

Mission Projects

For Use in the 2009 Children's North American Mission Study

Blizzard Banks

You need: small metal boxes (1 per child), dark blue cardstock, scissors, glue, white acrylic paint, cotton swabs, letter stickers

You do: Have one small metal box with a lid for each child (clean and empty), such as the ones mints come in (circle or rectangular shape). Cut dark blue cardstock pieces to fit just inside the lid. Have children glue the cardstock to the lid of the box. Help them choose letter stickers to spell out their name and "give," "AAEO," or "offering," something to help them remember to save coins for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering[®]. Allow the children to use cotton swabs dipped in white acrylic paint to make "snowflakes" all over the cardstock pieces. As you work, tell the children that the coins they save can be like snowflakes falling from the Alaska sky. The more they give, the more money missionaries have to work with to reach people for Jesus. Encourage the children to bring their banks back to church full at the time designated for collecting the AAEO in your church.

Chip Clip Sales Event

You need: spring-type clothes pins, 7 mm google eyes, small black fuzz balls, white and black felt, narrow red rick rack, glue, snack-size bags of chips

You do: Have children make many Puppy Chip Clips (see Games and Crafts document). Place a snack-size bag of chips in each clip. Secure approval from church staff, and have the children sell the chip clips to raise money for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering during a church fellowship meal or after church.

Glitter Snowflake Cards

You need: colored card stock (cut in half with a paper cutter, if possible), plastic bottle caps (from juice, water, spice, or extract bottles), white acrylic paint, silver glitter, disposable snack plates

You do: Use Glitter Snowflake Cards (see Games and Crafts page) to send notes of encouragement to missionaries. Or use the cards in a local nursing home ministry. Secure permission and arrange a trip to the nursing home with children. Have children help residents write letters to family members on cards they have decorated but left blank on the inside, or have the children write kind words to residents before delivering them.

Animal Shelter Volunteering

You need: permission slips from parents, plans confirmed with shelter

You do: As a follow-up to the North American Mission Study for Children, encourage children to spend an hour or two being "short-term missionaries" like the people who help at the Iditarod, feeding and brushing dogs, helping clean cages, or whatever help the local shelter might need. As you explain plans, tell children that any time we serve in Jesus's name, we can make a difference. Our service may open the way for a conversation about Jesus to begin.