

Let's Go to Boston!

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

NOTES FROM YOUR CHILD'S LEADERS

The majority of the 5.9 million people who live in Boston, Massachusetts, have never heard the gospel. This month, children will learn how a missionary started a new church and shares God's love in the city of Newton, located a few miles outside of Boston.

BIBLE FOCUS

Read Mark 11:1–11 with your family. Explain to your children that long before Jesus was born, the prophet Zechariah said that one day a king would come riding on a donkey. Jesus fulfilled this prophecy when He came into Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Explain that people in Jerusalem honored and praised Jesus by spreading coats and branches on the ground in Jesus' path and shouting praises to Him.

Make a palm branch by having everyone in your family trace his or her handprint on green paper. Cut out the handprints and tape them to a craft stick. Write on each handprint one thing that your family can do to praise and honor Jesus.

MINISTRY FOCUS

Missionaries Brian and Jenny Mahon have accepted the challenge of planting a church in one of Boston's most affluent communities. They have served in Newton, Massachusetts, for more than four years. So far, the Mahons have seen very few people come to faith in Christ.

Have each member of your family share about a time they faced a difficult challenge and felt like giving up. Ask: *What gave you the strength to keep trying?*

Pray for God to encourage Brian and Jenny and give them strength. Pray that they would be faithful and that their ministry would be effective and bear fruit.

WEB FOCUS

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

- wmu.com/ThisMonth
- namb.net/send-cities/Boston/
- christcommunityma.org

MISSIONS FOCUS

► Pray for North American Missions

Challenge your family to pray for missionaries in North America. Put 31 empty plastic eggs in a basket. Write the names of 31 states on slips of paper. Put one slip in each egg. Every morning, have your child open an egg and locate on a US map the state listed on the slip. Then pray together for missionaries serving in that state.

► Community Involvement

Your family can be a presence for Christ in your community. Look for ways that your family can be more involved in your community. For example, participate in a community clean-up day or volunteer at a local 5K race. While you are serving, look for ways to share Christ with others.

► Give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Each year, Southern Baptist churches give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® to support the work of North American Mission Board missionaries and church planters in the United States and Canada. Encourage your family to work together to save money to give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. As a family, visit anniearmstrong.com to learn more about the offering and the missionaries it supports.