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## 2010 CALIFORNIA MISSION OFFERING Mission Action Guide for Preschool

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*Use the following ideas to teach preschoolers 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, preschool music programs or other preschool activities.*

**Introduction** – In our beautiful state of California there are many people. Some of these people may not speak the same language as we do. Many of these people don't know or love Jesus. God wants us to show love and share how much Jesus loves everyone. Every year we take an offering to help tell others in our state about Jesus. It is the California Mission Offering.

**Bible Thought** – "Tell people about Me everywhere." Acts 1:8. Explain to the children the meaning of this Bible thought. Get a small rubber ball (that's safe to toss to a child indoors). Repeat the Bible thought then toss the ball individually to each child and encourage them to repeat the Bible thought back to you. They can then toss the ball back to you. By the time each child has an opportunity to repeat the verse some of the children will have it memorized.

**Resource Book** – "Molly's Adventures in Missions" by Joye Smith, offered through New Hope Publishers or Woman's Missionary Union, PO Box 830010, Birmingham AL 3528-0010. This is a general book about a flat doll, Molly, who travels with people who share God's love with others. The book includes pictures of a San Diego Mission trip in the summer of 2008.

**Bible Story** – In the Bible it says that Jesus had 12 special friends. They were called His disciples. Jesus told these special friends that God loves them very

much, and He wanted them to tell other people about God and His love. Jesus wants us to tell our friends about God and how much He loves each of them. (You can go into more detail depending on the ages of your preschoolers.) Preschoolers may not be ready to tell others about Jesus, but this teaching concept plants the seed in their hearts as to the importance of sharing our faith.

**Watch the DVD** – Show the 1:45 CMO DVD, sharing about the need for fulfilling the Great Commission, beginning here in California. Talk with preschoolers about what they saw and heard, emphasizing the different languages spoken in the video.

**Prayer Time** – Explain to the children what a missionary does. (Missionaries are people who tell other people about God and Jesus.) Lead the children in prayer.

**Ministry Project** – Get involved in an associational block party. Collect food for a local food bank. Collect hygiene items for migrant ministry.

**Giving** – Margarine-tub banks: Allow children to decorate margarine tubs with stickers. Encourage them to fill the tubs with pennies, nickels and dimes and return them for the California Mission Offering.

Preschoolers 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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The California Mission Offering is inspired by S.G. Posey, a CSBC missionary pioneer.