Good morning, children! This is the Lord’s Day, and we are glad in it! How are you doing today?

[Put on the sunglasses.] Aren’t these sunglasses really great? I am wearing them because I want to talk to you about Sunglasses Sunday. It is happening this week. That is a special time when everyone in our church joins with Project 20/20 to prevent blindness and spread Christian messages around the world. [Take off sunglasses whenever it seems best.]

This year’s theme for Sunglasses Sunday is “Spreading the Message.” When you hear, “you have a message” what do you think of? [Pause for answers.]

Well, there is one kind of message we are happy to hear and that is message that God and others love us. People everywhere need the joy of knowing God and Christ, and that we love them. Very sadly, there are many people who do not know about Jesus. There are also people that are in bad health but do not have access to doctors, especially in underdeveloped countries. If they are losing their sight, they will simply go blind.

Did you know that everyone in this church can do something about that? We can help Project 20/20 help people all around the world. [Hold up the silly glasses and other glasses] We can help people see better so that they can read about Jesus’s love and know that we love them, too. Project 20/20 helps get glasses to people who need them. Not funny glasses like these sunglasses, but real glasses that help them see or protect their eyes.

Medical teams travel to where there is little or no medical care for the poor. Eyeglasses and sunglasses are given out free to the poor that need them. Many of these teams also tell the patients about Jesus and spread the word of the Gospel.

Think about the joy those people feel. They couldn’t see, and now they can. They didn’t know about Jesus, and now they do. They have even seen that God and Jesus loved them so much that doctors would travel thousands of miles just to help them.

Here is how the boys, girls, and even the adults in our church can help spread all that joy around the world. This week we will have our Sunglasses Sunday celebration. That is when our church will start (or finish) our collection of donations to give to Project 20/20.

When we donate eyeglasses, someone will see better. When we donate sunglasses, someone’s eyes will be protected from blinding light, wind, and dust. When we donate just $10, someone will get a professional eye exam. It is really that easy to help people all around the world. [Describe how your church will collect all these things.]

Wow! Right here in [name of town], we can spread a message of love and better sight to the world…the entire world! Let’s do it!

Please pray with me. “Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for these children and for the blessing of being able to see well. Please guide us as we work to help others to learn about you and to see well, too. Amen”