

St. Louis: *Gateway to Hope*

In the month of April, kids will learn about Michael and Traci Byrd and Faith Community Church. The Byrds felt called to serve an inner-city community north of St. Louis, Missouri.

Bible Focus

Find John 15:12–17 and read the passage with your kids. Talk about how Jesus showed love and care to His disciples and how He calls us to love one another. Plan an activity to do as a family that you know your kids will love, such as playing a specific game or going to their favorite restaurant. Talk about how spending time together is an important way to show love, care, and concern, and to build relationships. Showing love and care is not always easy, but Jesus called us to love and care for one another.

Ministry Focus

Michael and Traci Byrd minister to their community by teaching people about Jesus and helping them learn important life skills. Choose a life skill to teach your kids (setting the table, counting money, doing laundry). As you teach them, take time to stop and pray for the people of Faith Community Church and the Byrds' ministry in St. Louis.

Missions Focus

▶▶▶ Invite a Friend

John 15:13 encourages us to show love to our friends. Invite your children's friends from school or church (and their parents) to your home for a game night. Spending time with them can give you an opportunity to build relationships, show compassion, and pray for them.

▶▶▶ Help a Neighbor

Jesus set the example for how we should love and care for one another. Follow His example by working together as a family to help a senior adult with yard work or groceries.

▶▶▶ Prayer Night

Plan a family night. Read Romans 12:9–16, focusing on Romans 12:12: "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Talk as a family about what you may be hopeful about or worried about. Take time for each family member to share a prayer request and pray together.

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

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