December Extra Activities

For Threes and Fours

Scavenger Hunt

Supplies: pictures of babies, nativity figures, Bible **In advance**, place baby pictures and nativity figures around the room.

Hold a Bible open to Luke as preschoolers hunt for the items and help tell the story of Jesus' birth. Say: The Dorsetts teach people in Central Asia about the birth of Jesus.

Tip: After preschoolers have found all of the pictures and figures, lead them to count what they have found.

Tell Others About Jesus

Supplies: paper plates, paint, aprons, people-shaped cookie cutters, construction paper

In advance, add paint to paper plates.

Guide preschoolers to dip cookie cutters into paint and stamp on paper. Say: Mr. and Mrs. Dorsett tell people in Central Asia about Jesus.

Open the Bible and read: Tell people about Jesus (see Matt. 28:19).

Helping Others Mural

Supplies: <u>"All About Lottie Moon"</u>," butcher paper, electronic tablet, markers

In advance, cut butcher paper to make a mural. Search online for pictures of people helping others.

Read "All About Lottie Moon." Discuss ways Lottie Moon helped people. Show pictures of people helping others. Invite preschoolers to draw pictures on the mural of ways they can help people. Say: The Dorsetts are thankful for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for helping people in Central Asia.

Special Gifts

Supplies: four lidded wrapped Christmas boxes; Bible; bag of rice; bottle of water; hammer

In advance, place each item in a different wrapped box

Give clues for preschoolers to guess what is inside the box before opening. After each box has been opened, discuss ways the items can be used. Say: These are things that Mr. Dorsett can use to help people in Central Asia.

For Kindergarten

Examine Wool and Cotton

Supplies: items made of wool and cotton, magnifying glass

Post the allergy alert chart. Invite preschoolers to examine and compare wool and cotton, discussing where each comes from. Point out if preschoolers are wearing clothes made with cotton or wool. Ask: What does this feel like? What can you do with it? Wool and cotton are produced in Central Asia where special workers Brent and Amy Dorsett live.

Wild Animals

Supplies: electronic tablet, printer, legal-sized envelopes

In advance, search online for pictures of wild animals found in Central Asia. Print a copy of several animals. Place each picture in a separate envelope.

Give clues about each animal as you slowly remove each picture. Say: These animals live in Central Asia. The Dorsetts live in Central Asia so they can tell people about Jesus.

Play Dough Letters

Supplies: play dough, large index cards

In advance, use block letters to print "Jesus" and "Christmas" on index cards. Post the allergy alert chart.

Read the words. Guide preschoolers to use play dough to make letters and words. Say: Christmas is about God loving us and sending His son Jesus. Christmas is about Jesus.

Framed Pictures

Supplies: digital camera, Bible, markers, nativity set, wooden craft frames, jewel stickers

In advance, take and print pictures of individual preschoolers arranging a nativity set. Print the Bible thought on the back of picture frames.

Provide pictures, markers, and jewel stickers for preschoolers to decorate wooden craft frames. Help insert pictures into frames. Say: Christmas is about Jesus' birth. Jesus is God's one and only Son.

Open the Bible and read: Jesus was born in Bethlehem (see Matt. 2:1).