

A Message of Hope for the *Mixtec of Mexico*

This month, children will learn how angels delivered a message of hope to shepherds when Jesus was born. They will also learn about the Armstrong family, who are presenting that same message of hope to the Mixtec people of Mexico, the largest unreached people group in the Americas.

Bible Focus

This month, your child has been learning about the good news an angel delivered to shepherds. Play a game to reinforce the memory verse: “But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people’” (Luke 2:10). On index cards, draw outlines of sheep with words from the verse written on them. Write two words on each sheep card. Mix up the cards and ask your child to put the cards in the correct order.

Ministry Focus

Chris and Sara Armstrong work with a team of people to minister to the Mixtec people in Guerrero, Mexico. The Mixtec are the largest unreached people group in the Americas. The Armstrongs’ ministry is possible because of funds they receive from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®. Pray for the Armstrongs and the Mixtec people.

Missions Focus

▶▶▶ Missions Journey: Kids’ Fiesta

With your child, plan a Mexican fiesta. Invite the family of one of your child’s unchurched friends. Serve a simple meal of Mexican food. Do one of the crafts from this month’s issue of *Missions Journey: Kids Adventure* with children after dinner. Use this opportunity to talk to the family about your church and invite their child to your child’s missions group.

▶▶▶ Jars of Hope

Children have been learning about the message of hope an angel delivered when Jesus was born. Work together as a family to deliver messages of hope. Make hot chocolate mix using the recipe from “Hot Chocolate and Good News (p. 13 in *Missions Journey: Kids Adventure*). Put the mix in jars, and attach tracts that tell the good news about Jesus’ birth. Deliver the “Jars of Hope” to people who need to hear the good news.

▶▶▶ Doing Our Part

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds missionaries all over the world. Missionaries depend on us doing our part so they can do their part. As a family, set a goal for giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and make a bank to collect your offering. Decide how you will reach your goal. Perhaps your family could hold a bake sale in your neighborhood.

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

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