

Using Mission Friends Materials

Essential Mission Friends Resources:*

Mission Friends Leader

Mission Friends at Home

Mission Friends Resource Kit and Pictures

Or available separately:

Mission Friends Leader Resource Kit

Mission Friends Leader Picture Set

For a Good Start:

- Begin your planning with personal Bible study and prayer. You will find a monthly devotion especially for Mission Friends® teachers at wmu.com/preschool.
- Use *Mission Friends Leader* as your essential resource for planning activities and Group Time for Mission Friends sessions.

For Teachers of Babies, Ones, and Twos:

- Study the Meet the Missionary page at the beginning of each monthly unit in *Mission Friends Leader*.
- Read the activities page for the month.
- Plan several of the activities each week. Babies, ones, and twos love repetition.
- Show pictures from Mission Friends Resource Kit and Pictures to preschoolers. Place a picture on the floor in front of a baby, place a picture in the crib, or point to items in the picture as you hold a toddler. To make picture set items more durable, laminate or cover with clear self-adhesive plastic.
- Use resource kit items from Mission Friends Resource Kit and Pictures as directed in *Mission Friends Leader*. One sheet of resource kit items each quarter is specifically for babies, ones, and twos.
- Copy the inside back cover of *Mission Friends at Home*. Give a copy to each preschooler's family each quarter.

For Teachers of Threes, Fours, and Kindergartners:

- Read the Meet the Missionary page and prayer requests at the beginning of each monthly unit in *Mission Friends Leader*.
- Read the Helping Others activities on the Meet the Missionary page.
- Read through the sessions and study the suggested outcomes.
- Learn the Bible thoughts to share during teachable moments.
- For each session, choose three to four interest area activities. Collect needed supplies. Extra activities are listed at the end of each unit.
- Prepare resource kit items and pull pictures for the month from Mission Friends Resource Kit and Pictures. Laminate or cover with clear self-adhesive plastic to make items more durable.
- Read through the Group Time component and familiarize yourself with the story. Prepare to lead preschoolers in Prayertime, and gather any supplies needed for the Closing Activity.
- Distribute *Mission Friends at Home* to families at the end of Session 1.

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