

In Jesus, We Belong: **An MK's Story**

This month children will meet Leah Kennedy, a missionary kid who grew up in Brazil and Germany. They will learn about how Leah's family shared the gospel through medical missions, church planting, and sports ministries, and how Leah learned her identity is rooted in Jesus instead of locations or circumstances.

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 are studying how Mary honored and loved Jesus by anointing Him with precious, expensive nard. Read the stories found in John 12:1–9 and Mark 14:1–9 with your child. Practice this month's memory verse (John 12:3) by choosing symbols to represent basic words. Talk about what your family considers precious (time, talents, etc.) and how it can be used to help others hear the good news of what Jesus has done.

Ministry Focus

As a family, look up videos or read books about the Amazon Rainforest, an area where Leah Kennedy's family served. Read "From the Amazon to Germany – an MK's Journey" (p. 32 in *MJK Adventure*) and "God Provides Special People" (p. 34 in *MJK Adventure*). Help your child make a list of the special people in their life, or in the life of your family, who help point them to Jesus. Thank God together for those people, and pray God will send people to encourage missionary kids and their families as they sacrifice to be able to share the good news with others.

Missions Focus

▶▶▶ Sports Ministry

Children in Brazil love sports, much like children where you live. Explore ways to get involved with or support a local sports ministry with your children as a way to share the gospel. Consider providing snacks; buying a new ball or other equipment, if needed; or offering to pray, read a Bible verse, or give a devotion at a game.

▶▶▶ Adopt a Missionary Kid

As a missionary kid, Leah often felt different. Although she was born in Brazil, she was not Brazilian. When she moved to Germany, she had to learn a new language and culture. As a family, connect with a missionary kid or their family that is currently in the US. Get to know them, hear about their lives overseas, and ask how to pray for them.

▶▶▶ Prayer Album

This month, children spent time praying for missionary kids like Leah and other missionaries. Start a family prayer album: include newsletters from missionaries, prayer cards, etc. Add to it as you learn about needs for ministries, missionaries, and missionary kids. Encourage your family to use the album as part of your prayer time once a week.

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