

Peru: Friend to Friend

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

NOTES FROM YOUR CHILD'S LEADERS:

This month, children are learning about Jim and Mandy Wells and their children, Micah (10) and Ellie (8), who tell people in Peru about Jesus through visiting indigenous people in remote areas of the Andes Mountains and by conducting a Kids' Club to share Bible stories with children and moms in a low-income area of Lima.

Bible Focus

Children are learning from 1 Samuel 20 that Jonathan and David were such faithful friends that Jonathan saved David's life when King Saul was angry. Read together 1 Samuel 20:16–23 and 35–42. Say together 1 Samuel 20:17, then say it from memory. Write the letters *F-R-I-E-N-D* down the left side of a piece of paper. Thinking together, identify a phrase starting with each letter that describes how a friend helps others. (Examples: *Finds ways to help. Reaches out when they missed school. Etc.*)

Ministry Focus

Jim and Mandy Wells, along with their children Micah and Ellie, work with their church to share Jesus in Lima, Peru through Kids' Club each Saturday morning. They serve breakfast and have Bible stories and activities for children, plus Bible study for the moms. Consider working with your pastor or children's minister to sponsor a one-time Afternoon Bible Club at your home during the upcoming summer months. Invite neighborhood children to come for a couple of hours to share a game, a Bible story, a craft, and simple snacks. Follow up with those who don't attend church and invite them to come to yours.

Missions Focus

▶▶▶ VBS is Tons of Fun

Find out the dates and times for your church's Vacation Bible School. Offer to provide transportation so neighborhood children can attend.

▶▶▶ Encouraging Email

Pray together for the Wells family in Peru, and then write an email to tell them you prayed. Use the email address jwells1@imb.org. Your children might want to especially include a note to the Wells children, Micah and Ellie. Let your children know missionaries have busy schedules and can't always answer emails, so they might not get an answer.

▶▶▶ Remember to Pray

Women in Peru are famous for their beautifully woven skirts, blankets, and other items. Find a woven item in your home, such as a place mat or scarf, and display it in your living room during May as a reminder to pray for the Wells family and for people in Peru who need to hear about Jesus.

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