Family Missions Focus October 2023

Joyfully Faithful in *Ukraine and Romania*

Children will learn how the Gibbs family evacuated from Ukraine when the war started and now helps Ukrainian refugees in Romania.

Bible Focus

Daniel 3 tells the true story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Read the story from a child-friendly Bible version. Together, act out the conversation between the three friends and King Nebuchadnezzar, walking around in the fiery furnace, and the change in the king. Practice saying Daniel 3:17 together. Write the verse on construction paper, cut it into pieces, and put the puzzle together.

Ministry Focus

Jack and Brennan Gibbs moved to Ukraine in 2011. Ukraine was really the only home their children Jackson, who is now 11, and Emma, who recently turned four, knew. When war broke out, the missionary family had to leave the country. They asked God to show them where He wanted them to serve Him. God led the family to Romania. Jack's missionary role has changed to a team leader role. He and others on his team work with Romanian churches that want to help refugees, set up partnerships with churches in the United States, and set up medical clinics. He also works with Send Relief medical teams that help refugees. Brennan models for volunteers and refugee mothers how to do crafts with their children and tell stories about God. Jackson and Emma help by making friends with refugee children–they understand some of their needs and feelings.

Missions Focus

Provide Relief to Send Relief
Find out if your family lives near one of the Send Relief ministry centers at sendrelief.org/ministry-centers. If you do, call to schedule a time to visit. Write notes of encouragement and put together a snack basket for them. Find out what they most need to do the ministry and bring some of those items with you. Before leaving the site, spend a few minutes praying for the ministries done at that site. If you don't live near a center, write a note of encouragement to another center.

Team Meeting
The Gibbs family spends time with people who don't know Jesus. They have learned it takes time to become friends so they can share Jesus. If your child is involved in a sport, consider inviting the team to a game night with board games and snacks. Repeat monthly or quarterly. Look for opportunities to share Jesus.

Help with a Clinic
Check to see if your church, association, or Baptist convention has dental or medical clinics scheduled. Volunteer your family to help with non-medical tasks such as set up, reading to children, or serving snacks. There may be legal requirements for background checks.

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

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