

Native American Ministries Sunday

Get Ready

Prep Ahead: Bring a globe or world map.

Welcome

Good morning! I hope you've all had a great week.

Get Set

(Spin the globe or hold up the map.)

ASK: Who were the first people on earth?

(Allow time for kids to respond.)

That's right. Adam and Eve were the first people on earth.

(Ask a kid to point to America on the globe/map.)

Who were the first people in America?

(Allow time for kids to respond.)

Christopher Columbus and his men were some of the first Europeans to travel to America, but sometimes we forget that the first people in America were the Native Americans. We usually think of Native Americans as people who lived a long time ago, but there are still many Native Americans in our country today. They have a lot of gifts and talents they can use for God.

Today is **Native American Ministries Sunday**. We are collecting an offering that will help Native American churches and will help send Native Americans to seminary so they can become pastors and church leaders and do good things for God.

The Bible tells us in Hebrews 13:20-21 that God will equip his people to do good things for him. One of the ways he goes about equipping people is by using *other* people to help them. Those other people are us!

Find a partner or two and take a few seconds to think of something you can do to help others do good things other than giving money.

(Give kids some time to brainstorm.)

Now each group will get a chance to quickly act out your idea while the rest of us guess what you're doing.

(Give kids time to act out their ideas.)

Action

SAY: If you've brought an offering today, put it in your hand and hold your hand out in front of you; like you're handing the money to somebody. If you don't have an offering, that's okay. You can give a prayer offering for the people we will give money to, so they can do good things for God. Now, close your eyes.

I want you to imagine that you're going to give your money to or that you are praying for a Native American. Maybe it's a man who wants to start a church on his reservation. Maybe it's a woman who wants to go to seminary so she can be a missionary. Or perhaps it's a young Native American boy who wants to help his church start a clothes closet or food pantry. Do you have a picture of that person in your mind? Great. Now think about what you would say to that person as you give him or her your money or as you say a silent prayer for that person.

(As kids have their eyes closed, quickly move through the group and take their offerings.)

You can open your eyes now. Thank you so much for your money and prayer offerings for **Native American Ministries Sunday**. Those offerings will help equip God's people to do good things!