Family Missions Focus

January 2024

Faithfully Serving in Sauk Rapids, MM

This month children will learn about God's faithfulness in Sauk Rapids, Minnesota with Hispanic church planters Eber and Melisa Argueta as they help their church members navigate life in a new country.

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

NOTES FROM YOUR CHILD'S LEADERS:

Bible Focus

Children will learn about God's faithfulness to take care of His people through the story of how He saved the Israelites from Pharaoh and the Egyptian army (Exodus 14). As a family, read the story of God parting the Red Sea. Set up two rows of chairs with space between them. March between the chairs while shouting the memory verse, "The Israelites saw the amazing power the Lord showed against the Egyptians" (Exodus 14:31a).

Ministry Focus

Eber and Melisa Argueta are originally from Honduras. They are planting a Hispanic church in Minnesota. One important job they have is translating for new members of their church who do not speak English well. As a family, find a video online that teaches basic Spanish greetings and phrases, or use a translator app. Practice learning how to say *Hello* and *Jesus loves you* in Spanish.

Missions Focus

>>> Helping My Neighbors Stay Warm

Contact your local elementary school. Ask if there are any needs for clothing at the school or in a neighboring school. Work together as a family to collect needed items like winter coats, warm socks, or hats and gloves. Package the items and deliver them to the school. Pray children who will use the clothing will know how much Jesus loves them.

>>> Lending a Hand

Eber and Melisa help immigrants who are new to America get used to the new climate and changing seasons in Minnesota. As a family, discuss the people who live in your neighborhood. Do you have any elderly neighbors who could use help shoveling their sidewalks? Do you have neighbors who work night shifts and would be blessed by a homemade breakfast treat? Discuss a way your family could reach out and lend a helping hand to a neighbor.

Finding God's Faithfulness

Moses learned God is faithful by obeying God's call to go to Egypt. As a family, talk about examples of God's faithfulness in your lives. Write down the things you have seen God do in your life and in the lives of others you know. Invite a friend or family member to your house for dinner. While you are eating, share with them the stories of what God has done for you.

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