

Growing Together

Bible Story

We can be missionaries.
(1 Timothy 4:6-13, 15)

Missions 13:
We can all be missionaries by living for Jesus.

Bible Verse

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19).

In Touch

Today your child learned that we can all be missionaries by living for Jesus. The children discovered that they can influence people around them by showing Jesus through their actions. Use these activities this week to help your child live for Jesus and show God’s light.

Light the World



Help your child create luminarias to light the way to your home. Use a hole punch or sharp pencil to poke holes in paper lunch sacks. Create designs, letters, or simple pictures with the holes.

Place about an inch of sand in the bottom of each bag, and place a tea light or votive candle in each one. Place the luminarias in your windows, or line a driveway or porch with them. Explain to your children how Jesus is called the Light of the world. Then when the sun goes down, light the candles and enjoy the glowing reminder of Jesus.

Smile!

Most churches post pictures of missionaries and their families. Since your family members are missionaries in their world, take a snapshot of your family, and post it on your refrigerator. Write on an index card each area your family missionaries influence, such as school, work, clubs, and neighbors. Post the index card next to the picture as a reminder that you’re all influencing others for God.

The World Around You

Use newspaper clippings, magazine articles, and local newsletters to create a collage describing the world around you. Each day, have your family stand around the collage and pray for the things that trouble your world or community. Create new collages as events change.

Family Fun



Start a family missions fund by wrapping an empty can in decorative paper and placing it on your table. Encourage your child to give a percentage of his or her allowance or other income each week or month. When the can is full, decide as a family how to use the money to serve someone else. For example, you could give a department store gift certificate to a needy family, buy groceries for a local food bank, donate the money to a medical-assistance cause, or make food baskets for your neighbors.