

Sacrifice

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16 NIV

Children

2010 Alabama WMU
Day of Prayer and Kathleen
Mallory Mission Offering

Promotion

Purchase (or print) fill in the blank party invitations that include the date, time and location for the mission study. On the "Who:" blank of the invitation, write or type: "It's a mystery! Be sure to come and find out!" Mail these or hand them out to all children in grades 1-6. Give your children lots of verbal reminders about this special mission study. Remind them they will not want to miss this GA or CiA meeting!

Preparation

1. **Read this material carefully**, and then gather the following items:

- 1 poster board or white board
- 1 permanent marker or dry erase marker
- 1 roll of masking tape (you'll only need a few pieces)
- 2 pieces of long construction paper or chart paper
- 2 NIV Bibles
- 2 dark-colored washable markers
- 1 small opaque paper bag or gift bag
- 1 piece of notebook paper
- 1 pair of scissors

If using Option A for Introducing WorldSong: TV, DVD player, WorldSong promotional DVD (order at 800.264.1225 ext. 226 or mlee@alsbom.org)

Birthday party snack food (i.e. cake, cupcakes or snack cakes; ice cream; snacks; fruit punch, etc.)
Plates, napkins, forks, cups and any party decorations you wish to bring

Copy and cut out photo of Kathleen Mallory from the last page (also available on the Day of Prayer poster or at www.alabamawmu.org/KMMO)

Offering Envelopes (one for each child; ask your WMU director to place an order, or order at www.alabamawmu.org/KMMO or 800.264.1225 ext. 226)

Optional: white board or chart paper to write clues on for Ministry Discovery Activity

2. **Write the words to Hebrews 13:16** (NIV) on either a poster board (with a permanent marker) or a white board (with a dry erase marker) for the Theme and Verse Discovery part of the lesson.

3. **Using a dark marker, write the words**

"Hebrews 13:16" at the top of each of your two pieces of construction paper or chart paper, and hang them (with tape) on one side of the room, at a child's eye level. These will be used for the Bible Verse Activity.

4. **Beneath each sheet of paper, lay out** one NIV Bible and one dark-colored washable marker.

5. **Write the following clues** on notebook paper for the Ministry Discovery Activity:

- ~This ministry is brought to you by Alabama WMU, and every time we give through the Kathleen Mallory Mission Offering, part of the money goes here.
- ~This ministry meets the needs of children, teenagers and even adults.
- ~This ministry runs all year long, but summertime is when most people get excited about it.
- ~This ministry is a place you can learn about God and other places and people all over the world.
- ~There's a zip line and lake, and people sleep in cabins.
- ~You can go for a week during the summer.

If you have a larger group, you may add clues so everyone will have an opportunity to pull a clue from the bag.

6. **Cut the clues into strips of paper**, and place them in the paper bag or gift bag.

7. **If you are using Option A** of the Introducing World-Song activity, have TV and DVD player set up, with DVD in the player and ready to go.

8. **Write the date your church has set** as the due date for the Kathleen Mallory Mission Offering on each KMMO envelope.

Introduction

Welcome children into the room, and have them take a seat. Ask them if they know what's special about this GA/CiA meeting. Give them clues if needed. If someone guesses that it's the Day of Prayer/KMMO Offering, congratulate enthusiastically. Remind the children that the Kathleen Mallory Mission Offering is collected annually in the state of Alabama to fund the many missions and ministry programs of WMU. Keep secret why you will be celebrating later with a birthday party.

Theme and Verse Discovery

Say: "Our theme this year is 'Sacrifice', and our theme verse is Hebrews 13:16 (NIV): 'And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.'"

Point to the verse you have written on the poster or white board. Read the verse aloud once more, and ask the children to read it with you.

Ask: "What does the word sacrifice mean?"

Give them time to answer; then bridge their answers back to the definition that sacrifice means giving up something that means a lot to you, even if it's hard, because it's the right thing to do.

Ask: "Have you ever had to sacrifice something, or give up something, because it was the right thing to do?"

Give them time to answer, and help them out with examples if needed (i.e. giving up a toy to a brother/sister/needy person, etc.). Provide some more examples of sacrifices that people have to give in harder situations, like how parents often don't buy for themselves so that they will have more money for their children, or how women and children in other countries walk many miles

to draw clean water from wells and walk many miles back home, carrying up to 50-pound containers of water for their families.

Ask: "What's the biggest sacrifice anyone has ever given?"
Give them time to answer. Talk about how Jesus sacrificed His own life, dying on the cross to pay for our sins.

Say: "Because we know Jesus and so many people don't know Him, it is our privilege to tell the world the exciting news of Jesus! That's what our Bible verse is about – doing good and sharing with others, even if it means sacrificing our time (like when we give up time watching TV or playing video games to do extra chores around the house or hang out with our brothers or sisters), or sacrificing our money, or even giving up caring what other people think (like when we sit with a new kid at lunch or defend someone everyone is picking on) – all of those things are worth giving up if it means we get the chance to share God's love and the good news about Jesus with someone."

Bible Verse Activity

Before this activity, you will have written "Hebrews 13:16" at the top of two large pieces of paper and hung them side by side, at child's eye level, on one wall of the room. You also will have placed an NIV Bible and one washable marker beneath each piece of paper.

Divide the children into two groups, and line them up on the opposite side of the room from where the paper is hanging and the Bibles and the markers are sitting.

Instruct children that they will be running/waddling/hopping/walking backwards (teacher's choice) one at the time, relay style, to the Bible and paper. The first person who goes must locate Hebrews 13:16, leave the Bible open for the rest of the team, and then go back to the end of the line. Each team can decide what order their players stand in line. Encourage them to choose someone who feels confident he or she can find the verse to go first.

After the first person has gone, he or she will travel (running, waddling, etc.) back to the end of the line, tagging the next person in line as he or she passes. The tagged person will then travel to the paper, look in the Bible, write the first three words of the theme verse on the paper, and then travel back to the end of the line, again tagging the next player.

Each person, upon being tagged, will travel to the opposite side of the room and write the next 3 words on their team's paper. You may shorten the number of words that each player writes if you have a large group, in order to make sure that everyone gets a turn. Remind each child to leave the marker before returning to the line!

Each team should continue until the verses are completed. Encourage both teams to continue even if one team has finished, as the verses will be checked for accuracy. The group who finishes first with the verse written correctly will read the verse aloud.

Ministry Discovery Activity

Have the children sit down in front of you. Ask if anyone knows what ministry the day of prayer will be focused on this year. Allow a few guesses, and then move on. Ask them to join you in an “investigation game.” Tell them you have a bag of clues they can use to find out the name of the ministry you’ll be learning about and praying for today. Call on children, one at a time to come pull a clue (without looking) from your paper bag and read it out loud. Until they are called, they should sit quietly and listen to the clues and brainstorm. Tell them not to guess out loud until all the clues have been read. *Optional - You may have someone write the clues down as they are read on a board or poster board so that everyone can see.*

After all clues have been read, allow the children to guess. Congratulate them on guessing WorldSong Missions Place! If they don’t guess WorldSong, congratulate them on trying! Tell them to hang onto their seats – they are about to learn a whole lot about this exciting WMU ministry!

Introducing WorldSong

There are two options for this introductory activity. Read both options carefully and decide which will best meet the needs of you and your children.

Option A:

Say: “I realize some of you have been to WorldSong before as a camper, but some of you may have never even heard of WorldSong. We’re going to watch a short video that will tell you a little bit about WorldSong Missions Place right now, so pay close attention!”

Play WorldSong Promotional DVD.

Option B:

Say: “I realize some of you have been to WorldSong before as a camper, but some of you may have never even heard of WorldSong; so I’m going to tell you some very interesting things about WorldSong Missions Place. Pay close attention!”

Read the following facts:

- WorldSong Missions Place is a year-round camp facility owned by Alabama WMU. It is located in Cook Springs near Birmingham, Ala.

- During the school year, many children come on field trips to WorldSong, where they learn about Native Americans, how Christmas is celebrated around the world, and what life is like in a rainforest.

- During the summer, WorldSong holds missions camps. Girls and boys come throughout the summer to learn about God, how to have a relationship with Jesus, and how to be a missionary, right where they live now.

- They also hear from real live missionaries who come from all over the world, just to tell them what life is like on the mission field.

- Each week during summer camp, many campers accept Jesus as boss of their lives and become saved.

- Since 1960 until now, more than 5,000 summer missions campers have accepted Jesus.

- While at WorldSong, many campers also have heard God calling them to become missionaries.

- When campers come to WorldSong for a week, they go swimming, have Bible Study, learn silly songs, play fun games, meet missionaries and learn about other parts of the world. They also do crafts, meet new friends, laugh with old ones, and hang out with cool cabin leaders!

WorldSong Celebration Activity

Say: “WorldSong is a pretty important place, isn’t it? What are some of the things you’ve learned about WorldSong today?” *Give them time to answer. Prompt them, if necessary. If their responses are focused more on the fun and games aspects of camp, be sure to lead them into discussions about the missions/ministry aspect of WorldSong.*

Say: “Many college students sacrifice, or give up, their summer vacations to work at WorldSong Summer Missions Camp in order to share the good news of Jesus with campers each year.

Something really special is happening this year at WorldSong. WorldSong Missions Place will celebrate its 20th birthday! For 20 years, Alabama WMU has been providing children and adults with missions education at WorldSong.

When we give through the Kathleen Mallory Mission Offering, we can be excited to know that some of our money goes to taking care of the camp, making sure WorldSong celebrates many more birthdays, and impacts many more lives through the years!

To celebrate this momentous occasion, we are going to have a birthday party for WorldSong right here, right now!”

Happy Birthday, WorldSong!

Snack Time

Snack time will occur during the WorldSong birthday party.

Have someone pray for WorldSong first, then your children can sing “Happy Birthday” to WorldSong and enjoy eating birthday foods such as cake and ice cream as they celebrate!

Theme and Verse Discovery

This section of the study is important, so if you find yourself running behind, do this section before snack time.

Show the picture of Kathleen Mallory, and say:

“This is a picture of Kathleen Mallory, the woman for whom our offering is named. Kathleen Mallory dedicated her life to praying for, giving to and teaching about missions work. She wanted everyone to know about Jesus and how much He loves them. She also wanted Christians to know they had a very important part to play in missions, even if they lived right here in Alabama. She encouraged everyone she met to pray, give and go, too!

Every September, Alabama WMU honors Kathleen Mallory by reminding Alabama Baptists about their important role in missions. The Kathleen Mallory Mission Offering is collected during this month, and the money helps with many ministries, including WorldSong Missions Place. The offering is important; without it, we would not be able to continue many of our ministries, like WorldSong and others.

Our state goal this year is \$475,000. I know that sounds like a lot of money – maybe too much for one person to give or even a small group of people to give alone, BUT if we all work together and give a little, we will reach our goal!”

Give each child an offering envelope, and encourage them to take the envelopes home and to pray that people will give through the offering. Also encourage them to ask God how much He wants them to give. Remind them that every little bit helps – even money from kids! Tell them they can fill out the envelopes and return them to the church by the designated date written on the envelope. If anyone came prepared to give, go ahead and collect their offering.

For one final reinforcement, ask the children to read the Bible verse aloud together one more time.

Close in prayer, thanking God for the chance to learn about WorldSong Missions Place and the Kathleen Mallory Mission Offering, and asking His blessing on both.



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