

Ridin', Ropin', and Reachin' Cody

Every night from June to August, the Cody Nite Rodeo attracts contestants from all over the United States and beyond. Pat and Renee Alphin reach those riders with common-sense riding tips, Christian hospitality, and caring conversations.

Bible Focus

This month's Scripture focus isn't a story, but a letter – Paul's appeal to Philemon to welcome back a runaway servant. Read the short book of Philemon with your child and ask her to describe how she thinks the servant-master conflict was resolved. Allow your child to follow Paul's model and send a kind letter, card, or postcard to a friend or family member.

Ministry Focus

Look online for the website of the Cody Stampede Rodeo (codystampederodeo.com) and the Cody Cowboy Church (codycowboychurch.org). Examine the church's "About Us" page, which mentions that the most important relationship a person can have is with Jesus.

Missions Focus

►►► Drive-through Prayer

Your church likely belongs to an association – a group of local or regional churches who work together to reach people in the community. Do a little research to find the name of one other church in your association (your church office may be able to help). Check out that church's website with your child. Compare how the church is the same as and different from yours. When you're out and about, drive by the church you researched. Pause in the parking lot to pray that people at that church will know Jesus and lead others to know Him. On your way home, detour through your favorite ice cream or soft drink spot!

►►► Loads of Love

This month, some missions groups filled quart-sized ziplock bags with laundry pods and dryer sheets to serve people using coin-op laundries. Take it a step further: Adopt an elderly or disabled neighbor and offer to do this week's laundry, including bulky items like curtains or bedspreads.

►►► VBS Roundup

VBS is one of the most fun and effective ways your church ministers to your community. Help round up attendees by taking flyers around the neighborhood and issuing personal invitations to your child's friends.

Use this resource to reinforce what your child is learning every month in your children's missions group.

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