

Lottie Moon Mission Study
Lots of Letters
Lesson 4

Learning Goals: Through a study of the life of Lottie Moon children will understand the importance of giving to missions and sharing the gospel throughout the world.

Preparation:

1. Provide stationery, envelopes, pencils, drawing paper, and crayons for letter writing.
2. Choose a game to play from "Traditional Chinese Games" (below).

Group Time:

1. Invite children to share what they've learned about Lottie Moon.
2. *Say: This is a portion of a letter that Lottie sent to Southern Baptist leaders in 1887. The way she says things may sound different to you but see if you can figure out what she wants.*

In like manner, until the women of the Southern Baptist churches are thoroughly [stirred up], we shall continue to go on in our present "hand to mouth" system. We shall continue to see mission stations so poorly manned that missionaries break down from overwork, loneliness, and isolation; we shall continue to see promising mission fields unentered and old stations languishing; and we shall continue to see other denominations no richer and no better educated than ours, outstripping us in the race. I wonder how many of us really believe that 'it is more blessed to give than to receive'? A woman who accepts that statement of our Lord Jesus Christ as a fact, and not as impractical idealism, will make giving a principle of her life. She will lay aside sacredly not less than one-tenth of her income or her earnings as the Lord's money, which she would no more dare to touch for personal use than she would steal. How many there are among our women, alas! alas! who imagine that because Jesus paid it all, they need pay nothing, forgetting that the prime object of their salvation was that they should follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ in bringing back a lost world to God, and so aid in bringing the answer to the petition our Lord taught his disciples: Thy kingdom come.

L. Moon.

3. Ask: *What was Lottie asking for?* Say: *Lottie Moon realized the need for people in America to give money to support missions. She wrote hundreds of letters asking for money. She suggested having an offering at Christmastime for international missions.*

4. Say: *You may not have much money, but you can give what you have and encourage others to give. Each of us will write a letter to an adult we know at church, encouraging them to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.*
Talk about what kids could include in their letters. Give children stationery to write their letters. (Give younger children a letter to copy or allow them to draw a picture for an older child's letter.)

5. Lead in prayer for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and for people to know about Jesus.

6. Play a "Traditional Chinese Game." (below)

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Traditional Chinese Games

For Younger Children:

Cat Chasing Mouse

Choose one child to be the Cat and one child to be the Mouse. All the other children form a circle, holding hands, with the Mouse inside and the Cat outside.

The children in the circle move around while calling out the following rhyme:

"What time is it?"

"Just struck nine."

"Is the cat at home?"

"He's about to dine."

When the rhyme stops, the children stop moving and the Cat starts to chase the Mouse, weaving in and out of the circle of children. The Cat must follow the Mouse's path. When she catches the Mouse, two more children are chosen to be the Cat and Mouse.

For Older Children:

Chinese Ball

This game should be played in a large area with 10 or more players. You will need a foam ball.

The players stand in a circle. One person is given the ball. Players must throw the ball quickly across the circle with the aim to surprise another player and make them miss the catch.

If a player catches the ball, the player on each side of her must raise his/her arm closest to the player with the ball and hold it there until the ball is passed to another player.

If a player fails to catch the ball or fails to raise the correct arm when their neighbor catches the ball, that player is out.

When only five layers are left, those players are considered the winners.

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For All Ages:

Dragon

Players form a human chain by standing in a line and placing their hands on the shoulders of the player directly in front. The player at the very front is the dragon's head and the very last player is the dragon's tail. The goal is for the dragon's head (the player in front) to tag the dragon's tail (the player in back).

The players behind the dragon's head try to stop the dragon's head from catching the dragon's tail without disconnecting. When the dragon's head succeeds in catching the dragon's tail, the head becomes the tail and a new player becomes the dragon's head.

A variation is to have more than one dragon and each dragon head tries to catch the tail of the other dragon(s).



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