

Children's Ministry Day 2023 Resources and Ideas

Five ways to be missions-minded on Children's Ministry Day: Learn, Pray, Give, Go, and Share!

Learn

- We are all called to go and make disciples. Below are two short lessons about being missions-minded.
 - Teaching Kids about Missions: <https://childrensministry.com/teaching-kids-missions-object-lesson/>
 - Prayer for Children Far Away: <https://childrensministry.com/faraway-places/>
- National WMU's focus for May is Senegal and missionaries Moses and Beth M.
 - Download resources, prayer requests, games, and more: <https://wmu.com/missions-discipleship/thismonth/>.
 - Watch the May 2023 Children's Missions Video to learn more about Moses and Beth M. in Senegal: <https://vimeo.com/820647109>.
- Community Opportunities
 - Ask your children to share what places and people they normally see in their communities (laundromats, children, homeless people, parks, etc.), then ask them to share what needs they saw in each area.
 - If your church has a community outreach ministry on campus or off campus, share about the ministry with your children.

Pray

- Take time to pray for missionaries, church leaders, and their families with your children.
 - National WMU Missionary Prayer Calendar: <https://wmu.com/missions-discipleship/prayercalendar/>.
- Have prayer stations in your classroom for children to go to and pray or plan a prayer walk. Take time to teach them the different ways to pray.
 - Preschool Teacher Resources
 - Leading Preschoolers in Prayer Time (<https://wmu.com/leading-preschoolers-in-prayertime/>)
 - Three Truths to Learn About Prayer (<https://wmu.com/three-truths-to-learn-about-prayer/>)
 - Prayer stations: create an atmosphere of peace as they pray by including soothing background music. If you are focusing on a ministry, plan a time to prayer walk as a group with your children.
- Ask your pastor if there is an opportunity for the children to pray during the main church service.
 - If your church chooses to celebrate the children's ministry volunteers, you can have one or more children pray over those volunteers during the service. Take time beforehand to practice what the prayer time would look like with the children, so they won't be as nervous.

Give

- Collect an offering for the Mary Hill Davis Offering[®] for Texas Missions, the North American Mission Board's Annie Armstrong Easter Offering[®], the International Mission Board's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering[®], or a

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church ministry of your choice. Share with your children and parents ahead of time so that they are ready to give.

- Weeks of Prayer for Missions: <https://www.wmutx.org/get-involved/weeks-of-prayer>.
- Collect toys or clothes to give to a nearby clothes closet ministry.
 - Search Google to find a clothes closet near you.
 - Texas Baptists offers various giving opportunities that you might be able to adopt (<https://www.texasbaptists.org/ministries/river-ministry-and-mexico-missions/partner-projects>).
- Teach children they can also give words of encouragement to others.
 - Get creative! You can buy or make encouragement cards for leaders, parents, or ministries.

Go

- Outdoor Activities: Help an elderly or sick person from your church with yard work. Help pick up trash around your church campus or at a park nearby. If your church has an outreach ministry, ask if your children can volunteer too.
- Indoor activities: If your church has an outreach ministry, ask if your children can volunteer or prayer walk the building.
- Pray for and send birthday cards to Texas Baptists Missionaries to encourage them while they are out on the mission field.
 - Texas Baptists Missionary Prayer Calendar: <https://www.wmutx.org/get-involved/prayer-calendar>.

Share

- Share what you have done with us to inspire other leaders to be missions-minded. Follow us and tag us on social media:
 - Facebook: WMU of Texas <https://www.facebook.com/WMUofTexas>
 - Facebook Group: WMU of Texas Community <https://www.facebook.com/groups/139380650818925>
 - Instagram: @wmuoftexas <https://instagram.com/wmuoftexas?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>
- Create and share a video or PowerPoint of what your children learned and how they served during Children's Ministry Day. Share the video/PowerPoint during the main church service.
- If you celebrated Children's Ministry Day in a unique way and would like to share your idea with WMU groups across the state, email wmutx@texasbaptists.org

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