



## Missional Characteristics of Children

Children learn to become disciples of Jesus Christ who live on mission in a variety of ways. Here are the four missional characteristics that lead to a missional lifestyle:

- Learn about Missions – Children hear the stories of missionaries living near and far and find out the many ways these people share the love of Christ with the people around them. This exposes children to the redemptive gospel of Jesus Christ and couples that with a concern for the people of the world. Believing in Jesus goes hand in hand with sharing Him with others.
- Pray for Missions – As children learn about missions and people engaging in missions action all over the world, they are encouraged to be a part of this effort through prayer. Voicing prayers of supplication for missionaries gets children outside of themselves and opens up new doors of the missional lifestyle.
- Support Missions – Children have the opportunity to support missions in a variety of ways. Supporting missions in this way creates a feeling of ownership within the hearts of children. The missions efforts they learn about and pray for are now directly impacted by the faithful giving of children.
- Do Missions and Tell About Jesus – As each characteristic builds upon the other, children are challenged more and more to take mission action into their own hands. Children who have already made a profession of faith in Christ can engage in witnessing and sharing their testimony. But children who have yet to become Christians can also find ways to be involved. Sometimes it's as simple as saying, "God loves me, and He loves you too!"