



with Children

Most children enjoy connecting the dots to create a picture. At first you can't tell what the picture is going to be. But when you connect the dots in the correct order, a picture emerges. Sharing missions education with individuals, small groups, churches, and your association is like connecting the dots. When you share your passion for missions education, the missions picture becomes clearer to those who catch your excitement.

As someone who believes in the importance of involving children in missions, you can make a large impact in helping more children than ever learn about and participate in missions education. Consider these steps as you work to help children connect the dots in their missions learning:

D—Discover New Members

Encourage churches to compare the attendance of current children's missions education groups to Sunday morning attendance. Are there children attending on Sunday mornings who don't come to Girls in Action®, Royal Ambassadors®, or Children in ActionSM? How can you get those children involved?

O—Organize Groups

Do you know of churches that have active Women on Mission® groups but no GA® and RA® or Children in Action? Contact the WMU® director and share with her information about children's missions education.

Consider the number of Children in Action groups in your association. Have any of these grown enough to transition to Girls in Action and Royal Ambassadors? Contact their leaders, share curriculum samples, and encourage those groups to grow into a new organization.

T—Teach Churches

Take some time to look around your community and identify churches that don't have children's missions education. Find ways to talk with those churches about the importance of involving children in missions. Consider partnering with one or more of those churches to help them begin Girls in Action, Royal Ambassadors, or Children in Action.

S—Spotlight Entry Points

Week of Prayer mission studies can be a great way to involve churches in missions education. Promote the International Mission Study and the North American Mission Study to churches looking for a one-time children's event.

Challenge churches in your area to participate in Children's Ministry Day™. Encourage churches to participate by recognizing several ministry needs in your area. Remind leaders to report their CMD™ events to the national WMU office.

As we look forward to growth this year, consider all the ways you can help churches connect the dots of missions education.

Fall Enlistment

Children's missions leaders can work toward adding new Girls in Action, Royal Ambassadors, and Children in Action groups this year by beginning the year with a themed enlistment party/information event in your church or community. Consider inviting leaders from your Associational office, as well as individuals from churches who might want to learn more about Girls in Action, Royal Ambassadors, and Children in Action.

Polka-Dot Bash

Host a training event/informational event at a central location in your association or community. Decorate with polka dots. Present prizes to new leaders, leaders with the most service, leaders who have brought the most new people to training, etc. Discuss curriculum, answer questions, and encourage leaders to consider ways to begin new organizations and increase existing ones.