

Missionary Servants

Use this game to show the children that missionaries serve others in different countries in a variety of ways.

Gather some or all of the items listed below. (You can use two or three of a kind; repetition is good for learning and teaching.)

The following is a rap to start the class. If the children know how to make some of the noises for raps, it adds to the fun.

You gotta know somethin 'bout mission life,
Or you will think the world is only strife.
Missions is me, and missions is you.
It's your mother, father, sister, brother, grandparents, too.
It's folks far away—hear the beat of the drum;
It's where you live and where others come from.
So come with me now—come one, come all.
Let's get this mission lesson started,
And let's hear our call!
Missions, that is—Let's go!

Have children sit in a circle on the floor. Place objects in the middle of the floor, and explain that these are items a missionary might use. Choose a child to go to the center and pick an item he or she wants and describe in how someone might use that item on the mission field. After the child is finished with what they have, have them place it in a designated box, then run around behind the circle one full time and then stop behind the child they want to go next. The child who chose shouts, "I love missions!"

The second child gets up, and the previous child takes the empty place in the circle. This keeps the circle always rotating with the children sitting and interacting with new people. Each child must have a turn before someone can be chosen a second time.

Item	Possible Uses
Bible	Preaching and teaching God's Word, taking the Gospel to all nations
First Aid Kit or bandage box	Medical missionaries, medical teams
Water bucket	Digging wells
Seeds	Agriculture
Lesson book	Teaching
Pencil and papers	Translating the many languages of the world, school
Hammer and nails	Building
Small suitcase	Traveling missionary, traveling Work & Witness teams
Language book	Preaching and teaching God's Word in a foreign language
Airplane	traveling to the place where they will serve, to get places where cars may not go or to get there quicker
Clothing	Providing clothes for people around the

	world
Radio	World Mission Broadcast teaches God's Word through radio transmission
Video	Showing people around the world what God is doing in other places through audiovisuals, such as <i>Global Mission DVD</i>
Mission books	Mission education, teaching God's people about missionaries' experiences on the field
Alabaster Box	Raising funds to buy land and build churches, hospitals, missionary homes, and schools around the world
Money in a plastic bag	Mission offerings, such as Alabaster, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, special projects, or Child Sponsorship
JESUS Film	Teaching people around the world about Jesus' life, learning in their own language
Canned food	Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, feeding people of the world who may not have enough food or feeding the people of the world God's Word
Pictures of Work & Witness trip	Work & Witness teams help build the kingdom of God by serving around the world
Blanket	Helping keep people warm who may have lost everything due to war, famine, disasters, or persecution, blanketing the world with prayer
Calculator	Keeping track of finances around the world
Boat	Fiji Boat Project, taking the Gospel to islands in the South Pacific and other places where people are difficult to reach except by water
Church	Building the kingdom of God through prayer, worship, and serving God right here in our own church home, speaking in churches to tell about missions
Fishing rod	Making fishers of men
Tent stakes	People may go out and put up tents to serve as church buildings so they can preach the Gospel and start a church
Bottle of water	Some countries do not have a lot of clean drinking water, digging wells for a better life

Scripture Focus (choose one and help the children memorize it)

- Matthew 10:24—"A student is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master."
- Matthew 20:28—"Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
- 2 Corinthians 4:5—"For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake."

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