

connect the dots

with Preschoolers

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How can you help your church and churches in your community connect the dots for missions growth?

Discover New Members

Offer ideas to Mission Friends leaders of ways to discover new members for their Mission Friends organization. Suggest invitation ideas, announcements to include in church newsletters or websites, or ideas for enrollment events. Encourage Mission Friends leaders to make connections with families who have preschoolers.

Organize Groups

Provide guidance to churches in your community with existing Mission Friends organizations on how to start a new group in their church. Has a Mission Friends group become large enough to divide into two classes? Is a separate class needed for Kindergartners? Is a church ready to begin a Mission Friends class for Babies, Ones, and Twos?

Teach Churches

Make connections with churches that do not have Mission Friends. Start with churches that have Girls in Action®, Royal Ambassadors®, or Children in Action® but do not have Mission Friends. Share the value of Mission Friends, and the importance of missions learning for preschoolers. Be willing to walk alongside these churches as they begin Mission Friends.

Spotlight Entry Points

Highlight ways to introduce missions for preschoolers within churches that do not have Mission Friends. Make suggestions for missions experiences for preschoolers such as involving preschoolers in collecting for the missions offerings. If a church is having a WorldCraftsSM party, preschoolers can have a special time to make table decorations from around the world to be used at the party. Churches that provide a children's sermon for older preschoolers and younger children in the worship service can use that time to talk about missions work in North America and around the world.