

## leader background information

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS OBSERVE THE SEASON OF PRAYER for State Missions during the month of September. September 11-18, 2011 is the suggested date. During this session, preschoolers will learn how recipients of the **Eliza Broadus Offering** have been able to meet physical and spiritual needs of people in Appalachia. Preschoolers will learn about the mission of the Freeda Harris Baptist Center in Elkhorn City, Kentucky. They will also discover ways they can help those less fortunate.

## teaching options

This study can be used in place of a Mission Friends session or another preschool 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, preschoolers will:

- Learn that some people do not have enough food, clothing and other supplies.
- Learn that all people need to know about God's love.
- Learn that they can share God's love by helping those in need.
- Pray for the people at the Freeda Harris Baptist Center.
- Make banks to collect an offering for the **Eliza Broadus Offering** for State Missions.

## teacher preparation

1. Before the session, write these Bible thoughts on strips of paper and place them in a preschool Bible:  
*Tell people about Jesus (see Matt. 28:19)*  
*Do not forget to do good and to share with others (see Heb. 13:16)*  
*Bring an offering to church (see Luke 4:16)*
2. Gather these items: map of Kentucky, can of food, article of clothing, paintbrush, basketball, scissors, glue, toys.
3. Print Preschool Pictures 1-5 from the State Missions DVD.

## leading the session

1. Display a map of Kentucky. Show a picture of a mountain or preschool picture 1 from the State Missions DVD.  
Say: *Kentucky has mountains in the east called the Appalachia.*  
Ask: *What do you know about mountains? Can you show me how big a mountain is?*
2. Tell the following story: *Missionaries Greg and Alice Whitetree work in the Kentucky mountains at a place called the Freeda Harris Baptist Center (point to Elkhorn City on the map and show preschool picture 2 from the State Missions DVD). Some of the people who live in the mountains have not heard about Jesus because it is hard to travel in the mountains. The Whitetree's provide transportation to the Center with a van provided by the **Eliza Broadus Offering** for State Missions.*  
Ask a preschooler to pull out the strip of paper, "Tell people about Jesus" from the Bible. Read it.  
Say: *God wants everyone to know about His Son, Jesus. Many people in the mountains are poor. They don't have much money to buy food and clothes.*  
Ask: *How do you think Mr. and Mrs. Whitetree help the people? (Show a can of food and article of clothing.)*  
Say: *They give people food and clothing to show them God loves them.*  
Show the paintbrush and say: *Since the people don't have much money, they can't fix their houses. Volunteer helpers come to repair houses. They might fix a roof or paint a porch.*  
Show the basketball and say: *The Freeda Harris Baptist Center has a gym. People come to play basketball and they also hear that God loves them. (Show Preschool Picture 3.)*  
Show the scissors and glue and say: *Mr. and Mrs. Whitetree have craft clubs for children. (Show Preschool Picture 4.)*  
Show the toys and say: *Mommys and Daddys have a hard time buying toys for their children. People from all over Kentucky send toys to the Freeda Harris Baptist Center. Mr. and Mrs. Whitetree give the toys to parents for their children. (Show Preschool Picture 5.)* Ask a preschooler to pull out the Bible thought, "Do not forget to do good and to share with others" from the Bible. Read the Bible thought.

leading the session

Say: *God wants us to share with others.*

Ask: *How can we help others?* Ask a preschooler to pull out the Bible thought, "Bring an offering to church" from the Bible. Tell preschoolers they can bring money for the **Eliza Broadus Offering**.

3. Lead a prayer for the Whitetrees and the people who attend the center.
4. Tell boys and girls that they will pretend they are in the mountains at the Freeda Harris Baptist Center. They can take turns giving and getting food and clothing. They can play basketball. They can read a book about what it's like to be poor. They can make an offering bank at the "Craft Club."

**interest areas**

Older preschoolers learn through interest areas. Provide at least two. Before the session, prepare the interest areas. Make a sign that says, "Freeda Harris Baptist Center" and place it near the interest areas. Also make signs saying: "Toy Give-away," "Craft Club," "Clothes Closet," "Food Pantry," "Gym" and "Books" and place each one by its interest area.

**toy give-away**

Materials: small toys, pre-cut wrapping paper, pieces of tape, bows

Encourage preschoolers to take turns wrapping the presents and giving them away. For discussion: The missionaries, Greg and Alice Whitetree give toys to parents who don't have enough money to buy them. Jesus wants us to help others.

**craft club**

Materials: plastic drink mix containers with slit cut in lid, construction paper cut to fit around drink mix containers, markers, tape.

Tell preschoolers they will make a bank for the **Eliza Broadus Offering** for missions in Kentucky. Instruct preschoolers to draw pictures of things on their pieces of construction paper of things that remind them of the Freeda Harris Baptist Center (mountains, food, clothes, basketball, etc.). Help preschoolers tape their papers onto the containers. Give each preschooler a lid. Encourage children to collect money for the **Eliza Broadus Offering**.

**clothes closet**

Materials: oversized clothing and shoes for dress up, plastic hangers, plastic grocery bags.

Lead preschoolers to take turns giving and receiving clothing items. Preschoolers can try on clothes and place them in a bag. For discussion: Our missionaries give clothes to people who need them. We can give the clothes we outgrow to people who need them.

**food pantry**

Materials: play food, non-perishable food items such as canned food and cereal, plastic grocery bags.  
Invite preschoolers to take turns "shopping" and bagging as though they were at the Freeda Harris Baptist Center. For discussion: Why do people need to come to the Freeda Harris Baptist Center for food instead of going to the grocery store? How can we help people who are hungry in our town?

**gym**

Materials: foam basketball, small net.  
Lead preschoolers to play basketball. For discussion: Greg and Alice Whitetree tell the people who come to the center to play basketball about Jesus. What could you tell someone about Jesus?

**books**

Materials: Bible with Bible Thoughts, books about poverty.

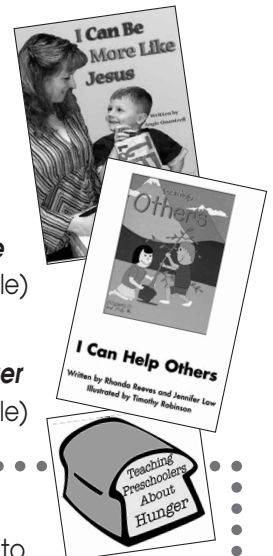
Resources available from the WMU Store: [www.wmystore.com](http://www.wmystore.com)

Books for Preschoolers:

***I Can Be More Like Jesus***  
#W098105 \$12.99

***I Can Help Others: Missions and Me***  
#E118106 \$1.99 (Downloadable)

Resource for Teachers:  
***Teaching Preschoolers About Hunger***  
#E118102 \$9.99 (Downloadable)



**helping others activities**

After this study, you may want to involve preschoolers and their families in helping the needy. Your group can collect canned goods, used clothing and new or gently used toys for a mission or center in your area. The Freeda Harris Baptist Center gives away toys each Christmas.

You can send toys to:  
Greg and Alice Whitetree  
6846 Marrowbone Creek Rd.  
Elkhorn City, KY 41522-8128  
606-754-7414  
Email: [kytree@bellsouth.net](mailto:kytree@bellsouth.net)

Find out more about the Freeda Harris Baptist Center at [www.arministry.org/FreedaHarris.asp](http://www.arministry.org/FreedaHarris.asp)