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## 2010 CALIFORNIA MISSION OFFERING Mission Action Guide for Children

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*Use the following ideas to teach children how they can participate in California missions. The ideas focus on information, what the Bible says, how they can reach out, the DVD included in the free materials, ministry projects and giving. These tips can be inserted into Bible study sessions, AWANA, children's choir or other children's activities.*

**What is the California Mission Offering?** – Write facts about mission work in California on pieces of 8.5" x 11" paper. Have children read the facts to each other. Using the materials provided by CSBC and information found on the CMO Website ([www.calmissions.com](http://www.calmissions.com)), include facts such as the population of California, how many languages are spoken, what kinds of missionaries serve here, why the offering is important, the amount of this year's goal and types of ministries in our state supported by the offering.

**This year's Bible verse** – "And you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8b NIV). Write the words of the verse on cards and let the children put them in the correct order. Talk about what the verse means. Relate it to the mission work in California.

**Reaching out to others** – Demonstrate reaching out with this activity by providing illustrations of reaching out:

- ask children to reach out to take hold of something
- reach up as part of an exercise
- reach out to catch a ball that you throw

End the activity by asking the children how we can reach out to others with God's love. Let this discussion lead into watching the video on the DVD provided in the CMO resource packet.

**Movie time** – Make arrangements to play the DVD mailed to your church. Provide popcorn and/or other snacks. Watch the video ahead of time so you can ask the children questions about what they see and hear (people, places languages spoken, etc.). Use the things they mention to lead into the prayer emphasis for CMO.

**Prayer time** – After listing the items from the video, ask the children about other things they've learned so far in the study that they want to pray about. Ask children to pray for specific requests. The teacher should lead in prayer to model for the children how to pray for missions and missionaries.

**Ministry projects** – Plan to engage the children in a ministry project. The project could be one that is churchwide or one designed just for them. Children can participate in a local or associational block party. They can collect food for migrant ministries. Making labels for bottled water distributed at a community event is fun for children. Give them a taste for ministry. Challenge them to become involved in missions!

**Giving** – Have a walk-a-thon for children. Children enlist sponsors for a specific amount of money per walked block (or number of times around a school track, your church campus, etc.). Money earned is their gift to the California Mission Offering.

Children CAN learn about and participate in missions! Teach them the importance of the California Mission Offering and how it benefits evangelism, church planting and ministries in our state!

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