

## Lesson 4

### **Biting Back**

Grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

#### **Lesson Objectives:**

**Participants will be challenged to get involved personally with the efforts of HIS Nets.**

#### **Supplemental Materials Needed**

**HIS Nets** Brochures for each student (copies are on the website at [www.hisnets.org](http://www.hisnets.org))  
*Commitment Cards*

#### **As the students arrive**

Pass out HIS Nets Brochures to the students. Tell them that this is the organization which they will be helping in their project. Ask them to share these with their parents.

#### **Lesson Content**

##### Introduction

In large group, review the past three lessons and the story of *Maame's Special Gift*. Establish the need to assist in purchasing nets based on what they have learned. Tell them that today they will make a formal plan regarding their own personal goal for fundraising and a group goal for fundraising. Tell them that you will also discuss ways you may want to raise funds as a group.

Generate their ideas and write them on the marker board or a poster

##### Suggestions:

- Conducting car washes
- Contracting services such as washing windows, mowing lawns, delivering groceries, etc. Hold an auction for services – list the service then auction them to the highest bidder.
- Get donations of items for baskets. Gardening basket (seed packets, hand tools, gardening gloves, etc.), Pamper Yourself basket (hand lotions & soap, certificates for beauty treatments or massages, etc.). Auction these at a large meeting of parents or other adults.
- Work for tips in a local restaurant
- Set up collection tins in local businesses. Have students design the tins. Spray paint coffee cans, draw or print pictures and information on sticker paper, cut out and place on cans. Cut a slot in the lid.
- Sell strips of duct tape to individuals. Use the strips to tape their leader or someone of authority (who has agreed to do this) to the wall.
- Wishing Them Well – set up a wishing well to collect donations. Make cards with buckets on them.

As a group, talk about one or two ideas which you would most likely be able to accomplish. Set a group goal. You may want to set it in dollar amounts or number of nets. *You will need to direct this discussion based on your community, parent/family involvement and/or group structure. Individual donations are acceptable, but if they make personal sacrifices or earn the funds themselves, their efforts will have more of a personal impact.*

#### Activities

- Have students set personal goals and write this on their *Commitment Card*. Make suggestions regarding what is reasonable (based on the demographics in your group)
- Students may want to write personal notes to those who will receive the nets to be included with their donations.
- Students may want to create an infomercial to share with adults or parents to generate interest in assisting them with their fundraising efforts.

#### Application / Closure

Plan your strategies for fund raising. Collect commitment cards and create notices or infomercials for parents. Send the brochure from **HIS Nets** home for parents.

#### Follow-Up

After fund raising is complete, plan a celebration. Report total contribution amounts. Have students figure out how many nets will be purchased and approximately how many people or families will benefit from their generosity.

Create Thank-You cards for individuals or businesses who contributed to the fundraising efforts.

You may want to have them help you package the contribution and accompanying notes and get it ready for mailing.

Send contributions to:

**HIS Nets**  
205 East Main  
Norman, OK 73071

Make sure you specify the source of the contributions (your organization) and a mailing address where we may contact you.

For further information call (405) 447-2471

E-mail by going online to [www.hisnets.org](http://www.hisnets.org) Follow the contacts link on the home page.

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