



“Each person should do as he has decided in his heart – not out of regret or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7
State Offering Goal: \$75,000

Learning about the Indiana State Missions Offering

If your church does not have mission organizations for children grades 1 - 6, use the following ideas as drop-in activities to promote the importance of the State Missions Offering for Indiana. This year’s theme is “Reaching Indiana.” Drop-in missions activities can take only a few minutes during Sunday Bible study or other regularly scheduled children’s activities. They can create interest in what Southern Baptists are doing in our state to share Christ with others.

Activity Ideas

Pray for Missions in Indiana: Put a large map of Indiana on a wall and let children put flags locating church plants in our state. See the list of church planters and their locations at www.scbi.org/smo (“Pray for Church Planters”).

Give to Missions in Indiana: Let children help construct a visual for your church’s offering goal by tracing around their hands and cutting out the shapes. Each hand (“Reaching Indiana” theme) will represent a specific amount of the church goal. As offering gifts come in, place hands on a large map of the state. Celebrate reaching your goal in a worship service.

Go and Share Christ in Indiana: Help children understand what church planters do by telling one or two of the stories from the brochure “Reaching Indiana.” Talk about how they can tell their friends and neighbors about Jesus.

Game

Sack Activity: Put items representing Indiana in a sack. Children take out one at a time and read the state or mission fact. (See the online resource, “Indiana Fast Facts.”)

Tell the story

Tell mission stories provided and adapt to interest children using a map of Indiana and objects that relate. (See the brochure “Reaching Indiana” as a resource for the stories.)

Applying what we’ve learned

Discuss how the children can help “Reach Indiana.” If your church set a State Missions Offering goal, children can make hand cutouts for divisions of the goal amount.

Talk with associational leaders and find a suitable project for children.