

Teaching Missions Time

“Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:37-38).

The Purpose of Missions Time

☞ To challenge the saved children to be dedicated to missions

Components of an Effective Missions Time

- A missions song
- A missionary story
- Teaching about a current missionary
- Partnership with that missionary through praying and giving
- Challenge to be a missionary

Four Aspects to Include in Your Missions Time

1. The Knowing Aspect

- Teach the children about the missionaries and the organizations they are serving with.
- Include information about the missionaries' field of service, emphasizing the need of the people there to know Christ.

2. The Giving Aspect

- Check to make sure it is acceptable to take a missionary offering at club.
- Challenge the children to give their own money.
- Set achievable giving goals.
- Emphasize that *Good News Club*® is free and giving is optional.

3. **The Praying Aspect**

- Encourage the children to pray for the missionary they are learning about.
- Communicate with the missionary and ask for specific prayer requests.
- Read prayer letters and e-mails from the missionary in club.
- Allow time for the children to take turns praying for the missionary.

4. **The Going Aspect**

- Explain that “going” may mean around the world or across the street.
- Explain that you are a missionary.
- Share about the opportunity to be involved in *Christian Youth In Action*® when they are older.

Observing a Missions Time

As you hear the demonstration of a missions time, observe the following:

- Notice how the teacher uses the missions poster to help the children learn about the club missionary.
- Listen for the four aspects of missions teaching: knowing, praying, giving and going.
- Notice how the teacher challenges the students to be involved in missions.

After the demonstration:

- Did you notice the poster that the *Good News Club* teacher used during missions time? It was a simple, homemade poster. It is a tool to help the children visualize the missionary that they are praying for.

Teaching Aids to Help You Teach Missions Time

1. Visualized songs (CEF Press®) www.cefpress.com
 - “Good News to All the World”
 - “Go”
 - “Stop”
 - “It’s a Big, Big World”
 - “What About My Neighbor?”
2. Missions lessons (CEF Press)
 - *Corrie Ten Boom*
 - *I Dare*
 - *Madugu*
 - *Ringu of India’s Forrest*
 - *Run, Ma, Run*
 - *Ti-Fam: Witch Doctor’s Daughter*
3. *Teach Kids*® magazine www.teachkidsmag.com
 - Many ideas and helps for teaching
4. *Children’s Ministry Resource Bible* (CEF Press)
 - Full-page articles
 - “Involving Children in Missions” (page 1441)
 - “Reaching Children in the Neighborhood” (page 1468)