

 I am TEXAS Missions

MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING
FOR TEXAS MISSIONS
WMU of Texas

Speak Jesus

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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BOOK FOR TEXAS MISSIONS

The Mary Hill Davis Offering® for Texas Missions provides support and resources for over 70 ministries across Texas. When you give, you are helping people across Texas share the love of Jesus.

In this activity book, children will learn about eight ministries supported by your gifts to the Mary Hill Davis Offering. Each page includes an activity for individual children and their families.

For additional downloads, study guides, and resources for children and adults, visit iamtexasmissions.org/downloads.

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Who is Mary Hill Davis?

Womans Missionary Union's principal focus encourages mentoring and discipleship. Mary Hill Davis' life depicts those qualities. During her presidency of WMU of Texas, Mary created and developed organizations to teach women about mission work, which led to the origin of Royal Ambassadors in 1908 and Girls Auxiliary in 1913. These organizations continue to disciple young boys and girls through missions stories and Bible stories.

Mary realized the mission field encompassed many challenges and opportunities. She saw the opportunity to alleviate some of those challenges by encouraging churches to pray and give to mission work. By advocating these needs, Mary provided financial stability for missionaries in the field by supporting the work of missions worldwide.

Mary saw the need to promote and support missions internationally and in her own state of Texas. Due to her commitment, the state missions offering became her namesake in 1935. Today, her legacy continues as the Mary Hill Davis Offering® for Texas Missions, which supports approximately 80 programs and ministries across the state.

WMU of Texas Missionary Vanessa Lerma

From the time Vanessa was a little girl in Girls in Action®, she knew that missions is a lifestyle. As she grew up along the Texas border, she knew that God was calling her to serve as a missionary there. She has a big job as a WMU of Texas missionary.

Vanessa works to build relationships with the people she serves so that she can share the love of Jesus with them. She works with churches to help people understand that serving in missions is part of following Jesus. She also works with teams of both short and long-term missionaries who feel called to serve and equips them to share Jesus along the border.

Pray for Vanessa and her family as they share Jesus along the border and for the families and churches that she serves.

Activity: What are some ways that you can serve as a missionary where you live? Draw pictures of ways that you can share Jesus in the things you do every day.



Family Activity: Vanessa helps gather and distribute supplies that families need along the border. Visit wmutx.org/border to see a list of needed supplies, then shop as a family. Before you send your gift to Vanessa, pray as a family over what you bought for the families that will receive the supplies.

African American Ministries Go Now Missions

College students in Texas serve through Go Now Missions all over the world during their summer and Christmas breaks, but they have to raise money to go and serve. Sometimes, students need help paying for these trips. Through gifts to the Mary Hill Davis Offering® for Texas Missions, Texas Baptists African American Ministries provides financial help so that these students can serve. Last year, 10 students served as missionaries. They were able to share Jesus and discover how God is calling them to serve in their careers.

Pray that the students who will serve over the next year will share their faith confidently. Pray that the people they serve will be open to hearing about Jesus and will follow Him.

Activity: Summer missionaries serve in lots of different places.
Draw a picture of a missionary serving in each place below.



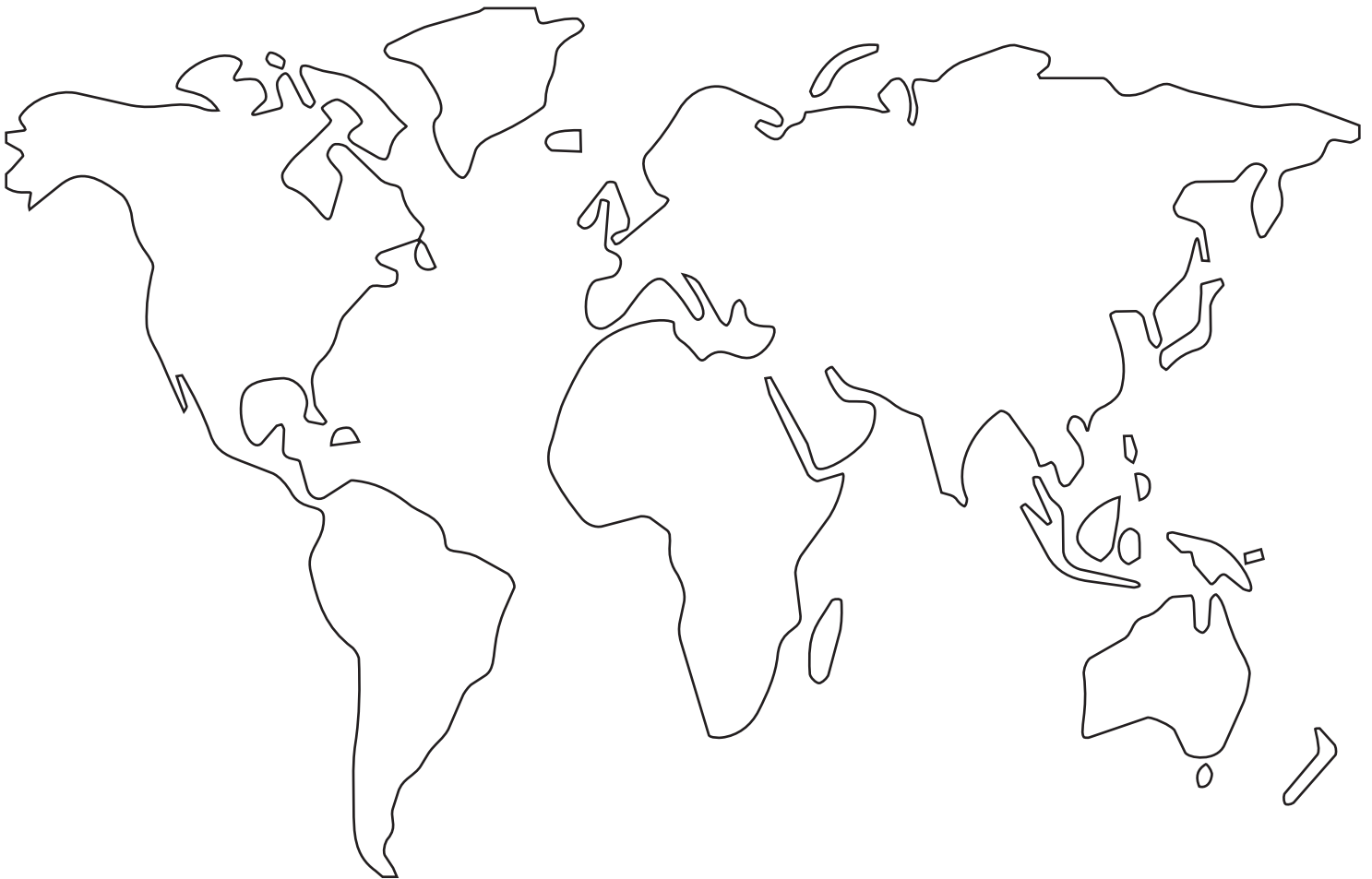
Family Activity: Think of a way that you can raise money as a family for a gift to the Mary Hill Davis Offering® for Texas Missions. You could have a lemonade stand, make a sell cookies, or have a garage sale. Pray over your gift for the students who will receive financial help to serve on missions.

Go Now Missions

Have you ever wanted to be a missionary? Every year, more than 500 college students serve as missionaries through Go Now Missions. Some serve for a week or two, some for the entire summer, and some serve for a whole semester. Gifts to the Mary Hill Davis Offering® for Texas Missions helps pay for things that student missionaries need, like coffee with someone who doesn't know Jesus or subway fees for a student serving in another country.

Pray for Go Now missionaries as they serve all over the world. Pray for open doors to share about Jesus.

Activity: *Go Now Missionaries serve all over the world. Draw pictures on the map of ways that you think Go Now Missionaries can help people and tell them about Jesus.*



Family Activity: *Student missionaries need encouragement as they serve. Make cards as a family to encourage student missionaries. Cards can be mailed in a packet to: Go Now Missions, PO Box 195439, Arlington, TX 76019.*

BOUNCE

When a disaster happens, like a flood, hurricane, or tornado, it can take a long time to take care of all the damage and rebuild. That's where BOUNCE comes in. Every year, over summer and spring break, teenagers from all over Texas come together to help communities that have experienced a disaster. In 2026, students traveled to Kerr and Burnet counties to help with recover after the July 2025 floods. Students helped with debris removal and clean-up, roofing, drywall, siding, painting, and flooring, all while bringing the hope of Jesus to communities that have experienced disaster.

Pray for the students who will serve with BOUNCE to have the opportunity to share the love of Jesus while they serve communities recovering from a disaster.

Activity: When students serve with BOUNCE, they use all kinds of tools. Circle the pictures of tools that you think a student might use to make repairs on a house that has been flooded.



Family Activity: Ask your church or association if they have a disaster recovery ministry. Find out if there are ways that your family can serve with disaster recovery.

Campamento

Have you ever been to camp with your church? What are your favorite things about camp? Campamento is a one-week camp for Hispanic teenagers. During the week, students participate in worship, fellowship, and teaching. Last summer, students also participated in a mission project in Cedar Hill, TX. Over 400 teenagers served with Mission Cedar Hill to complete more than 20 projects. Through Campamento, students put what they learned through worship and Bible study into practice to share the love of Jesus with the city of Cedar Hill.

Pray for the students that attend Campamento. Pray that they will hear God speak to them as they learn, worship, and serve.

Activity: Teenagers at Campamento used a lot of different tools to help people in Cedar Hill, even soccer balls! Count how many of each tool is on the page and write the number next to the picture at the bottom.



Family Activity: Think of a way that your family could serve someone in your city, just like the students at Campamento. You could pick up trash in a park, take cookies to a fire or police station, or order some Evangelism Balls to give away at a soccer field.

Ethnic Minority Scholarships

Have you ever thought about where you would like to go to college? Did you know that college can cost a lot of money? That's where the Mary Hill Davis Offering® for Texas Missions can help! Each year, the offering provides scholarships for students who come from an ethnic minority. One student is getting ready to graduate from Dallas Baptist University. She is excited about God's plans for her. She knows that the scholarship she received through the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions made it possible for her to attend and graduate from DBU.

Pray for the students who will receive the scholarships this year. Pray for churches as they encourage and equip college students.

Activity: Color the picture of the college graduates below using the colors of your favorite college.



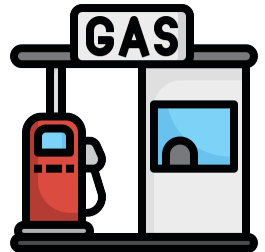
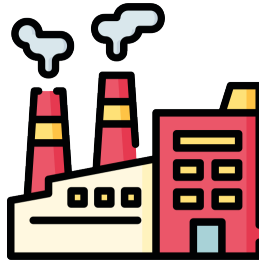
Family Activity: If you live in a college town, take some snacks to the local BSM to share with students. If you do not live in a college town, pray as a family for the students who will receive MDHO scholarships this year.

Chaplaincy

What is a chaplain? A chaplain serves in a hospital, prison, police or fire station, business, or factory (plus all kinds of other places) to minister to people and tell them about Jesus. Hospital chaplains visit with and pray for people who are sick. Military chaplains help meet the needs of soldiers. Prison chaplains answer questions about God, lead Bible studies, pray with, and tell people in prison about Jesus. Chaplains do a lot of different jobs, but the most important one is helping people know that Jesus loves them, especially when people are hurting, lonely, or afraid. Gifts to the Mary Hill Davis Offering® for Texas Missions help chaplains get the training that they need to help people wherever they serve.

Pray for chaplains around the country (and around the world) as they meet the needs of people and share with them the love of Jesus.

Activity: Circle pictures of places that chaplains might serve.



Family Activity: Contact a chaplain at your hospital, police station, or fire station. Set up a time for your family to meet them, learn about what they do, and pray for them.

Project: Start

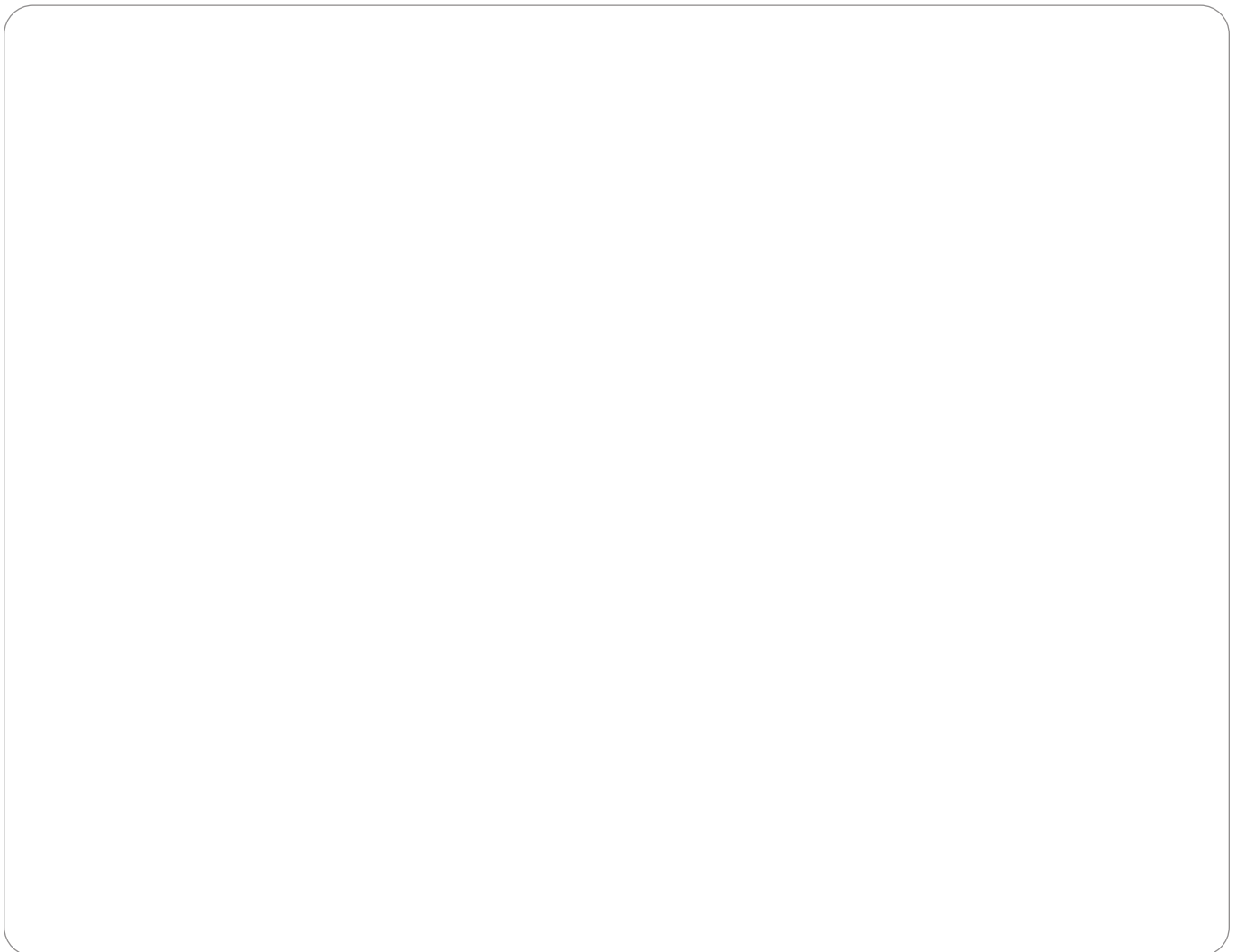


Have you ever moved to a new place? What did you take with you? Was it hard to make new friends? Imagine that you had to move to a brand new country where you didn't know the language or any people there and you weren't able to take much with you. That's what happens to many refugees. They have to leave their home and country and come to a new country because their old home was unsafe. Most of the time, they aren't able to bring much with them. That's where Project: Start comes in!

Project: Start helps refugee families in Dallas by providing things that they need to get settled in the United States. They help with everything from home supplies and food, to helping people find doctors, get started at school, make new friends, and find a church. Project: Start helps refugee families feel welcome in their new home.

Pray for refugee families settling into their new home. Pray that the Project: Start director and volunteers will be able to build relationships with new families and meet their needs.

Activity: *What do you need to get started in a new home? Draw pictures of things that you might need to settle into a new home in a new country.*



Family Activity: *Contact your church or association office to find out if there are any refugee ministries near you. Ask if there are ways that your family can help meet the needs of refugee families settling in your town.*

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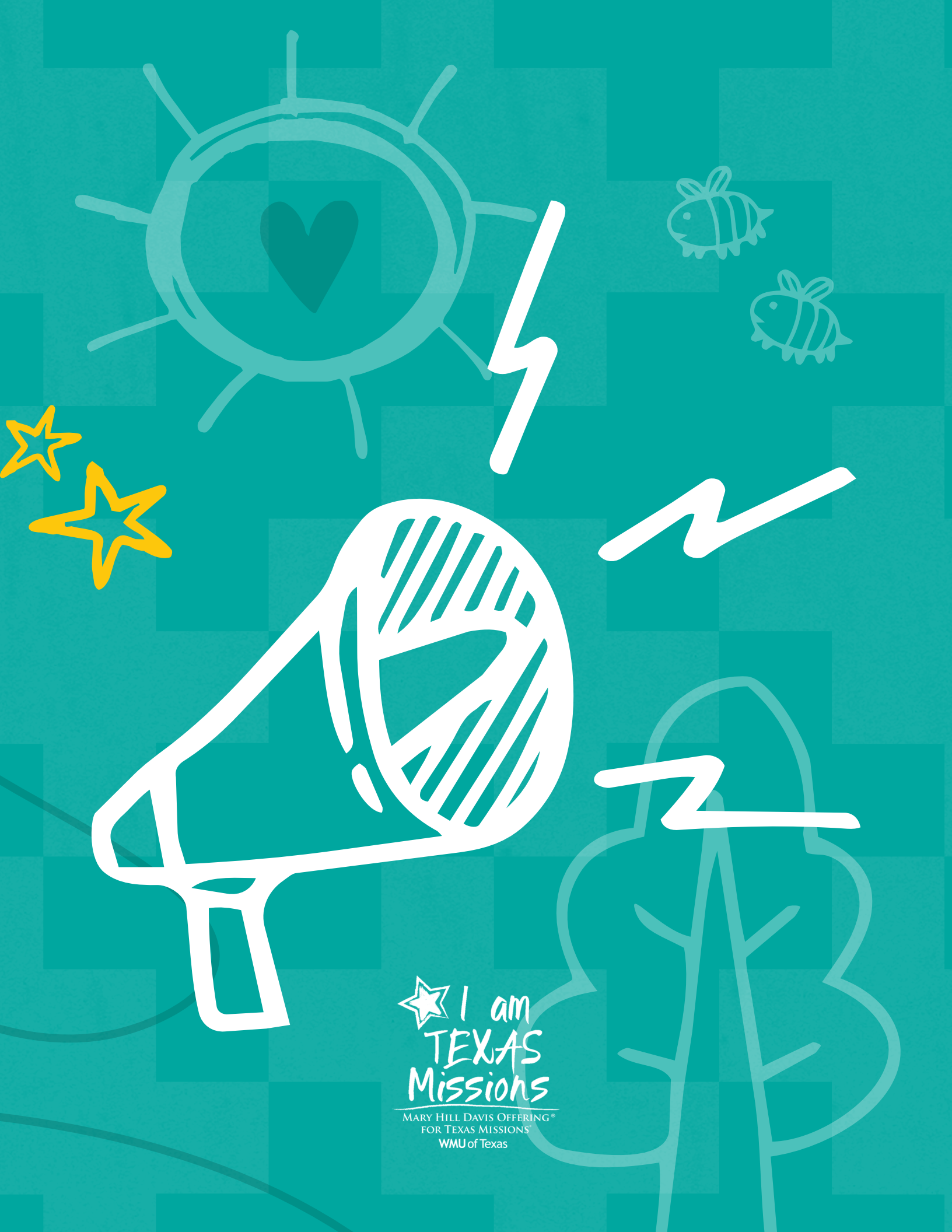
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