



“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 a Mission Friends missions education group, use these ideas as drop-in activities when preschoolers are together during Sunday School, worship services or other regularly scheduled times. The suggestions stem from popular activities for preschoolers used in similar settings.

Homeliving

Using the “Indiana Fast Facts” online, have food produced in Indiana for preschoolers to taste (popcorn, potatoes, cucumbers, apples, blueberries, watermelon). Be sure to notify parents what the children will taste in case of allergies. As they taste Indiana products mention other facts about our state. Pray for people in Indiana to learn about Jesus and his love for them.

Art Activity

Help preschoolers trace around their hands on colored paper to illustrate that they can reach out to others with God’s love. Ask them how they can share with others (help their neighbors, give food to the hungry, be friends to someone new). They will take their drawings home at the end of the session and tell their families how everyone can share God’s love with people they know. NOTE: This activity is probably the best to use if you only have a few minutes to mention state missions. Emphasize the “reaching out” aspect of this year’s State Missions Offering theme.

Game

Make a matching game using cardboard and gluing pictures of items produced in Indiana. As the preschoolers play the game, tell them facts about mission work in Indiana. Include a picture of a church to represent the 72 church plants in our state. Stress that a new church can meet anywhere – a home, a movie theater, an office building, or even outside. Use “Indiana Fast Facts” (available online) to help you make the game.

Group Time

Tell one of the mission stories from the brochure. Read 2 Corinthians 9:7 from the Bible and comment on how important the State Missions Offering is and how they and their families can give to help begin new churches, help churches grow, and minister in their local association

area of Indiana through different projects. Close the group time with prayer for Indiana's church planters and their families and for all the groups who share Jesus with people in our state.

If you have a limited time to promote Indiana mission work, choose one idea that will be most effective. Use every minute to advantage! Show preschoolers how exciting missions is and that they, too, can tell others about Jesus.

Resources

"Reaching the Lost in Indiana," "Indiana Fast Facts" and a list of Indiana church planters are available at www.scbi.org/smo.