

2022 ELIZA BROADUS OFFERING FOR STATE MISSIONS

EBO MISSION STUDY FOR PRESCHOOL

Written by Stacy Nall

September 2022

“Jesus went about doing good” (See Acts 10:38)

“We are helpers” (See 2 Cor. 1:24)

SESSION GOALS

Preschoolers will learn how Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers helped the people of western, Kentucky. Focusing on the Concept Area, Jesus, they will learn that Jesus wants us to love and help others.

STUDY OVERVIEW

On December 10, 2021, tornadoes hit several western Kentucky towns, causing loss of life and damage to homes and businesses. Over three-hundred Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers joined with other individuals and teams to help communities recover from the damage of the tornadoes. First Baptist Church in Murray hosted the feeding and operation center. Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief partnered with First Hispanic Baptist Church to feed members of the church’s community. Kentucky Baptist churches’ generous gifts to Disaster Relief and the Eliza Broadus Offering made it possible to provide food and other essential supplies to help the communities of western Kentucky.

Ron Crow, Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief Director said, “The ministry of disaster relief models the ministry of Jesus. During his ministry, we discover how he would meet someone in need, reach out to meet their physical need and confront their spiritual need.” Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers meet physical needs and gain the opportunity to share about Jesus.

For more information about Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief, visit kywmu.org/ebomedia and kybaptist.org to view a video.

SESSION PREPARATION

1. Create a small “disaster area” in your group time space by scattering toys around and turning over a few chairs.
2. Fill a 1 or 2- liter bottle with water up to the curve of the bottle. Add blue food coloring and a drop of vegetable oil. Place a ½ inch flat washer on the opening of the bottle. Place a second bottle upside down on top of the first bottle. Tape the openings of the bottles together with duct tape. **(Experiment before your meeting.)**
3. Provide a map of Kentucky.
4. Print Disaster Relief Pictures 1-6 from kywmu.org.
5. See below for learning activities preparation.

6. OPTIONAL (Helping Others Activity): If you would like to help Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief by preparing hygiene kits, you will need: travel-size shampoo, toothpaste, and deodorant; washcloths, bars of soap; toothbrushes in individual packages; gallon-sized resealable plastic bags; index cards; stickers.

SESSION PLANS

GROUP TIME

OPENING ACTIVITY

(Be sensitive to preschoolers who may have experienced a tornado or are afraid of storms.)

1. Invite preschoolers to your group time space. **Say:** *It looks like we have a mess here! Some people in western Kentucky had a mess to clean up after some tornadoes came through their town.*
2. Show preschoolers the bottles you have prepared. Flip the bottles (water on top). Swirl the top bottle in a circular motion until you see a cone of water develop. **Say:** *This is how a tornado looks. A tornado is much bigger, though. And instead of water, a tornado is spinning air. (Show western Kentucky on a map.) After a tornado in western Kentucky, some helpers who are called volunteers went to help the people of western Kentucky. (Show Disaster Relief Picture 1.) These helpers or volunteers work with Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief. Today we will see how the volunteers helped people and told them how much Jesus loves them.*

STORY TIME

(Tell this story in your own words.)

Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers always work together like a family would by helping people after a disaster. Last year, several tornadoes hit western Kentucky towns. Everyone wanted to help. They came from all over Kentucky and other states with a carload, truck load or trailer load of supplies.

A church was trying to feed people in their town. Volunteers brought a food truck to help feed the hungry people. (Show Pictures 2 and 3.)

The tornadoes damaged peoples' homes. Disaster Relief volunteers helped them rebuild their homes. (Show Picture 6.)

The tornadoes blew trees down. Disaster Relief volunteers cut up the tree limbs and cleaned up peoples' yards.

Disaster Relief Volunteers helped feed people, clean up, and rebuild houses. This is what Jesus wants us to do. (Open your Bible and read the Bible Thought, Jesus went about doing good (Acts 10:38.)

The Disaster Relief volunteers told the people in western Kentucky about Jesus, gave them Bibles, and prayed for them.

Ask: *How can you help a friend?*

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Choose two or more activities to prepare. Explain the activities and allow children to rotate through the activities or do the activities one at a time as a group.

Homeliving- Feeding Trailer

Preparation: Provide large pots, spoons, and large empty vegetable cans. (Tape the rims of the vegetable cans.) Provide paper plates and utensils. Set up the play area to resemble a serving line. Print and display Disaster Relief Pictures 2 and 3.

Lead girls and boys to take turns pretending to cook food and serve food. **Say:** *Disaster Relief volunteers prepared food for people in western Kentucky after a tornado. Jesus wants us to help others.*

Building- Home Rebuild and Supply Delivery

Preparation: Provide toy trucks, blocks, and toy tools, such as a hammer.

Say: *Disaster Relief volunteers helped people in western Kentucky rebuild their houses after tornadoes. They drove trucks with supplies. We can show people Jesus loves them by helping them. How can you help others?*

Show Disaster Relief Picture 6.

Invite preschoolers to build houses with the blocks and toy tools and pretend to drive trucks full of supplies.

Books- Good Things Jesus Did

Preparation: Download [Good Things Jesus Did](#) (1.99 from [wmustore.com](#)). Print the Bible thoughts, “Jesus went about doing good” (Acts 10:38) and “We are helpers” (2 Cor. 1:24) on separate strips of paper. Place the bookmarks in a preschool Bible.

Help preschoolers find the Bible Thoughts in the Bible. Read the Bible Thoughts and ask preschoolers to repeat them. **Say:** *Today we are going to learn how Jesus helped others.*

Read [Good Things Jesus Did](#).

Show Disaster Relief Pictures 4 and 5.

Say: *Disaster Relief volunteers use the Bible to show people that Jesus loves them. How can you show someone that Jesus loves them?*

Art- House Painting

Preparation: Gather watercolor paints, brushes, cups of water, paper towels, and lightweight paper. Print *We are helpers* (2 Cor. 1:24) on each child’s paper.

Say: *Disaster Relief volunteers helped people in western Kentucky rebuild their homes after they were damaged by tornadoes. Let’s paint pictures of houses that have been rebuilt.*

Give each child a piece of paper that you have prepared. Show preschoolers how to paint with watercolors by dipping their brushes in water, then paint.

Say: *Disaster Relief volunteers help others. Jesus wants us to help others.*

Nature- Tornadoes

Preparation: Provide a 16 oz. water bottle for each preschooler. Remove the labels.

Say: *A tornado is spinning air. We are going to make a sample tornado.*

Give each preschooler a bottle. Ask them to drink the water until the water is down to the curve of the bottle. Add a drop of blue food coloring and a drop of dish soap to each bottle. Screw the lids back onto the bottles. Tape the bottles with duct tape.

Lead them to turn their bottles upside down and swirl their bottles in a circular motion. This may require adult assistance.

Say: *Tornadoes can cause damage to buildings. Let's pray for God to keep people safe during a tornado.*

Lead a prayer for safety during tornadoes.

Helping Others Activity- Hygiene Kits

Say: *Sometimes people need supplies after a tornado or other disaster. We can show people Jesus loves them by making hygiene bags.*

Provide index cards and markers or crayons. Lead preschoolers to print "Jesus loves you!" on cards. Younger preschoolers can decorate the index cards with stickers or drawings. Help preschoolers to place each hygiene item and an index card in a bag. You could also make an assembly line with the hygiene items you have gathered with each preschooler in charge of one hygiene item. Lead a prayer for the individuals and families who will receive the hygiene bags.

You may deliver the hygiene bags to the Kentucky Baptist Convention, 13420 Eastpoint Centre Dr, Louisville KY during normal business hours. Please call (502) 489-3403 with questions.

CLOSING

Gather preschoolers in your group time space. Lead preschoolers to clean up the "disaster area" in your group meeting space. **Ask:** *How did the Disaster Relief volunteers help the people in western Kentucky? How can we help people, even people who haven't had a disaster?*
Pray for the Disaster Relief volunteers and the people they serve.