

# Teaching Guide for Preschool

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## 2013 State Missions Emphasis and Eliza Broadus Offering

This teaching guide may be used with preschoolers in Mission Friends and other preschool groups. This study can be used instead of one of the ministry lesson plans for your Mission Friends or other preschool class during September. You may also choose to set aside a special time for this study during the Season of Prayer. Please make additional copies of this material as needed.

### Leader Background Information

Kentucky Baptists observe the Season of Prayer for State Missions during the month of September. The suggested date is September 8-15, 2013. During this session, preschoolers will learn how Eliza Broadus Offering funds are used by Pit Stop Challenge volunteers to share God's Word and the truth about Jesus with families at the Kentucky Speedway in Sparta, Kentucky. You can learn more about the Pit Stop Challenge Ministry by reading the Master Article and watching the video segment about Pit Stop Challenge.

### 2013 State Missions Emphasis Highlights

**Suggested Date:** September 8-15, 2013

**Suggested Scripture:** Luke 8:4-11 NIV 1984

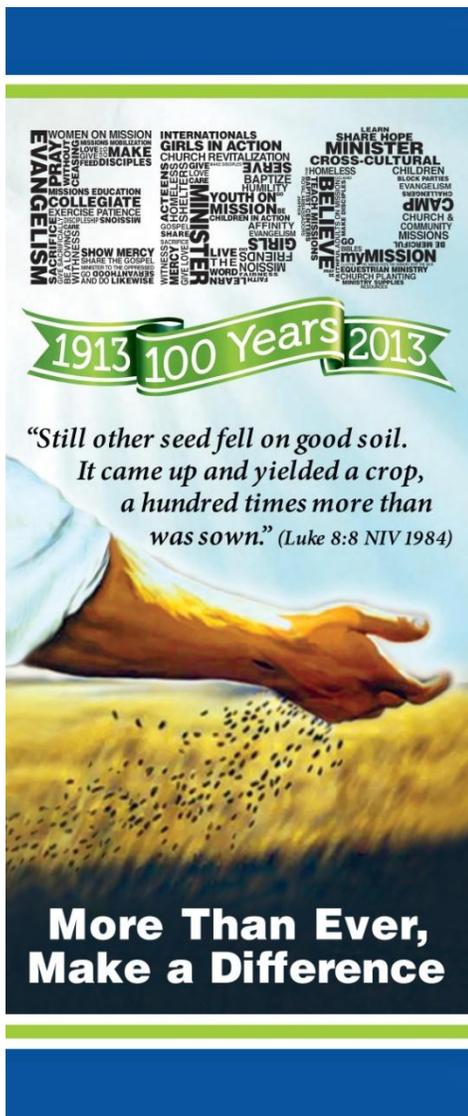
"Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown." (Luke 8:8)

**Master Article** (print from DVD) – information about eight ministries in Kentucky.

**Video Segments (suggested for each Sunday in September and/or for mission study):**

- Pit Stop Challenge
- Deaf Ministry
- Engage: Reaching International Students
- Kentucky Changers
- KBC Team Leaders

**All 2013 state missions materials and videos are also available online: [www.kywmu.org/ebo](http://www.kywmu.org/ebo)**



### Session Outcomes

Through this study, preschoolers will:

- Learn that the majority (3 out of 4) of people who attend car races do not attend church on Sundays.
- Learn that they can go to where people are to tell them about God's love.
- Learn that they can share God's love by giving someone a Bible.
- Learn that they can pray for the Pit Stop Challenge volunteers and the people that they meet at the races.
- Make banks to collect an offering for the Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions.

## Leader Preparation

1. Display a map of Kentucky. On the map, place a checkered race flag sticker on Sparta, KY. Sparta is in Gallatin Co. just off of I-71 north. It is in the middle of the triangle formed by Carrollton, Owenton, and Warsaw.
2. Print the following Bible thoughts on separate strips of paper: “*Jesus cared for the people.*” *Matthew 14:14* and “*God loves all people.*” *John 3:16*. Place them in a Bible.
3. Get a package of old fashioned wooden clothespins. There should be enough for each child to have four. Paint one out of every four clothespins green. Paint the rest red. These can also be colored with a magic marker. Bring two mixing bowls to class. Label one bowl “church.”
4. Bring a small race track set or race track mat with several cars. Before telling the story below, place the colored clothespins on the inside and outside of the track to represent race fans. Place the two bowls nearby.
5. Print Preschool Pictures 1-4 from the More Than Ever...Make a Difference DVD.
6. Prepare interest areas.

## Leading the Session

1. Have the children look at the map of Kentucky and find the checkered flag. Ask: *Have you ever seen a flag like this? Where would you use a flag like this?* (race track, car race, place where you race cars; all of these would be good answers)
2. Say: *This checkered flag marks the location of the Kentucky Speedway in Sparta, Kentucky. Twice a year, many people go to the Speedway to watch the cars race around the track. They are called “race fans.” Many race fans do not go to church on Sunday. In fact, many of them do not know much about God and they don’t even have a Bible to read about God.*
3. Ask a volunteer to take the Bible thought, Matthew 14:14, from the Bible. Read the Bible thought. Lead preschoolers to recite the Bible thought. Say: *Today, we are going to learn about a man and his friends who care about the people at the race track.*

4. Tell the following story:

Say: *Rick Gastineau and the Pit Stop Challenge volunteers know that most of the race fans at the Speedway do not go to church to learn about God. Rick says that 75% of the people at races do not go to church.*

Show the children the race track with the clothespin “race fans.” Say: *This is our race track and the colored clothespins are race fans watching the race. Have each child pick up one green clothespin and place it in the “church” bowl. Say: When Sunday comes, these are the fans that go to church. Have each child pick up three red clothespins and place them in the other bowl. Say: These are the fans that will not go to church.*

Ask: *Which bowl has more fans in it? Say: That’s a lot of people that do not go to church and need to hear that God loves them.*

Take all the clothespins and put them back around the track. Say: *On race day, Rick knows that all of these people will be at the Speedway, so he and the Pit Stop Challenge volunteers go to the race track to tell the people about God’s love. They take with them the Pit Stop Challenge car.*

Show Preschool Picture 1. Say: *This is what the Pit Stop Challenge car looks like. It is not a real car, but it has real wheels that can be changed out just like they do during a pit stop in a real race where the race car stops to get new tires and more gas.*

Show Preschool Picture 2. Say: *When children and adults come over to the car to take a turn at changing the tires, Rick and his helpers will tell the people that God loves them and give them a Bible to take home.*

Show Preschool Picture 3.



Show Preschool Picture 4. Say: *These are three of the Bibles that Rick and the volunteers hand out to people at the races. Money from the Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions helps Rick buy these Bibles. Do they all look the same? Which one do you like? Do you think everybody would like the same one? Inside the cover, these Bibles all say the same thing - that God loves all people. Rick knows that if people take the Bible they like the best, they will read it and discover that God loves them.*



Have another volunteer take the Bible thought, John 3:16, out of the Bible. Read the Bible thought. Lead preschoolers to recite the thought. If they have memorized this verse, let them quote it to you as a group. Say: *The Bible teaches us that God loves all people.*

5. Say: *Rick and his helpers talk to a lot of people at the race track and at the campground where many of them stay when they come to watch the races. They also give away many Bibles. How could we help him? Explain to preschoolers that we can help Rick by praying for him and the Pit Stop Challenge Ministry and by giving to the state missions offering.*
6. Say: *We can also go to people that we know don't go to church and give them a Bible and tell them that God loves them. Do you know someone that you can tell about God? Remember to tell them this week that God loves them.*
7. Lead the children to the interest areas.

### **Interest Areas**

Older preschoolers learn through interest areas. Provide at least two. Explain each interest area. Allow preschoolers to choose an interest area, or complete each prepared interest area as a whole group. Prepare the interest areas before the session.

- **At the Race Track**

Preparation: Set up the race track and clothespin “fans” that will be used as a part of the story mentioned above.

Let preschoolers race the cars around the track. Have them make “pit stops” and pretend to change the tires and add gas to the cars. Remind preschoolers that a lot of people come to watch the races, but only a few of them will go to church on Sunday.

- **Camping Out**

Preparation: Bring a small tent and simple camping equipment and set up a camp site. If you do not have a tent, make a tent using chairs and a bed sheet. Provide plastic cookware and plastic food items.

Encourage preschoolers to pretend they are camping at the race track and fixing a meal before going to watch the races. Ask: *Do people who stay in tents and campers need to know that God loves them?*

- **Matching Game**

Preparation: Cut out the Preschool Matching Game pieces provided on the More Than Ever...Make a Difference DVD. Mix the pieces up and lay them face down in a grid pattern.



Invite preschoolers to take turns turning over the pieces two at a time to see if they can find a match. Ask: *Which of these things can help a person learn about God's love?*

- **Healthy Race Car Snack**

Supplies: Apples, toothpicks, grapes and/or string cheese sticks.

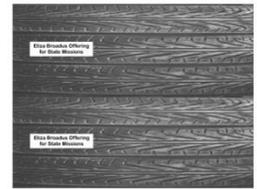
Preparation: Core the apple and then cut into slices. Push two toothpicks through each of the apple slices. Cut the grapes in half cross-wise to make wheels for the cars. You can also make car wheels by cutting cross sections of the string cheese sticks.



You can let preschoolers put their cars together or have them prepared beforehand. As they eat their snacks, talk about what they learned during the lesson time.

- **Eliza Broadus Tire Bank**

Preparation: Collect “Grab & Go” size Pringles cans or other similar sized containers. Cut a slot in the lid for coins. Print out the Preschool Tire Bank Wrap page from the More Than Ever...Make a Difference DVD. Cut the page to fit the containers you have collected. Wrap the Tire Bank Wrap cutout around the container and tape or glue in place.

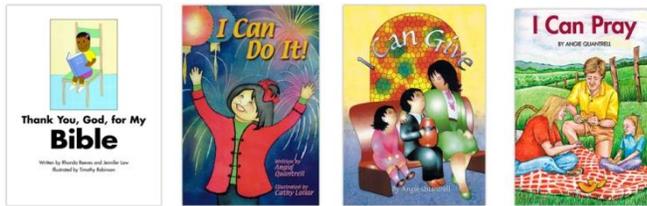


Encourage preschoolers to use the bank to collect money for the Eliza Broadus Offering. Remind preschoolers that their offering will help Pit Stop Challenge, and other ministries, to tell people in Kentucky about God’s love.

- **Books**

Preparation: Bibles with this lesson’s Bible thoughts. Provide books about how we can pray for others and share God with others.

Invite preschoolers to find the Bible thought in each Bible. Read the books to the children.



The following resources are available from the WMU Store: [www.wmystore.com](http://www.wmystore.com)

Books for Preschoolers:

- *Thank You God, for My Bible*, #E118101, \$1.99 (Downloadable)
- *I Can Do It*, W038103, \$9.99
- *I Can Give*, W038102, \$9.99
- *I Can Pray*, W098106, \$12.99

The *I Can* series set (W118105, \$19.99) includes the above three books plus *I Can Be More Like Jesus*

- **Helping Others Activity**

Bring cards for preschoolers to decorate, or lead them to make cards. Put these together with some pictures of the children learning about Pit Stop Challenge in a package with an encouraging note to Rick Gastineau and Pit Stop Challenge Ministry.

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