



Children's Sermons

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2014 State Missions Emphasis and Eliza Broadus Offering

Two children's sermons are provided. It is suggested that #1 be used on one Sunday in September and #2 be used the following Sunday. Suggested dates: September 7 & 14.

If a state missions video is shown before the children's sermon, you may want to make a connection to the story told in the video. Or you may wish to tell about one of the ministries in the Master Article as part of the children's sermon. (All materials included on the Power to Serve DVD or online: www.kywmu.org/ebo.)

Children's Sermon #1

Item needed: Flashlight with removable batteries

Show the flashlight to the children. Ask them how it works (push the switch/press the button).

Remove the batteries and ask a child to turn on the flashlight. Ask: Why won't the flashlight work now? (No batteries.) Say: Batteries are the source of power in a flashlight. Without batteries the flashlight will not work. After Jesus was raised from the dead, he appeared to his disciples at different times for forty days. This is what happened the last time Jesus was with his disciples. (Read Acts 1:4-8.)

What Jesus said in Acts 1:8 applies to all of us. We are to be his witnesses wherever we go and Jesus has given us the power. The power to tell people about Jesus comes from the Holy Spirit. We can think about it like the flashlight. Without the batteries on the inside, the flashlight will not shine. We need the Holy Spirit inside of us to help us shine for Jesus. When we repent of our sins, ask God to forgive us and to save us, the Bible tells us that God does forgive our sins, gives us eternal life, and sends the Holy Spirit to live in us

Across Kentucky we have missionaries who have the Power to Serve through the Holy Spirit. They are doing many different types of ministries. Some are college students who serve as summer missionaries. Some go to college campuses to tell students about Jesus. Some work with prisoners and their families to tell them about Jesus. Some find out things that people are interested in and plan events that will tell them about Jesus. Some share food and clothes with people in need. Some start new churches to tell people about Jesus. And some even fill backpacks with items for children at Christmas time.

We also have an offering for Kentucky missions called the Eliza Broadus Offering. The offering helps to provide supplies for the work of Kentucky missionaries, Bibles, gas for disaster relief vehicles, materials for teaching children, and other things our missionaries need. God gives the Power to Serve and we are part of God's work as we pray and give. God gives the Power to Serve but our part is to push the switch. We can do that today. Let's pray for our missionaries and for the Eliza Broadus Offering.

(If a state missions video was shown, you may want to make a connection to the story told in the video or tell about one of the ministries in the Master Article.)

Lead in prayer.

Children's Sermon #2

Items Needed:

Bible lands map showing Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria
Kentucky, United States or world map



Boys and girls, during September, we are thinking about missions in Kentucky. Last week we read the last thing Jesus said to his disciples. Let me read it again. (Read Acts 1:8.)

Hold up the flashlight. What did we say last week about the flashlight? (It will not shine if it does not have batteries.) We said that the batteries in the flashlight remind us of the Holy Spirit that gives us the power to serve Jesus and to tell others about Him.

Today I want us to think about this verse again. Not only did Jesus tell his disciples that he would send the power they needed to carry out His command, but He also told them all the places they were to go. He said that they would be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Show these places on Bible lands map.)

When Jesus told His disciples that they would be His witnesses in Jerusalem, this was like saying to us that we will be his witnesses in our town, our state, our nation and in other countries. (Show map. Point out your town and then places beyond your town.)

But we could make this even more personal to us. In this Bible verse, Jerusalem is like our neighborhood. Judea might be like our school and Samaria like the playground or the park. And the ends of the earth might be like going away from home on a trip. What are some places that you go? (Ask for responses – school, dance lessons, grocery store, vacation trip, etc.)

What Jesus said in Acts 1:8 applies to all of us. We are to be His witnesses wherever we go and Jesus has given us the power. The power to tell people about Jesus comes from the Holy Spirit. And the places we are to tell people about Jesus are all the places that we go in this town and beyond.

In Kentucky we have missionaries that go many places in our state. Some tell people about Jesus in small towns. Some live in a city. Some missionaries serve meals to hungry people so that they can tell them about Jesus. Some go out to respond to disasters when there have been bad storms or floods. Campus missionaries go to tell college students about Jesus, including students that have come from other countries to go to college here. Everywhere they go, God gives our missionaries the Power to Serve through the Holy Spirit. Our part is to pray for missionaries in our state and to give to the Eliza Broadus Offering to help them with their work and buy materials that they need.

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This week I hope that you will tell someone in your neighborhood or at school or at the park or even on a trip about Jesus. And remember that God will give you the Power to Serve.