

Send Me to Kansas City

This month, children will learn how missionaries are starting new churches in Kansas City, Missouri, and discover that God is also sending them out to share Jesus.

BIBLE FOCUS

Give your child a manila file folder. Invite your child to pretend that he or she is going on a trip. Have your child draw pictures inside of the folder to represent what he or she would pack for the trip. Say: *Jesus sent His disciples on a trip. Let's see what Jesus said they could take with them.* Read Mark 6:7–12 together.

Ask: *Why do you think Jesus didn't want His disciples to bring any money or food on the trip? Say: Jesus wanted them to trust that God would take care of them. We, too, can trust that God will take care of us when we obey Him.* Pray that your family would share Jesus with others just like the 12 disciples did.

MINISTRY FOCUS

Nearly 2 million people live in the metro Kansas City area, but only 20 percent are affiliated with an evangelical church. Today, the metro Kansas City area has only one Southern Baptist church for every 7,686 people.

Have your child count out 75 pennies. Explain that church planters in Kansas City have a goal to start 75 churches in the next 5 years.

Pray for missionaries in Kansas City throughout the month of August. Pray for established churches and leaders to get excited about church planting in Kansas City. Pray for more church planters, interns, and student missionaries to be called to Kansas City. Pray for missionaries in Kansas City to have opportunities to share Christ with the people they meet.

WEB FOCUS

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

- wmu.com/ThisMonth
- wmu.com/christmasinaugust
- namb.net/send-cities/kansascity

MISSIONS FOCUS

► Visit the Sick

In Mark 6, Jesus sends out His disciples to heal people who are sick and to preach that people should turn away from their sins. Have your child make a *Get Well Soon* card to deliver to someone who is sick. Encourage the person by visiting him or her at home or in the hospital.

► Ask a Simple Question

This month, children will learn about missionaries who share Jesus wherever they go—even at their children's sports practices and games. They teach their children that the sports teams on which they play are opportunities for ministry. Your family can share Christ with people at sports practices and games by starting a conversation with one simple question: *Do you go to church anywhere?*

► Christmas in August

Your family can help a North American missionary with items needed for ministry and outreach. Visit wmu.com/christmasinaugust to see a list of missionaries and their requested items. Have your family work together to select a missionary, to purchase some of the requested items, and to mail them.

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

NOTES FROM YOUR CHILD'S LEADERS