



Emphasizing Missions

I try to teach about the life of a missionary at least four times a year. We always have a small basket for kids to drop their dollars and quarters into [*even in 2017, I still get nickels and pennies*]. I tell the kids they are too old to ask their parents for money to put into the basket. What they give should be money of their own which they could have used to spend some other way.

Twenty-five kids gave enough money to buy 25 mosquito nets to give to unsaved families in Myanmar. They [*staff never gives*] collected \$100 to give to the widow of the first Cameroon believer in a Church plant. The gift paid for a month of her diabetes medicine. They collected money for Syrian refugees whose pictures were on TV. Part of their gifts went toward the postage needed to mail VBS material to Myanmar's 2nd ever summer program. Another gift will help by Bibles. Half for distribution in America and half for overseas.

Put a photo of a missionary on a poster. I like to have a small [*11x14"*] poster that has at least 5 items: photo, flag, map of the country, stamp [*from the internet*], and continent, and perhaps an ongoing prayer request or two. Get a globe or hang a map on the wall. *You can buy a pad of world maps for kids to earn. They are available at educational supply stores for five cents each.*

Sing songs about reaching the world for Christ. Tell the kids if you personally had made a decision to be a missionary if that is how He could best use you.

Learn one song or chorus in another language. [*I found "Yes, Jesus Love Me in 100 languages*]. Ask someone from the church to come in and teach the song if you don't know any [*Feliz Navidad? La Cucaracha? Si, Cristo me ama? Yes, Jesus Loves Me*].

Bring cookies once a month made from an international recipe [*internet, or grocery store*]. **but the children are not allowed to eat the cookies** until they pray that missionaries go to the place where kids eat those cookies.

Make prayer for missionaries regular, and have a brief time once a month when you tell what is happening around the world. Have the kids pray aloud regularly that some of their fellow clubbers will become missionaries. Recite aloud Luke 10.2 monthly—"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest. . . ."

Invite a missionary at least once a year to tell the kids how it is different [*and the same*] to live in another country. I have my kids ask the missionaries 15 questions because some missionaries don't know what to say to children. The kids made up about half the questions and I made up the others. *see my blogs, 15 Questions, & Missionary Passport*

We have a world map covered with stickers. Kids choose a country, sometimes picking the country of the person who made their shirt, sweater, or dress. 97% of all clothes in America are made overseas. The kid who chooses the country, prays "the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers [*from our Junior Church*] into His harvest."