



## Ideas for Involving Children in God's Mission

- Have children pray for missionary kids (MKs).
- Take a mission field trip to a local cross-cultural outreach.
- Post a world map in an area of high visibility—place a pin in the places where you have mission involvement.
- Gather a special mission offering once a month.
- Ask children to identify and pray for people who they know that do not go to church.
- Memorize Psalm 67:3-4.
- Read the book of Jonah—talk about Jonah's missionary service.
- Pray for missionaries in a prayer journal.
- Send birthday cards to missionaries and MKs.
- Pray for unreached people groups.
- Interview an international student.
- Make a mission banner.
- Read an issue of *Mission Friends*.
- Learn phrases in a foreign language.
- Discuss what Jesus meant by "I will make you fishers of men."
- Use a world map as a prayer prompter—pray your way around the world.
- Use international current events to discuss mission needs and opportunities.
- Fold or put labels on a missionary newsletter.



- Hold a walk-a-thon to raise funding for a mission project.
- Visit [www.lcmsworldmission.org](http://www.lcmsworldmission.org), the LCMS World Mission Web site.
- Find ethnic groups in your area through the Yellow Pages—pray for these people.
- Look for God's love for all people in 1 Tim. 2:3-4.
- Encourage children to consider career missionary service.
- Ask the Pastor to include prayers for missionaries each Sunday.
- Learn a Christian song in another language— see *Mission Friends*.
- Download missionary prayer cards from **[www.lcmsworldmission.org](http://www.lcmsworldmission.org)**.
- Pray daily for missionaries—use the Pray For Us monthly calendar.
- Practice talking about one's relationship with Jesus.
- Learn about the 10/40 Window—the most unreached area of the world.
- Create a "John 3:16 collage" with images of people from around the world.
- Look for Christian songs from other countries to sing.
- Use money collected from recycling projects to support a missionary.
- Imagine what a day in the life of an MK is like—write a story.
- Visit and pray with residents of a nearby nursing home.
- Study Gen. 12:1-3 and Rev. 7:9. How do they tie together?
- Listen to a missionary interview at **[www.lcmsworldmission.org/audio](http://www.lcmsworldmission.org/audio)**.
- Read a missionary biography for a book report or just for fun.
- Learn about another culture's Christian traditions.
- Find out if your church supports a missionary or mission project.
- Take a "virtual trip" to a mission field—use a video, eat food from that place, etc.
- Learn about a mission field at **[www.lcmsworldmission.org](http://www.lcmsworldmission.org)**.
- Arrange for an international conference call with a missionary.
- Use foreign coins or stamps as reminders to pray for people from those countries.
- Learn more about a world religion—how can we witness to people of that faith?
- Look for a mission message in memory work.
- Invite an unchurched friend to attend church and Sunday school.
- Discuss the mission theme in the three parables found in John 15.
- Celebrate God's mission at your next party.
- Pray for people participating in international events in politics, sports, etc.
- "Adopt" a mission family—correspond, pray for them, support them financially.

