

### Loved So Much It Floats – *South America*

Children will learn about the missions work being done by Don and Maria Friesen in South America. They will also learn how we are to show kindness to those who serve God, just like the Shunammite woman showed kindness to the prophet Elisha.

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

Let your child help serve dinner to the family one night. Allow them to set the table and bring plates out to each person. After dinner, read 2 Kings 4:8–17 together and discuss the following: Why did the woman want to feed Elisha? Who does your family know, like Elisha, that are “men of God” (pastors, church leaders, teachers, missionaries, etc.)? What are some ways your family can show them kindness?

#### Ministry Focus

South America is a beautiful place, and there is a great need among the people there to know Christ. There are large rainforests in South America, full of amazing trees, plants, and wildlife. Take a family hike. Notice the various trees, plants, and wildlife you see. When you notice the trees, stop and pray for missionaries Don and Maria Friesen in South America. When you notice plants, pray for the people who need to know the good news about Jesus. When you notice wildlife pray for the Christians in South America to be bold in telling others about Jesus.

#### Missions Focus

##### ▶▶▶ Man of God Power Pack

Being a missionary, pastor, or church staff member can, at times, be hard and lonely. As church members, we can support and encourage them in the work they are doing. Choose a man (or woman!) of God at your church and write them a note, telling them you appreciate them and are praying for them. Tell them specifically what they do you are thankful for.

##### ▶▶▶ Family Movie Night

The Friesens use a movie night at their church as a way to tell others about Jesus. Invite an unchurched family to join you for a movie night at your house. Find a “Christian” movie to show. Provide movie snacks (popcorn, candy, etc.). Talk about the movie when it's over and what you learned from it. Before the family leaves, ask how you can pray for them.

##### ▶▶▶ Thanksgiving

Contact your local Baptist association office and inquire about a local compassion ministry serving people in their time of need. Find out what supplies or other help they may need. As a family, help the ministry for a Thanksgiving missions project.

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