

Special events to teach Missions

Not all special events are evangelistic – you could also organize a special Missions Day. At one church we planned one focused on a different country every 2-3 months. We prepared little passports for each child and stamped them as they entered each “country”, also making them pass through “Customs inspection”. We decorated the room with posters of the country, and things like paper palm trees or mountain scenery, and had tapes of typical music from that country. We had a “visitor”, or someone dressed in typical costume, who came and shared a true testimony of someone from that country; we taught about the food and daily life there; we taught the children a scripture or song in the native language, and even maybe let them play a typical game from that country. Obviously again, this takes a lot of research, but it is fascinating and TRULY beneficial as it starts to expand the children’s knowledge and understanding of other cultures. (Of course our regular World Kids PAL page can be helpful in preparing events like this!)



You can also plan a special day with many different events teaching about missions, including games, races, puppet skits, videos, songs etc. One very popular activity to include is a “Miss World Beauty Pageant”. You can prepare a simple colored sash for each of about half a dozen contestants (picking suitable volunteers from girls who attend regularly). Put the name of a country on each sash and prepare a short paragraph telling about the life in that country (with special focus on the religion practiced there). Then the announcer pretends to interview each contestant, asking her to tell about her country. (She then reads aloud clearly the paragraph from an index card or small piece of paper). This is a great way to hold the attention of all the children while they are taught important facts about other religions. Examples of some countries to use are: Saudi Arabia (Islam); India (Hinduism); Tibet (Buddhism); North Korea (Communism); Haiti (Syncretism - Voodoo mixed with Catholicism); Australia (New Age – mix of all religions); USA (materialism).

