

leader background information

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS OBSERVE the Season of Prayer for State Missions during September. The suggested date is September 11-18, 2011. This year's theme is **Chain Reaction**. Children and their leaders will be challenged to start a chain reaction with the Good News of God's love. This study focuses on the Hispanic ministry of Horse Cave Baptist Church. Members of the community can receive free child safety seats and health care. Medical personnel and translators volunteer at the Health Care.

teaching options

This study can be used in place of a RA, GA, Children in Action or another children's activity session. You may choose to set aside a special time for this study during the Season of Prayer. Please make additional copies of this material as needed.

session outcomes

Through this study, children will:

- Learn how ministry to one person can spread the love of God to many persons.
- Learn various ways volunteers in Horse Cave have shared Jesus with migrant workers and others.
- Prepare "Use Me" books for "English as a Second Language" students.
- Pray for the children who receive the "Use Me" books.
- Be encouraged to give an offering to State Missions.

teacher preparation

1. Display a set of dominoes. (Purchase enough so that each child may have one at the end of the session.)
2. Display a map of Kentucky and a map that includes Mexico.
3. Print the "Missions Story Word Cards" from the State Missions DVD. Cut them apart and tape them around the meeting room.
4. Gather a child's safety seat, blood pressure cuff, toothbrush, dental floss and an empty prescription bottle.
5. Print Children's Pictures 1-6 from the State Missions DVD.
6. Print a copy of the "Use Me" book for each child from the State Missions DVD and staple the pages together.
7. For each "Use Me" book, provide a new pencil and crayon, a wrapped stick of gum, a balloon and clear tape.

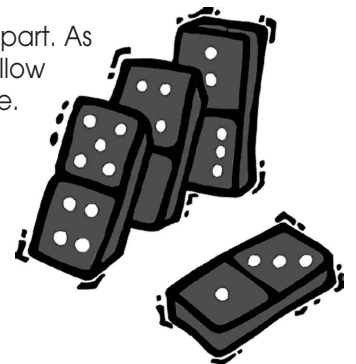
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a chain reaction

Before the session, stand a set of dominoes up on their short sides about one inch apart. As girls and boys enter, invite them to push one domino. Talk about what happens. Allow girls and boys to reset the dominoes and demonstrate to other children as they arrive.

missions story

1. Ask: *What happened to the dominoes?* (The dominoes fell.)
What made each domino fall? (Each domino was hit by the domino in front of it.)
Say: *Today we will learn how people in Kentucky heard the Good News about Jesus. One person told another person. That person told another person and so on. Now the Good News has spread all the way from Kentucky to Mexico!*
2. Display a map of Kentucky. Ask a volunteer to locate "Horse Cave" on the map.
Say: *We will find out how people in Horse Cave share the Good News with migrant workers or traveling farmers.* Read "Spreading the Good News" on page 18. (The pronunciation for each Spanish word can be found on the State Missions DVD, "Spreading the Good News.") Pause after reading each Spanish word. Instruct boys and girls to look around the room to find the English word cards that match the Spanish words in the story. Display the word cards on a focal wall. After you have finished reading the story, lead children to retell the story using the English word cards.
Ask: *How is this story like pushing over dominoes?* (One person tells the Good News. Someone hears it and accepts Jesus. That person tells others.)



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3. Help children find Matthew 14:14 in their Bibles. Ask a volunteer to read the verse.
Say: Horse Cave Baptist Church shows compassion for the migrant workers who are sick or in need of help. The church sponsors a Health Fair. Show each of the following objects: child safety seat, blood pressure cuff, toothbrush and dental floss, empty prescription bottle, and a pair of eyeglasses. Ask children to guess how each object was used to share God's love.
4. Share the following information about how these objects were used during the Health Fair.
 - Child safety seat.** *(Show Children's Pictures 1 and 2 from the State Missions DVD)* In 2008, Horse Cave Baptist Church offered the first child safety seat give-away. They are able to talk to parents about safety laws for children. This shows the parents that church members care about them and so does God.
 - Blood pressure cuff.** *(Show Children's Picture 3 from the State Missions DVD).* Medical volunteers test the blood pressure of Health Fair visitors.
 - Toothbrush and dental floss.** *(Show Children's Picture 4 from the State Missions DVD).* Dentists and dental hygienists give dental care to those who need it.
 - Empty prescription bottle.** *(Show Children's Picture 5 from the State Missions DVD).* A pharmacist helps to fill prescriptions or medicine for those who can't afford it.
 - Pair of eyeglasses.** *(Show Children's Picture 6 from the State Missions DVD).* Health Fair visitors are able to get their vision checked.
5. *Say: Each health care provider has an interpreter. An interpreter changes words from one language to another. The health care providers tell the visitors about Jesus. After the Health Fairs, many people believe in Jesus because of the love they had been shown.*

elbow tag

Invite children to share ways they have spread the Good News about Jesus. Lead girls and boys to play Elbow Tag. Play this game in a gym or outside with boundaries marked. Pick one person to be "It." "It" tags someone. Those two people link elbows. Each of the two must tag another person and link elbows. The game continues in this manner until all children have linked elbows. Ask children to sit down. Explain that we can help spread the Good News just by telling one person.

missions project

1. Explain to boys and girls that they will make a "Use Me" book for migrant children who are learning to read English. Give each child a copy of the "Use Me" book. Follow the directions below for each page:
 - "**Read** me." Lead children to write a message to a child who is learning English. Discuss what children might write about. (hobbies, age, favorite color, favorite scripture verse, God loves you!) Give each child a piece of writing paper to practice. You may want to write a message together on chart paper and let younger children copy it into their "Use Me" books. Check each message for spelling, grammar and punctuation.
 - "**Write** with me to tell a story about yourself." Lead each child to tape a pencil on this page. *Your children should not write on this page.*
 - "**Chew** me." Help each child to tape a wrapped stick of gum to this page.
 - "**Play** with me." Lead each child to tape a balloon to this page.
 - "**Color** with me." Help each child tape a new crayon to this page.
2. Tell your girls and boys where the books will be sent. (See address below or contact a Hispanic ministry in your area.) Pray for the children who will receive the books. Give each child a domino as a reminder to spread the Good News.
*Say: The Health Fair at Horse Cave costs money, even though volunteers help. Giving to the **Eliza Broadus Offering** helps this ministry and many others throughout Kentucky. Give each child an **Eliza Broadus Offering** envelope and encourage children to give an offering.*

Address for "Use Me" books: Rev. Kevin Denton
 Horse Cave Baptist Church
 301 E. Main St.
 Horse Cave, KY 42749
 Email: hcbc@scrtc.com

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learning extension activities

1. Invite children to share experiences they have had with people who speak a different language. Lead children to practice the "Spanish Phrases" recording on the State Missions DVD. You may want to lead children to participate in a ministry event in which they could practice the Spanish they have learned.
2. Lead children to make "Easy Beefy Empanadas" (below right).

Tell children: *Mexican children play games very similar to American children. Migrant children would probably be familiar with some of the games we play.*

Play one or more of the following games:

- Atrapadas (tag)
- Avion (hopscotch, board is in the shape of an airplane)
- Piedra, Papel o Tijeras (Rock, Paper, Scissors)
- La Cuerda (Jump Rope)
- Camicas (Marbles)

Discuss ways to share God's love by playing games. (We can make new friends. We can play fairly. We can be good sports.)

learn Spanish

Spanish	English
comidas	meals
Biblias	Bible
Méjico	Mexico
familia	family
Jesús	Jesus
hombre	man
predicador	preacher
iglesia	church

missions story: spreading the good news

Note to leader: Listen to the State Missions DVD for Spanish pronunciations.

Since 1998, seventeen churches of the Liberty Baptist Association have provided **comidas** to migrant workers at Horse Cave Baptist Church. A worship service is also held in Spanish. The migrant workers have received **Biblias** in Spanish and Jesus videos. Over 400 men have accepted Christ as their Savior because of the compassion of the church members. To become a Christian, these men asked forgiveness from their sins and believe that Jesus died and rose again. After hearing the Good News, one man went back to **Méjico**. (Locate Mexico on the map.) He shared the Good News with his wife, **familia** and other members of his community. They decided to follow **Jesús (Haysus)**, too!

One **hombre** who accepted Christ in Horse Cave is now a traveling **predicador** in Mexico. Another man who was saved is helping to start an **iglesia** in Guatemala.

easy beefy empanadas (Family Size)

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 garlic clove
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 can (15 ounce) fresh cut corn, drained
- 8 ounces grated cheddar cheese
- 1 cup salsa
- 2 cans (16 ounce) large refrigerated biscuits

Directions

1. Brown the ground beef in a frying pan, adding the salt and pepper just before done. Let the beef cool.
2. In a large bowl mix the corn, onions, cheese and salsa, then add the cooled beef, mixing carefully so not to break up all the cheese.
3. Roll the biscuits out flat to about 2-1/2 times their size.
4. Place approximately 1/3 cup filling on one side of the center of the circle lengthwise.
5. Fold the dough over the filling like a turn over and crimp the edges with a fork like a pie crust.
6. Place on slightly greased cookie sheet and bake at 375 degrees F until lightly browned.