



What Is Mission Friends?

Mission Friends is the WMU missions discipleship group for preschoolers from birth through kindergarten. As boys and girls are involved in Mission Friends, they begin the journey of living a life on mission for God.

Purposes

Through missions learning and growing in Mission Friends, preschoolers

- Move from a focus on themselves to a focus on others
- Become aware that God wants all people to know of His love
- Have opportunities to help others and share God's love with others

Preschool Age Groupings

To ensure a higher quality of care and learning, a Mission Friends group can be started with only one preschooler or a larger group, but preschoolers thrive best in small groups. Decide how to group your preschoolers in Mission Friends by the number of preschoolers and the size of the classroom. The materials for Mission Friends use the following age groupings:

- Babies, ones, and twos
- Threes and Fours
- Kindergartners

Many Mission Friends groups have blended age groupings, such as one group with a combination of different ages of preschoolers. A church may have more than one group, divided as needed for babies, ones, and twos; threes and fours; and kindergarten. Leaders are encouraged to group preschoolers according to the preschoolers' needs. The materials can be easily adapted to work for your church and your Mission Friends groups.