



Teaching Guide for Preschool

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2015 State Missions Emphasis and Eliza Broadus Offering

Leader Background Information

Kentucky Baptists observe the Season of Prayer for State Missions during the month of September. The suggested date is September 13-19. During this session, preschoolers will learn about the Creative Ministries Festival (CMF) and how creative arts can be used to tell about Jesus. Kentucky WMU sponsors this event which is a two-day worship experience that equips teens to share the Gospel in creative ways. CMF includes creative ministries, such as puppets, ballooning, interpretive movement, juggling, and clowning.

In 2015, students and their leaders who attended the Creative Ministries Festival took part in Block Parties throughout the Bowling Green area. Block Party sites were selected to help a new church plant as well as to reach out to needy communities. Participants used what they learned in workshops to conduct the Block Parties.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for students and leaders who attended the Creative Ministries Festival this year. Pray that they will continue to use creative arts to share the gospel.
2. Pray for ministries that would like to have creative arts teams come assist in their work. Pray that teams and ministries will get connected.
3. Pray that the Creative Ministries Festival will continue to grow in size and impact.

The Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions helps support the Creative Ministries Festival.

If teens in your church are interested in the Creative Ministries Festival next year, please contact:

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2015 State Missions Emphasis Highlights

Suggested Date: September 13-20, 2015

Suggested Scripture: John 9:25b

"One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see" (John 9:25b ESV).

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

Video Options (Use one each Sunday in September and/or for mission study):

- TellYourStory.Today
- Language Missions through Church Planting
- Creative Ministries Festival 2.0
- First Priority Student Ministry
- Disaster Relief Overview
- Disaster Relief: A Response of Hope
- Disaster Relief: An Opportunity to Serve
- Operation Inasmuch Kentucky

All 2015 state missions materials and videos are also available online: www.kywmu.org/ebo

Teaching Options

This teaching guide may be used with preschoolers including Mission Friends and other groups for preschoolers. This study can be used instead of one of the sessions in Mission Friends or other preschool ministry lesson plans in 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.

Session Outcomes

Through this study, preschoolers will:

- Learn that God made everyone special, with unique gifts and talents.
- Learn that they can use their talents to share about Jesus.
- Pray for those who use their talents to share about Jesus.

Teacher Preparation

1. Prepare materials for selected interest areas.
2. Print the following Bible thoughts on separate slips of paper: *Tell people about Jesus. Matthew 28:19, Work with your hands. 1 Thessalonians 4:11 and I am wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14.* Insert the slips of paper in a Bible.
3. Print Preschool Pictures 1-6 from *The Heart of the Story DVD*.
4. Optional: Invite preschoolers' families to a Block Party after the session. Set up games, such as Corn Hole, sack races and a bean bag toss. Prepare popcorn and drinks. Set up a CD player with Christian music.

Interest Areas

Preschoolers learn through interest areas. As children arrive, lead them to the interest areas you have prepared. (Prepare at least two areas before the session.) You can allow preschoolers to choose an interest area or complete each interest area as a whole group.

- **Puppets**

Preparation: Provide hand puppets and/or paper lunch sacks, markers, google eyes, yarn and glue. Make a sample lunch sack puppet before the session.



Tell preschoolers that puppets can be used to tell others about Jesus. Help preschoolers use the lunch sacks to make puppets. Invite preschoolers to use the puppets to tell a story about Jesus or sing a song about Jesus.

- **Interpretive Movement**

Preparation: Provide dowel sticks or rulers, crepe paper streamers, and tape. Set up a CD player with a CD of kids' worship music.



Help preschoolers tape the crepe paper streamers to the dowel rods or rulers. Play the CD of kids' worship music. Encourage preschoolers to move their streamers with the music. Some may want to work together to create a movement pattern with the music. Say: *Some people tell about Jesus through songs and movement.*

- **Face Painting**

Preparation: Provide drawing paper and crayons. Optional: face painting crayons and wet wipes.

Say: *At Block Parties or outside parties, you might see kids getting their faces painted. Face painting can be used to share about God.*

What pictures could be used to tell about God? (cross, rainbow, heart) Give each child a piece of drawing paper and crayons. Instruct them to draw something that could be used to tell about Jesus. Ask children to explain their drawings. If possible, use face painting crayons to draw symbols on children's faces.



- **Clowning**

Preparation: Provide bright dress up clothes such as striped socks, men's ties and bowties, and suspenders. Blow up balloons and provide red face crayons.

Ask: *Have you ever seen a clown perform? Clowns try to make people laugh. Did you know clowns can be used to cheer people and help them know that God loves them?* Invite children to use the items to dress like a clown. Teachers can use the red face crayons if children want red noses. Challenge children to do some action that could cheer someone.



- **Balloon People**

Preparation: Blow up round balloons. Provide permanent markers. Make copies of Preschool Picture 1 from cardstock. Cut out feet. Punch a hole in each foot. Optional: Provide twisty balloons.

Explain that balloons are used to get people interested in Block Parties. If possible, twist a balloon animal (or invite someone to twist a balloon animal.) Tell preschoolers that they will make balloon people. They can share these balloon people with their friends.

Give each child a balloon and permanent markers to make a face on their balloons. You may want to assign partners so that one partner can hold the balloon while the other one draws. When children have finished their faces, help them insert the tied ends of the balloons into the feet.



Lead boys and girls to large group.

Group Time

1. Invite volunteers to pantomime something special they can do. Allow others to guess. Ask a volunteer to draw the Bible Thought for Psalm 139:14 from the Bible. Read the Bible Thought. Say: *God gave us each special talents. Today we will learn how we can use our talents to share God's love.*

2. Say: *Teenagers in Kentucky are learning how to use their special talents to share about God.* Write “Creative Ministries Festival” on a chart or white board. Talk about each word.

Creative: new or different way to do something

Ministries: helping others

Festival: celebration or party

Hold up Preschool Teaching Pictures 2-6, one at a time. Ask: *Can you tell how these teenagers are using their special talents? What are they doing?*

3. Ask a volunteer to draw the Bible Thought for Matthew 28:19 from the Bible. Read the Bible Thought. Say: *Teenagers at the Creative Ministries Festival use their talents at Block Parties. After they learn how to do puppets, interpretive movement, and clowning they go to a neighborhood and have a party. People see the teenagers dressed like clowns, making balloon animals, or painting faces and want to come to the Block Party. When people come to the Block Party, the teenagers can use their talents to tell them about God’s love.*
4. Invite volunteers to share which interest center they enjoyed most. Ask how each activity could be used to tell others about Jesus. Allow preschoolers a chance to share.

Examples:

Puppets- Sing songs about Jesus.

Interpretive Movement- Use songs about God.

Face Painting- Draw pictures that remind us about Bible stories.

Clowning- Make people happy. Attract people to the Block Party.

Balloon People- Make a friend and tell him or her about Jesus.

6. Lead in prayer for the teenagers who are learning creative ministries and for the people they will meet at Block Parties.
7. Block Party (optional) – Encourage preschoolers to choose a creative way from the interest centers to practice sharing about Jesus with their families. Ask preschoolers to share what they have learned about Creative Ministries Festival. Invite families to play the games you have prepared. Serve popcorn and drinks and play music.

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