CELEBRATE LOTTIE!

AN EVENT TO REMEMBER A WOMAN WHO LOVED JESUS *MORE*

Missionary Lottie Moon loved Jesus more than her comfort, financial security, or acceptance. We celebrate Lottie because of her willingness to surrender all, go wherever Christ led, and tell others about Jesus. We celebrate Lottie to help more people learn about her and follow her example.

BEFORE THE EVENT

Prepare

- Gather your event-planning team. Pray for your team, planning, and the attendees.
- Allow two hours for the event. Be sure to coordinate with church staff to select a date, location, and time that work best in consideration of the entire church's schedule.
- Decide on an event budget and consider other needed logistics, such as a sound system or audiovisual equipment. Ask your team members where they would like to serve and make assignments. Include a setup and cleanup crew.
- Prepare the Lottie scavenger hunt, including selecting the items, preparing the numbered printed descriptions, hiding the items and descriptions, and preparing and printing copies of the item list and location clues.
- Gather supplies for the bank-making craft station or order missions banks from wmu.com.
- Prepare to provide Lottie's tea cakes (see page 7 or wmu.com/lottie for the recipe), other Christmas treats, and drinks. Print copies of the tea cake recipe to send home with participants.
- Decorate with red and green table coverings. For centerpieces, use globes, pictures of Lottie, or the Lottie figure available at wmu.com. Consider asking individuals in your group to "sponsor" a table and decorate with their personal Christmas table settings and decorations.
- Order "The Life of Lottie Moon" leaflets from wmu.com for participants to take home.
- Ensure you have simple visitor information cards for any guests to fill out.

Promote

- Publicize the event using your church's bulletin, newsletter, website, and social media.
- Ask someone to take pictures during the event to post online afterward to encourage participation in future events.

DURING THE EVENT

Welcome attendees and open with prayer. Make sure visitors receive and complete information cards. Thank God for the women and men who have gone before us telling others about Jesus and for those serving now. Invite everyone to participate in the activities to learn more about Lottie Moon's life and her love for Christ, the lost, and the Chinese people.

- **Lottie Scavenger Hunt (30–45 min.)**

Following is a list of suggested items and descriptions that detail Lottie's life. You can also find a printable version on page 8. Print this list, or create your own, and cut the page so each numbered item and its description is on a slip of paper by itself. Hide the item with the matching numbered slip that includes the description. (For example, hide a "New Baby" card with the slip of paper that says "#1 'New Baby' card—Charlotte Digges Moon was born December 12, 1840.") The number of items you hide will depend on how many participants you expect, their mobility, and time allotted. If you would like to hide more items with more descriptions, additional resources include wmu.com/lottie, imb.org/about/lottie-moon, *The New Lottie Moon Story* by Catherine B. Allen, or *Lottie Moon and the Silent Bell* by Rosalie Hall Hunt. You will also need to create a list of the items you hid alongside clues as to where they can be found. (For example, "Look for a 'New Baby' card on the desk of the pastor whose birthday is in December!" Be sure to obtain permission.) Print a copy of this list for every participant. Or you may

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choose to divide the list of items between small teams of participants.

Before the event, hide the items throughout the room or church for participants to find. To start the scavenger hunt, distribute the list of hidden items and clues to where each item can be found. Instruct participants where to begin and highlight any areas where items won't be found (in restrooms, occupied classrooms, or outside, for example). When a person or team finds an item, they should collect it, along with the numbered printed description.

When all items have been found, gather back together. Instruct those who have found items to display their item and read the description, starting with the description labeled #1 and progressing numerically. As participants share, feel free to add details to the descriptions shared and encourage discussion.

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#2 Bedsheet—At 14, while she was at boarding school, Lottie climbed the bell tower to muffle the morning bell with bedsheets on April Fool's Day.

#3 Bible—Lottie made her public profession of faith December 21, 1858, at 18.

#4 Nickel—Lottie became a private tutor and offered the boy she was teaching a nickel to scare away geese during her quiet time.

#5 Apple—Lottie was hired to teach in Kentucky; her sister Mary joined her later.

#6 Bell—Lottie's youngest sister, Edmonia, went to China to serve as a missionary in 1872. Less than a year later, Lottie heard a message preached about the need for missionaries in "foreign fields" and felt God's leading "as clear as a bell" (*The New Lottie Moon Story*, p. 69). On July 7, 1873, she was appointed as a missionary by the Foreign Mission Board (now International Mission Board).

#7 Toy train or boat—On August 15, 1873, Lottie went by train from Alabama to New York to San Francisco, California. She then boarded a ship to Japan, sailed through a hurricane, and arrived at Shanghai, China, on October 7.

#8 Ace bandage—Girls were discouraged from going to school in China, so Lottie began a school for girls. She fought against the practice of foot-binding, which was a cultural practice of bending the four smaller toes under the foot and binding them with strips of cloth.

#9 Envelopes or stamps—In three months, Lottie visited 84 of the 100 villages she could get to within a day's journey. As she was the only Baptist missionary within 100 miles of where she served, Lottie wrote letters requesting more Baptist missionaries.

#10 English dictionary—Lottie taught English to Japanese men.

#11 Ruler—Lottie dressed like the Chinese people she so dearly loved and was very short. Her exact height is unknown and varies based on different sources, but she was possibly anywhere from 4 feet, 3 inches to 4 feet, 9 inches tall.

#12 Christmas ornament—Lottie only weighed 50 pounds at the end of her life. She had given much of her money and food to help others. She was very ill by the time she was sent home on a ship, and she died Christmas Eve 1912 in the harbor of Kobe, Japan. She loved Jesus more than life itself!

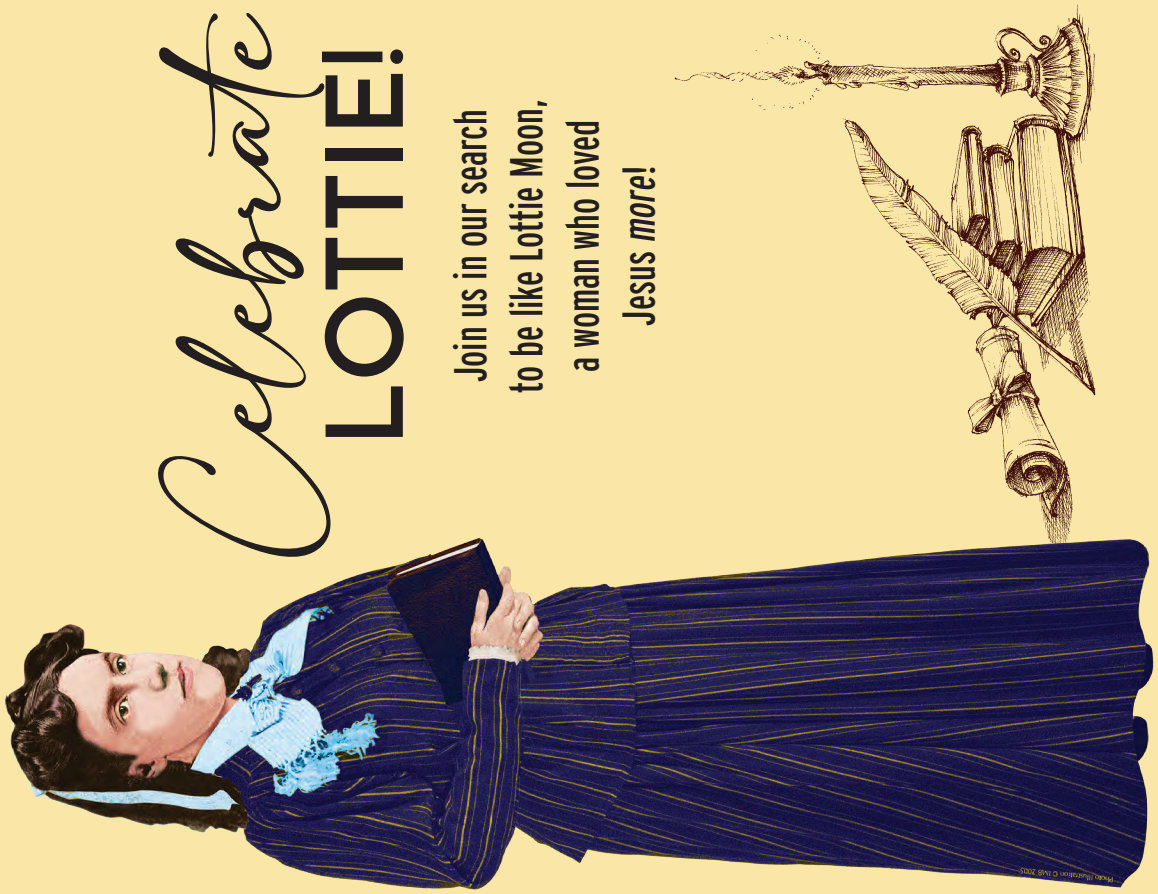
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• **Make a Bank (15–20 min.)**
One hundred percent of funds given to the LMCO go directly to international missions. Host a craft station for make-your-own banks. Provide disposable coffee cups with lids and supplies for decorating the cups (paper, glue, stickers, markers, scissors). Or order missions banks from wmu.com. Encourage participants to use the banks to collect extra change for the LMCO or place them in public areas they oversee to encourage others to give.

• **Fellowship and Food (15 min.)**
Allow time for attendees to fellowship and enjoy Lottie's tea cakes, other Christmas treats, and drinks. Distribute "The Life of Lottie Moon" leaflets and recipe cards.

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Recipe

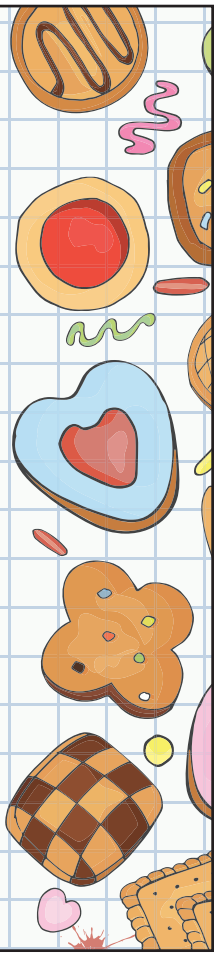
LOTTIE'S TEA CAKE

Ingredients

- ☐ ½ cup butter
- ☐ 1 heaping cup of sugar
- ☐ 1 well beaten egg
- ☐ 2 cups of flour
- ☐ 1 tablespoon heavy cream

Cooking

Cream the butter and sugar. Add the egg and mix well. Add the flour and cream. Dust a board with flour. Roll the dough very thin. Cut cookies with a round cookie cutter. Place on a buttered or nonstick cookie sheet. Bake at 475°F for about 5 minutes.



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