

# Bringing Good News to Russia

Use this resource to reinforce what your child is learning every month in missions.

## NOTES FROM YOUR CHILD'S LEADERS

This month, children will celebrate the good news of Jesus by studying His birth story. They will discover how the shepherds reacted to the angel's announcement by going to meet the newborn baby and then telling everyone about Him. They will explore how to celebrate the Advent season to prepare their hearts for Christmas. They will learn about the Grogans—special workers who are sharing the good news of Jesus in Moscow, Russia. They will be challenged to share the good news with others.

### **BIBLE FOCUS**

Read Luke 2:1–20. Provide each family member with a nativity set to display in your home. Use nativities you already have or go shopping for a new indoor/outdoor set. You can also make one out of natural or simple craft materials. The nativity is a visual display that helps to tell the good news of Jesus' birth.

### **MINISTRY FOCUS**

Nolan and Kimberly Grogan\* share the good news of Jesus with Russians. They serve the needs in Moscow, Russia. But they also support and encourage special workers, Russian believers, and Russian church planters throughout Russia and among Russian peoples all around the world. Kimberly Grogan says, "I have tried to make it a habit of praying as I leave my home each day. I ask the Lord for opportunities to witness to people I encounter. I try to be intentional about seeking ways to share. And I always have a Bible or book of the Bible to give to people. I take a Russian Bible with me to many places and read it. I walk in the parks and seek opportunities to share." Go shopping as a family at a bookstore that sells Bibles. Have each family member choose a version that is age-appropriate or in the language of people you may encounter in your community. Have these ready to share with someone.

*\*Names have been changed.*

### **WEB FOCUS**

Visit these websites as a family to learn more about this month's emphasis:

- [wmu.com/ThisMonth](http://wmu.com/ThisMonth)
- [imb.org](http://imb.org)

### **MISSIONS FOCUS**

#### ► **Park Perks**

Plan a park outing for your family. Pray and be intentional about connecting with other people. Ask the Lord to give you an opportunity to share your faith in Jesus. Maybe the Lord will prompt you to give the Bible you purchased to someone. Be ready to see God at work.

#### ► **Game Night Fun**

Host a game night. Reach out to families or individuals in your community who might not speak the same first language as your family. Invite them to bring a game to share, as well. Ask them to share about the game in their first language and then in English, if possible. Be prepared to give a Bible in their first language.

#### ► **Art Appreciation**

The Grogans say, "In Russia, people have great appreciation for the arts. So they go to the opera, ballet, theater, and museums." Plan a family outing to support the local arts. Look for age-appropriate exhibits and performances. Enjoy the experience. Look for ways to support local artists and performers while also connecting with others to share the good news.