't just say, "I believe in you Jesus" and expect everything to be all better. You have to first admit that you are no good on your own. That you sin, do things you shouldn't. Like treat people unkindly, or take things that aren't yours, or...

**PATRICIA:** *(sheepishly)* Lie?

**CHRIS:** Or lie. And the Bible tells us that all of those sins - no matter how big or how small they may seem to us - are deserving of death.

**SCRIPTURE 12:** Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

**JULIE:** So once we admit that we sin, *and* we confess those sins to God, *and* we repent or turn away from continuing in those sins, we can accept Jesus’ sacrifice and experience God’s forgiveness. That’s how we become true children of God.

**SCRIPTURE 13:** 1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins God is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness”.

**CHRIS:** The good news we’ve been sharing all over the world is that Jesus, God’s very own Son, chose to die so that you and I could be forgiven. Not only did He die in our place, but Jesus rose again, overcoming death so that those who trust in Him will live forever with Him. All because God loves us so much and wants a relationship with us.

**SCRIPTURE 14:** *(at SOLO mic)* “...God, being rich in mercy, because of the GREAT LOVE *(emphasis on “great”)* with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-it is by grace you have been saved.” Ephesians 2:4-5

**MATT:** And no matter where we are from or what language we speak, we can show our love back to God through the same word, “Alleluia.” It’s the word that never changes. And it is an expression of rejoicing for all that God has done for us.

**PATRICIA:** *(notably changed in demeanor, humbled)* One true God. One way to get there. One word of worship. This has been one big day. I think I need some time to process this, Matt. Thank you for sharing with me. *(Exits)*

*(START TRACK. BAND to mini-stage. PATRICIA and NEWS step back to sing with CHOIR).*

### SONG –CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

*Screen fades to black. BAND and DENA exit P. NEWS exits O. Lights back on, screen displays airport scene.*

#### **Scene 7 – Airport**

**PATRICIA:** *(frantic)* Stan! Get over here quick!! *(MATT and BAND enter. PATRICIA rushes over)*

**MATT:** Hey, Patricia! I see you made it through the flight ok.

**PATRICIA:** I did. More than okay thank you, Matt. But what can you say to sum up this life-changing, round-the-world expedition you have just completed? *(puts the mic in each of their faces.)*

**CHRIS:** Life-changing is right! It was all that we could have hoped for and so much more!

**JULIE:** But with the Lord, there’s always more! We got to GO and love people with the love of Jesus!

**EMMA:** We got to CONNECT with people and see how they live and serve them the best we could.

**MATT:** And we got to SHARE the Gospel with them and tell them that no matter what happens in this life, God loves them!

**TEX:** True story!

**PATRICIA:** What about you, the band, personally? How has this world tour impacted your lives?

**TEX:** Good food! Good people! Good times!

**JULIE:** I loved worshipping God in so many different ways with so many different people.

**EMMA:** Well, it helped me get back to the basics... and that's a good place to stay!

**DENA:** Matt! Matt! Hey!

**MATT:** Dena! Hey! I was hoping you would be able to make it! You guys, look, it's my manager, Dena!

**DENA:** I wouldn't have missed it for the world! Welcome home, friend! I know you guys had an absolute *blast*! I kinda felt I was with you the whole time! That crazy documentary lady who followed you all around everywhere? She did not miss a beat! She was unreal, but I loved her! (*PATRICIA, hearing this, turns away from DENA and buries her face in her notes.*)  
... anyway, I've been dying to tell you that while you were gone we have been getting so many requests for another tour that I've got another booked already! (*holds out a piece of paper to show MATT*) Here's a list of all the places and dates. (*looks over at PATRICIA*) Wait a minute. Is that her? (*to MATT, trying to remember all the names*) Patti O'Mimmsry, Pattiwa Mimzu, Padma, Patreetzia...

**ALL:** Mimsuelos?

**MATT:** Yep, that's her!

**PATRICIA:** Well, that was me, but thanks to Matt and the Lakeview Kids Choir teaching me about the One True God and the one way to become his child. I'm just plain old Patricia Mims. I have decided to become a follower of Jesus and now I know I'm a child of God.

**DENA:** Wow. That must have been some trip.

**PATRICIA:** It sure was. In fact, I can't wait to share all that I've learned with more people around the world. Let's go! (*Grabs the sheet from DENA'S hand, runs to GLORIA who smacks her face with the powder puff, then runs off*)

**MATT:** Well, this will be a switch! Us chasing after her. (*laughs*) Patricia! Wait up!!

**TEX:** (*moving slowly, calling after them*) Hey, do I have time to grab one more peach shake?