




Children's Study Guide

Activity Book



 I am TEXAS Missions
MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING™
WMU of Texas

The Mary Hill Davis Offering® for Texas Missions provides support and resources for over 80 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.

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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.

Special Friends Retreats

Every year, people with disabilities from around the state come together for either a day or a weekend of camp. Campers participate in Bible study, missions projects, and worship. Parents and caregivers have time together to support and learn from each other. Often times, the campers favorite part of the retreat is the talent show. Campers talents include singing, dancing, reciting memory verses, or telling jokes. Everyone loves the talent show!

Pray for the campers as they gather for the Special Friends Retreats this year. Pray that they will grow as they learn from the Bible study times and worship together.

Do you have a talent? Draw a picture of it in the space below.

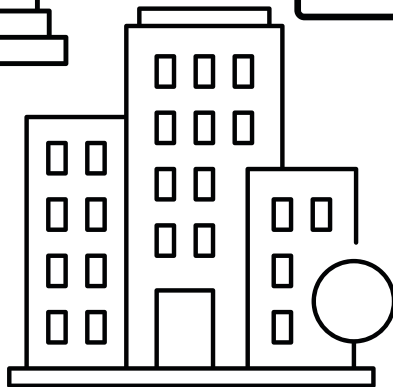
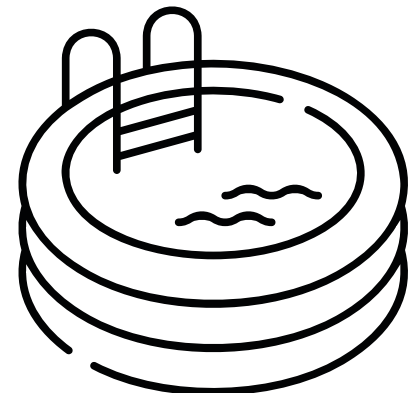
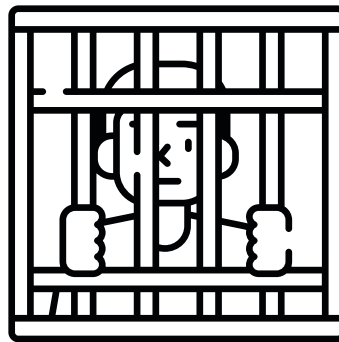
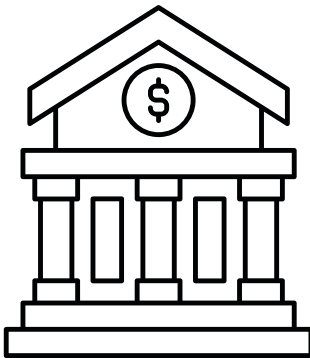
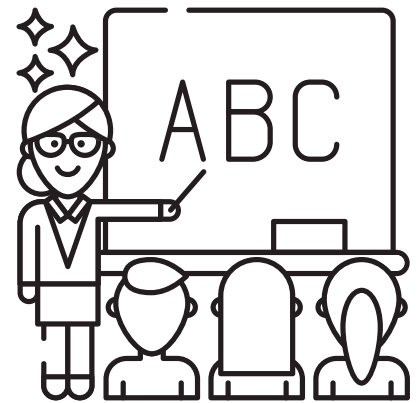
Family Activity: *Have a family talent show. Encourage each member of the family to share their talent. Pray for the Special Friends Retreats and the campers who will participate this year.*

Church Starting Ministry

Where do new churches come from? Often, new churches start because an existing church sees that a new church is needed somewhere else. New churches don't usually start out in a building like yours. Many start in a home, a school, or another available location. Sometimes they meet at a swimming pool so that they can baptize people! Lubbock Unified Church had a church at a swimming pool so that they could baptize 13 people who had chosen to follow Jesus. While they were there, the pastor told the lifeguards about Jesus and they decided to follow him, too!

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Embrace Mentoring Program for Young Women



Who is your favorite teacher at church? What have they helped you learn? Do they teach you about Jesus and how to follow him? Embrace helps young women learn how God wants them to serve. They learn together in a group and have individual mentors. As they learn, they also look for ways to serve their community through mission projects to help them prepare for ministry.

Pray for the young women as they prepare to live out their calling. Pray for the mentors who will walk alongside these women.

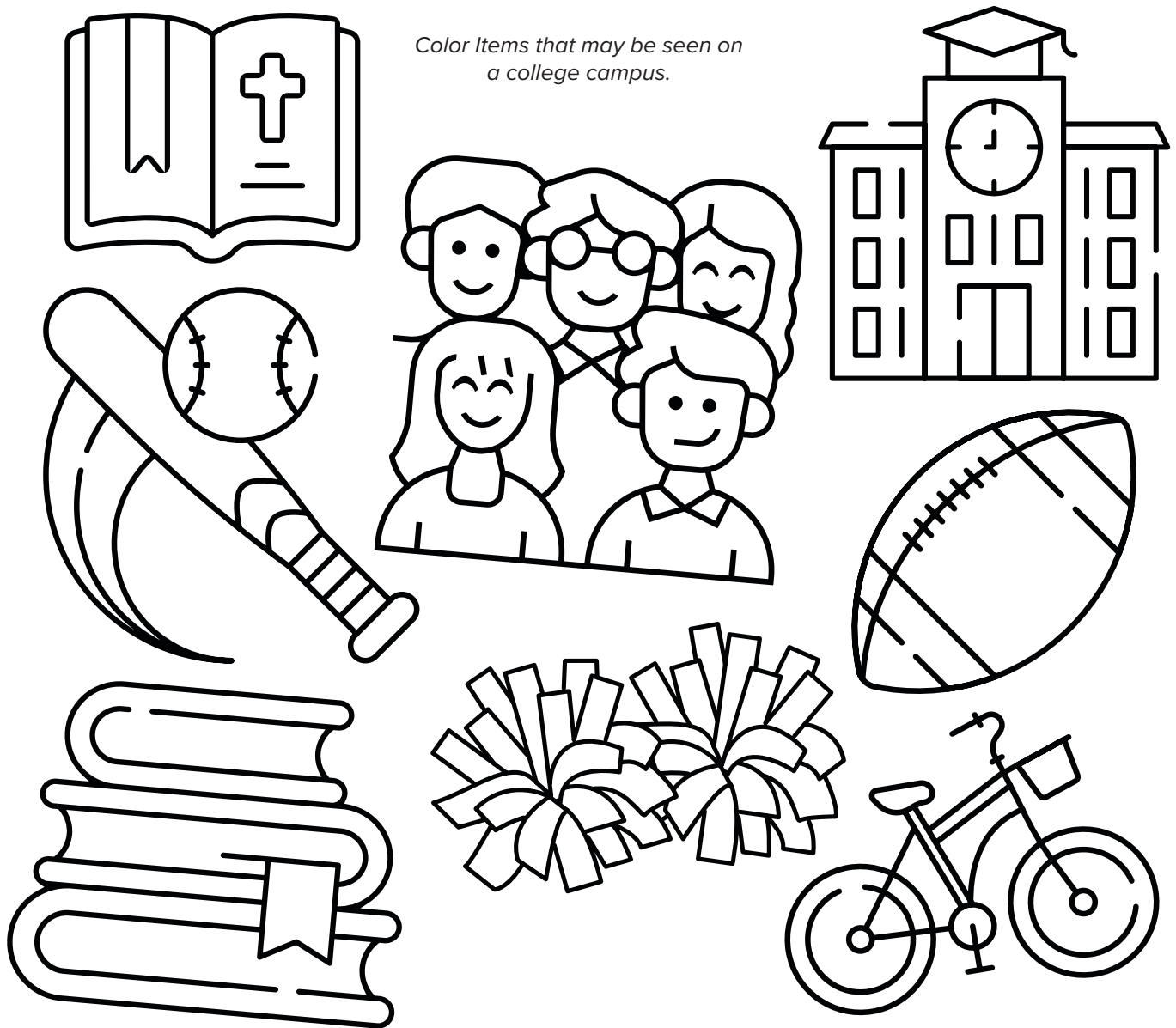
Write a note to someone who has helped you learn about Jesus. Thank them for helping you learn.

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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 was having a hard time. Her father was sick and she was trying to help her family while trying to pay for college. A scholarship from the Mary Hill Davis Offering helped her to stay in school while helping her family.

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



Color Items that may be seen on a college campus.

Family Activity: *If you live in a college town, take some snacks to the local Baptist Student Ministry to share with students. If you do not live in a college town, pray as a family for the students who will receive scholarships from the Mary Hill Davis Offering this year.*

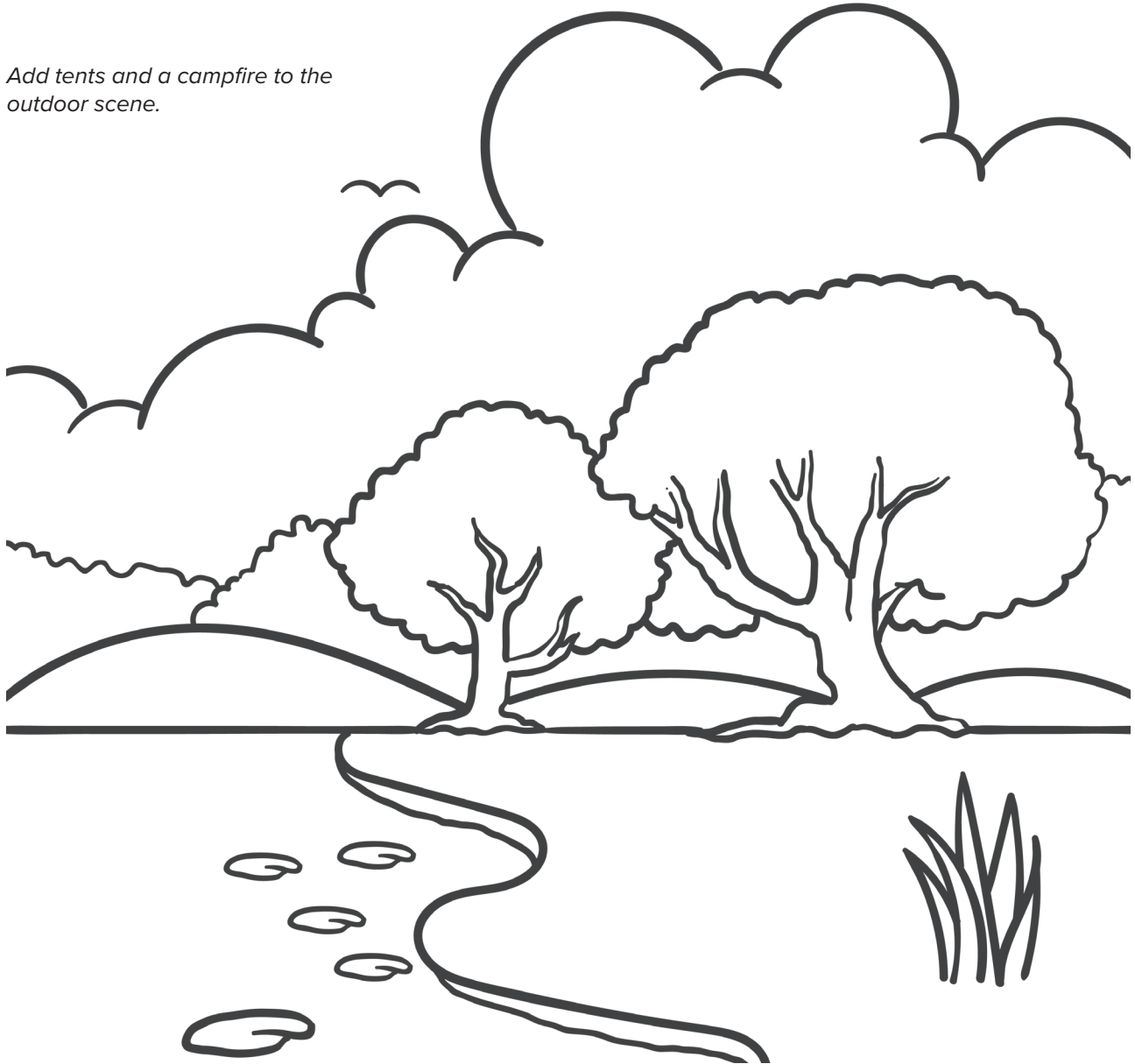
Visit txbsm.org for a list of BSMs across the state.

Royal Ambassadors Mission Mania

Have you ever been camping? Every fall, boys from across Texas have a special campout. While camping, they play games together, but they also get to meet missionaries and learn about Jesus. Bradley had never been to a *Missions Mania* Campout before. No one from his church had ever been either. When Bradley heard about *Missions Mania*, he decided to go. After playing fun games and learning from missionaries, Bradley heard that Jesus wants a relationship with everyone, even him. He chose that night to follow Jesus.

Pray for the boys and their leaders who will attend *Missions Mania* this year. Pray that the Holy Spirit would prepare their hearts for what they will see and hear.

Add tents and a campfire to the outdoor scene.



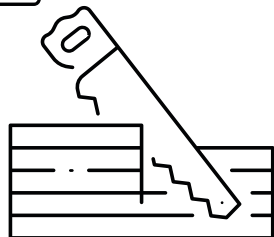
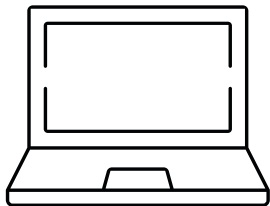
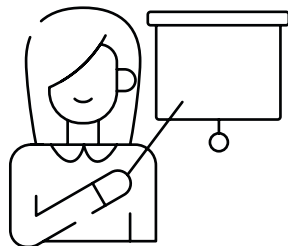
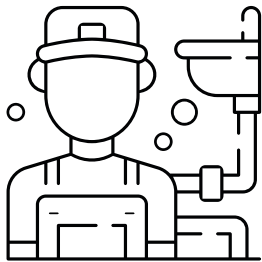
Family Activity: Have your own family *Missions Mania*. Contact your church for information about missionaries that your church supports. Put up a tent in your backyard or in your living room. Play games as a family. Share with your children about the missionaries that your church supports. Pray for each missionary as a family.

Visit iamtexasmissions.org for more information about the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions.

Christian Men's and Women's Job Corps

Every year, men and women come to Christian Men's (CMJC) and Women's Job Corps (CWJC) of Texas to gain skills to help them find jobs, but often find more than that. The site leaders and teachers at CMJC and CWJC teach people what it means to follow Jesus while teaching them job skills. As participants are mentored by Christian leaders, they see what following Jesus looks like in the workplace and in all areas of life. They are changed as they learn to follow Jesus and learn the skills they need for successful jobs.

Pray for the men and women who are trained at CWJC and CMJC across the state of Texas. Pray for site leaders and teachers as they share the good news of Jesus.



What are some skills that you think people need to be successful at work? Connect the skills to the matching picture.

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Family Activity: Find a CMJC or CWJC site near you. Call the site leader to see if there is a way your family can help. You may be able to bake cookies for the participants, donate clothing, or help serve a graduation meal.

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Apartment Church Ministry

Where do you live—in a house or in an apartment? When you live in an apartment, there are lots of other people who live nearby. It's like a little neighborhood with lots of people in it. Some apartment communities have their own churches! These churches do all kinds of ministry, including kid's clubs that help children just like you hear about Jesus. Over 3,000 people chose to follow Jesus through apartment churches last year!

Pray for God to send leaders to start more apartment churches. Pray that more people would hear about Jesus through apartment churches.

Apartment churches sometimes have kid's clubs similar to a Vacation Bible School. Color the apartment complex and children below.



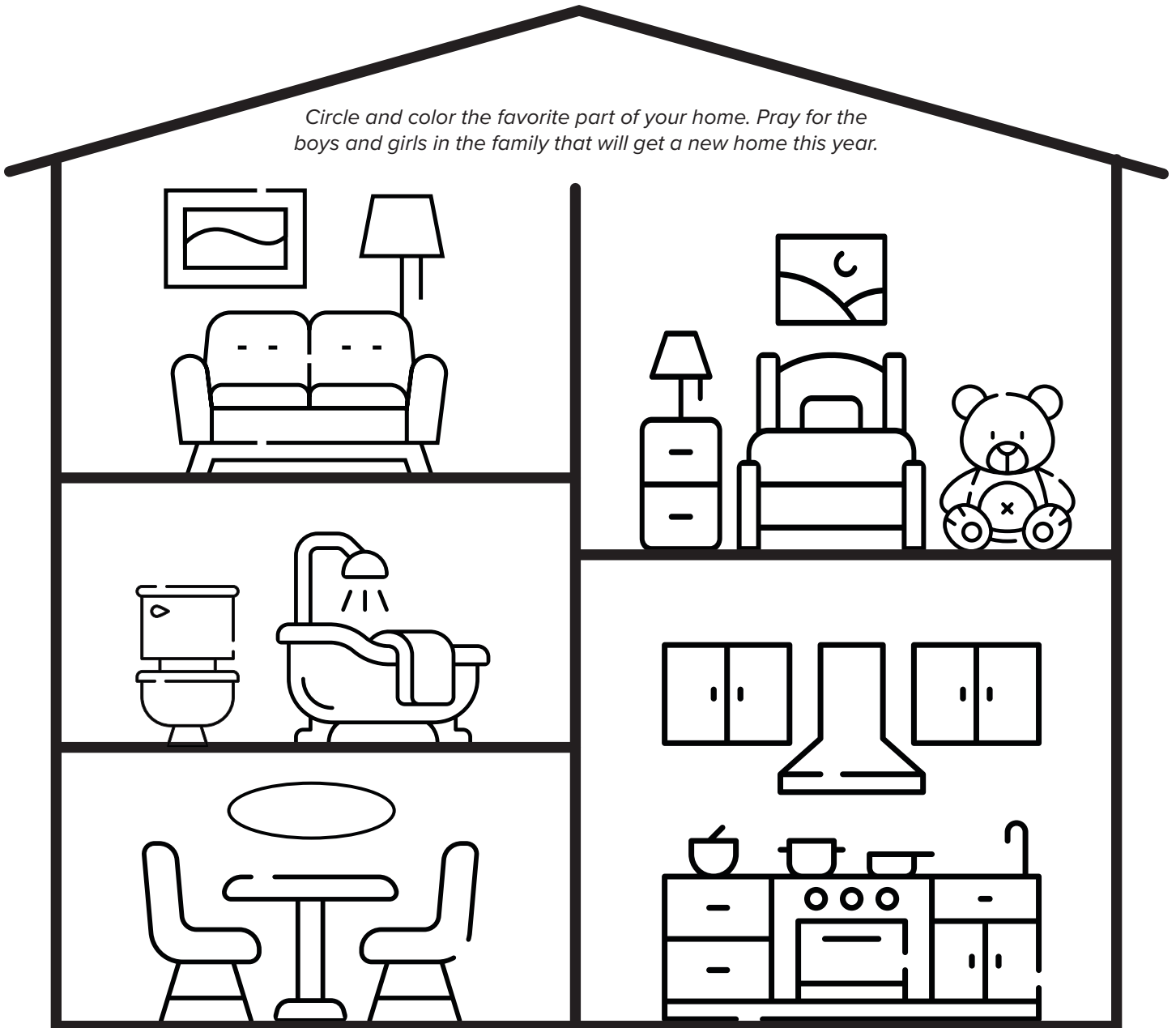
Family Activity: Ask if your church has apartment communities nearby who have apartment churches. Contact the apartment church leader to discover ways your family can help their church.

Women's Build Project

What is your favorite thing about your home? Is it your room, your yard, or your family who lives there? For the Jimenez family, their favorite thing about their home might be the people who built it. After participating in programs at Buckner's Peñitas Family Hope Center, they were chosen to receive a new home. A group of women from all over Texas came to build their new home. The women worked hard for days and built a new home for the Jimenez family.

Pray for the women who will build a home for a new family this fall. Pray for the family that will receive the home. Pray that they will come to know Jesus as the women build their new home.

Circle and color the favorite part of your home. Pray for the boys and girls in the family that will get a new home this year.



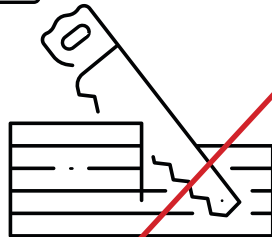
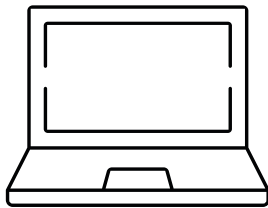
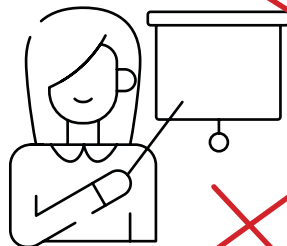
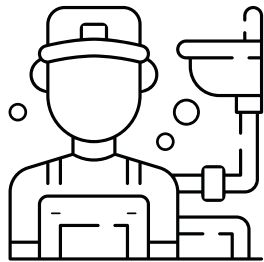
Family Activity: Take a trip to the hardware or building supply store. As you walk through the store, talk about all of the things that are needed to build a house and how much they cost. Pick one thing that would be needed and give that amount to the Mary Hill Davis Offering. Pray together for the volunteers who will build the house and the family who will receive it.

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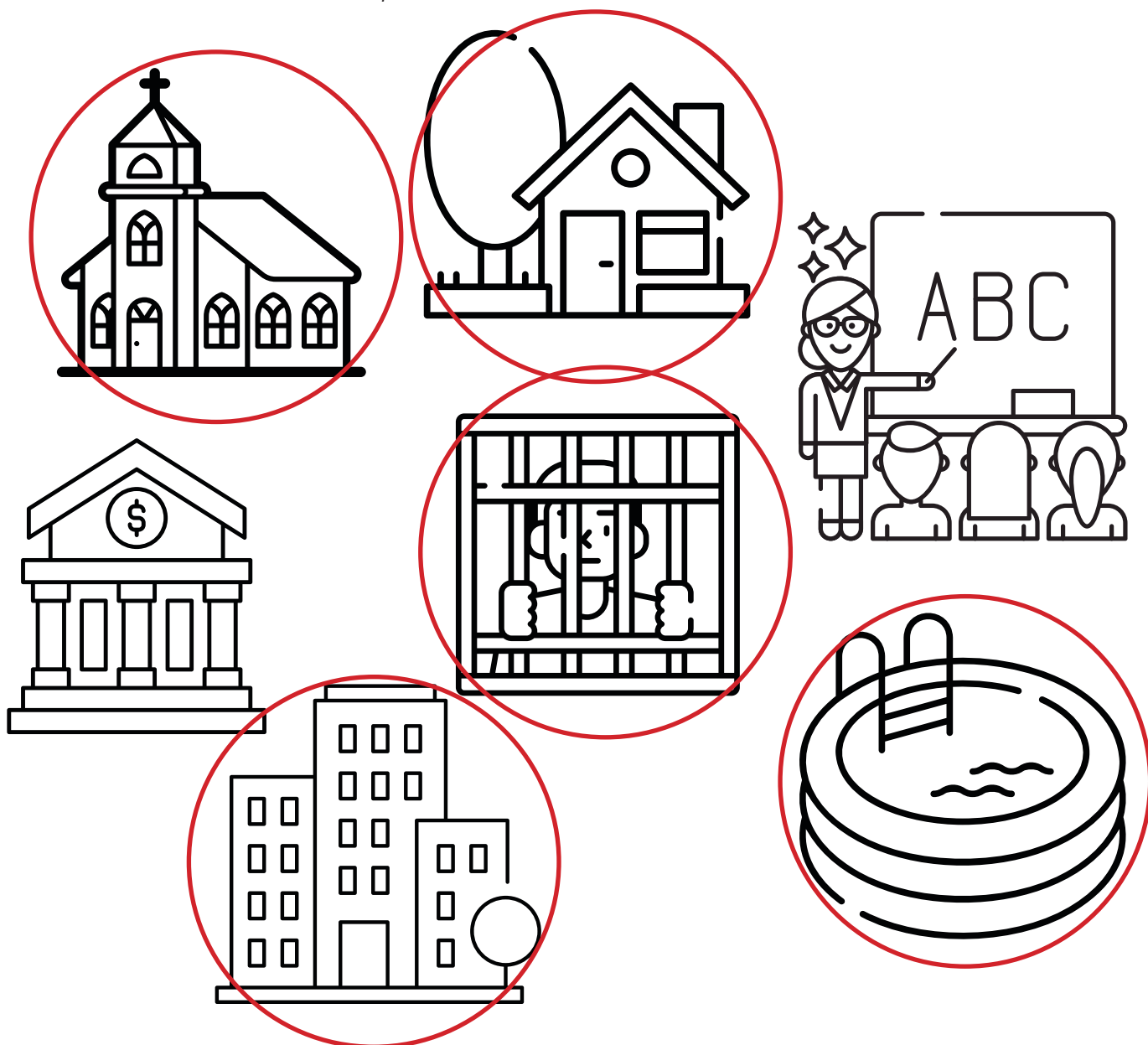
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How to Pray for Texas



2024 Week of Prayer for Texas Missions: September 8-15, 2024

On September 8-15, 2024, churches and individuals are encouraged to pray, promote, and support Texas Baptists ministries and missionaries serving and sharing the Gospel around the state.

This year, through the Prayer Guide, you will learn about eight ministries that are sharing the gospel with families in apartment complexes, men restarting their careers, young women answering the call of ministry, and more.

Visit iamtexasmissions.org/pray to learn more about how your prayers and gifts are making a difference each day in their work to make disciples who make disciples.

1 | Lubbock, Texas & Cedar Hill, Texas

Special Friends Retreat: Pray for more churches to see the need for Special Needs Ministry, and pray for the health of the campers throughout the year.

2 | Midland, Texas

Church Starting: Pray for more sponsors and partner churches to walk alongside new church plants as they receive training in leadership, prayer, and ministry.

3 | Dallas, Texas

Embrace: Pray for the Embrace Mentors as they empower young women to fulfill their calling.

4 | Fort Worth, Texas

Ethnic/Minority Scholarship Program: Pray for the students receiving the scholarship to be encouraged and equipped to serve in ministry after graduation.

5 | Aquilla, Texas

Missions Mania Camp: Pray that the Holy Spirit will begin preparing the hearts of the young boys and men who will be in attendance at Missions Mania for Royal Ambassadors.

6 | Lufkin, Texas

Christian Men's Job Corps: Pray for the participants of our Christian Job Corps sites to hear and respond to the Gospel message, follow in believers' baptism, and that God will transform their lives as they surrender their whole selves to Him.

7 | Houston, Texas

Apartment Churches: Pray Apartment Churches will have more gospel conversations with people living in complexes and that management companies will continue to be open to letting ministries use their common areas.

8 | Peñitas, Texas

Women's Build Project: Pray for the Women's Build volunteers as they use the opportunity to build relationships to make a spiritual impact on the family and community through the build.



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