

Dear Children's Leaders,

Thank you for teaching kids about the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® and how they can be involved throughout their lives in missions. This short guide offers activities and challenges for kids to learn and actively participate in your church's international missions offering. The following activities, combined, provide one hour of missions learning and activities for kids. Video links are listed with each activity and can also be found at imb.org/lottiemoon. They are free to download or can be streamed from the website.

We are reaching the nations, together. Thank you for joining us.

Your Friends at the International Mission Board

REACHING THE NATIONS, TOGETHER

Supplies: heavy object, like a box filled with books

Show "Reaching the Nations, Together" video. <https://vimeo.com/707802761>

Challenge kids to realize that doing some things together can be easier than doing them alone. Bring a heavy object, like a box of books, to the room. Make sure it would be difficult or impossible for kids to move it alone. Ask kids to take turns trying to move the object. Then encourage them to work together to move it.

Explain that churches who work together can reach more people with the gospel. The job is too heavy for just one church! Missions is more effective when we all work together to send missionaries to the people around the world who need to hear about Jesus. The Lottie Moon offering is one way that churches join to give to missions. Tell kids how your church is raising money for missions or how your church will be collecting the offering. Encourage them to bring an offering of their own from home to give toward your church's goal.

SEEING THE UNSEEN

Supplies: craft beads (age-appropriate size), yarn or leather string

Show "Seeing the Unseen" video. <https://vimeo.com/724947721/94df2e67b3>

Explain that missionaries Travis and Beth Burkhalter live in Colombia, a country in South America. They tell the good news of Jesus to people who have never heard it. To help the people, they started the Embera Bead Project. Beth teaches people how to make beautiful jewelry that they can sell. They can use the money to take care of their families. Beth and Travis also teach the Bible and help people know how they can follow Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Distribute beads and yarn. Guide kids to make a bracelet or necklace. Encourage them to create their own patterns. Ask them to think of someone they can give their jewelry to this week and tell them that Jesus loves them. If time permits, let them make a bracelet or necklace to keep for themselves as a prayer reminder for the Embera people of Colombia and missionaries Travis and Beth Burkhalter.

SERVING GODS TO SERVING CHRIST

Supplies: Bible marked to Revelation 7:9

Show "Serving gods to Serving Christ" video. <https://vimeo.com/723407441/b4b7215d9b>

Ask them to pay close attention to the difference that Christ made in the life of Amos Lee. Ask them to also listen for ways that Southern Baptists helped him grow in his walk with Christ. If time permits, consider showing the video twice.

Ask kids to raise their hands to answer the following discussion questions:

- Who did Amos worship when he was young? (many false gods)
- How did Amos hear about Jesus? (His teacher invited him to an evangelistic event.)
- Who is the answer to the world's hopelessness? (Jesus Christ)
- How did he realize he needed Jesus? (The Holy Spirit helped him understand that the greatest sin in his life was denying that Jesus is the One True God.)
- How did Southern Baptists help him to become a minister? (They started, funded, and staffed a seminary in Hong Kong.)

Ask a volunteer to read Revelation 7:9. Explain that this is the vision of the International Mission Board. Southern Baptists send missionaries through the IMB to take the gospel all over the world. Discuss how Southern Baptists are working together to help all people hear about Jesus.

THANK YOU FROM MISSIONARIES

Supplies: Lottie Kids Activity Pages

Show one of the "Thank you" videos. <https://vimeo.com/showcase/9033461/video/670261039>

Explain that missionaries are grateful that churches give to support them. Thank kids for learning about missions and being a part of reaching the nations, together.

Distribute the Lottie Moon Activity Pages. As time allows, complete the activities together. Explain that Southern Baptists named the international offering in honor of missionary Lottie Moon.



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LOTTIE MOON,

Missionary to China

Lottie Moon was a missionary to China. A missionary is someone who travels to another place to tell people about Jesus. Lottie went to China on a ship in 1873 to tell the Chinese people about Jesus.

At first, the Chinese people were afraid of Lottie because she didn't look like them and she came from a place they had never heard of. Lottie decided to bake cookies for the children. The children liked the cookies! Then, the mothers invited Lottie into their homes, and she told them about Jesus. The children called Lottie "the cookie lady."

Lottie also wrote lots of letters home to the United States. She wanted people to pray for the Chinese people. She also wanted more people to go to China to tell people about Jesus. Because of Lottie's letters, Southern Baptists began collecting an offering every year for international missions.

Lottie Moon died on Christmas Eve, 1912. Every year, Southern Baptist churches collect an offering to send Southern Baptist missionaries to countries around the world where they tell people about Jesus. The offering is called the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®.

This year, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal for Southern Baptists is \$196 million! That's a lot of money, but it helps support nearly 3,600 missionaries and their 2,880 children who are telling people about Jesus! Thank you for giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering!

LOTTIE'S TEA CAKE RECIPE

Plain Tea Cake (As made by Lottie Moon)

Three teacups of sugar

One teacup of butter

One teacup of sour milk

Four pints flour

Three eggs, well beaten

Half a teaspoon of soda

Flavor to taste, roll thin, bake in a quick oven.

Adapted recipe:

2 cups flour

½ cup butter

1 heaping cup of sugar

1 well-beaten egg

1 tablespoon cream

Cream the butter and sugar. Add the egg and mix well. Add the flour and cream. Dust a board with flour. Roll the dough very thin. Cut cookies with a round cookie cutter. Place on a buttered or nonstick cookie sheet. Bake at 475 degrees for about 5 minutes.



LOTTIE MOON CROSSWORD

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2. What was Lottie Moon's job?

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2. What did Lottie Moon bake for the children?

LOTTIE MOON WORD SEARCH

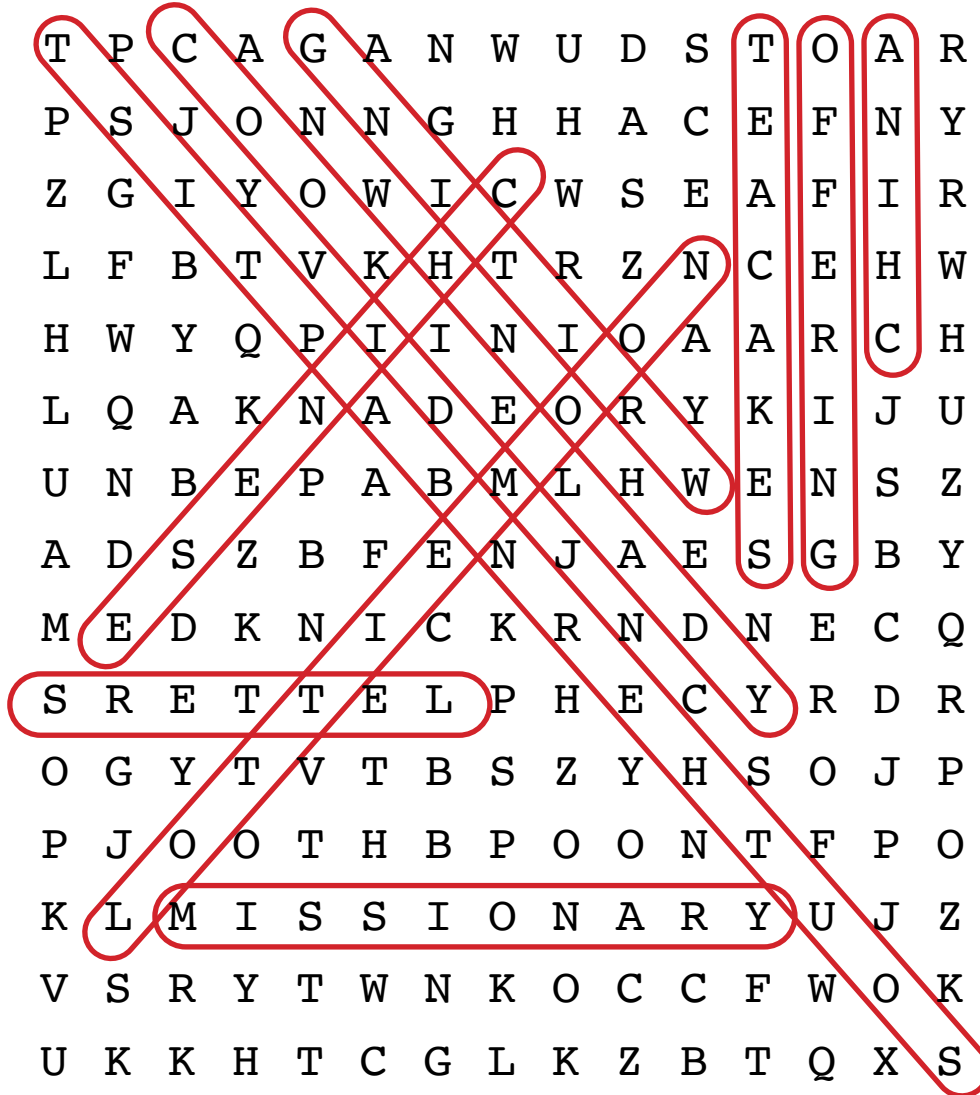
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