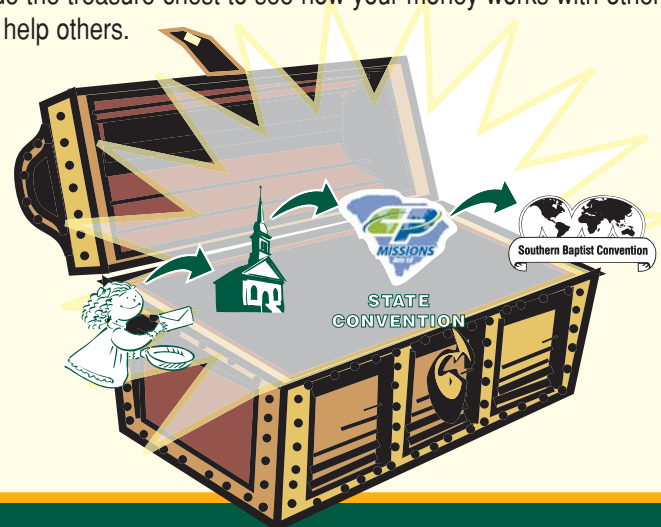


Clue 3: Our Money Makes a Difference

Now that you have figured what a weekly tithe is and shared with your friends what the Bible says about giving, think about ways your money helps.

When you give to the Lord through your church, your money is combined with all the others in your church who give. When all those gifts are put together, the church decides what will be given through the Cooperative Program (usually a percentage). The amount the church decides is sent to the South Carolina Baptist Convention (SCBC). The SCBC exists to serve our churches as they serve Jesus. A part of the money stays in our state to support various missions and ministries. We support the Baptist Courier, a bi-monthly newspaper, that informs us about Baptist work in our state and around the world. We support the Connie Maxwell Children's Home which provides a loving Christian environment for children who may need to have a safe place to live because of difficult family situations. Bethea and Martha Franks are two homes for the aging we support. Three universities (Anderson, Charleston Southern, North Greenville) also receive support and provide a quality education while changing lives that will impact the world. The money that is sent from the SCBC to the Southern Baptist Convention allows us to support over five thousand missionaries in foreign countries (International Mission Board). Another five thousand missionaries serve in the United States, Canada, & Mexico (North American Mission Board) with our support so we can share Jesus across our country. We support six seminaries (Golden Gate, Midwestern, New Orleans, Southeastern, Southern, Southwestern) which train our future missionaries and ministers. Other agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention receive funding that support our being salt and light in the world. Look inside the treasure chest to see how your money works with other peoples' money to help others.



Clue 4: What Does the Cooperative Program Do?

When everyone works together, it is amazing what happens. Through the Cooperative Program, you are a part of something big. You are helping start new churches. You are helping train pastors, teachers, and leaders. You are helping missionaries who are serving in South Carolina, the United States, and in many countries around the world. You are helping senior adults and helping care for hurting and hungry children. You are sharing the story of Jesus with thousands of lost people – next door and around the world.

Look inside the treasure chest and learn what happens when you give to your church and your church sends part of your gift through the Cooperative Program:



Help tell people about Jesus.
Help start new churches.
Help care for children and senior adults.
Help teach the Bible.
Help train teachers and pastors.
Help missionaries.

There is another way you can help do missions: it is praying for Cooperative Program supported ministries and missionaries. Stop now and pray for the work you and your church are doing through the Cooperative Program, a treasure chest of blessings. Thank God for allowing you to have a part in telling children around the world about how Jesus loves them and wants to make them members of the family of God.

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Funding the Cooperative Program



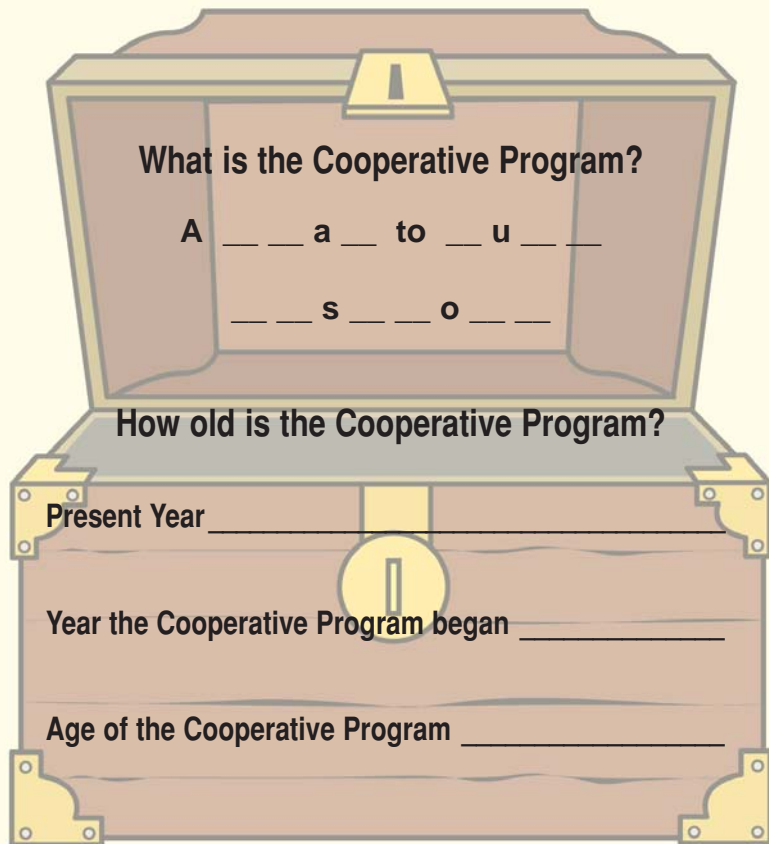
Get ready to go on a treasure hunt.

Take your Bible, a sheet of paper, and a pencil. Along the way you will receive clues to help you discover a treasure. After each clue, look inside the treasure chest to discover a special way you can be a part of helping missionaries. At the end of the hunt, a great treasure awaits. Have fun exploring and discovering God's great treasure – the Cooperative Program!

Clue 1: Looking Back

In 1845 Baptists from the South formed a group called the Southern Baptist Convention. Their primary purpose was to do missions. Eighty years passed before Southern Baptists discovered an important word – cooperation. Cooperation means working together and Southern Baptists felt God wanted them to work together to do missions. They needed a plan of combining mission gifts from churches, so in 1925, the Cooperative Program was adopted. Today the Cooperative Program is still the primary plan Southern Baptists use to fund missions.

Answer the questions inside the treasure chest.



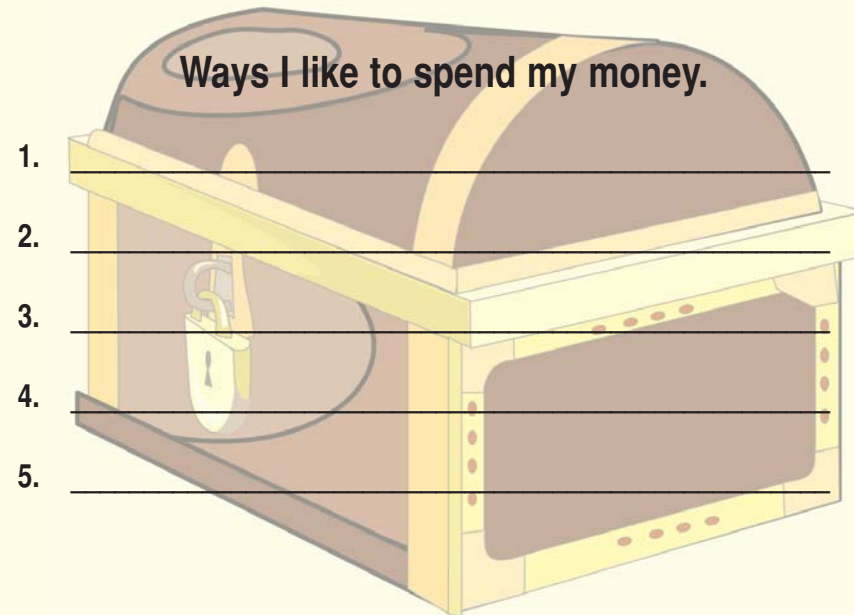
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Clue 2: My Money Matters

Many boys and girls receive an allowance. Perhaps you do too. Maybe you earn money by helping with chores around your home or by doing odd jobs in your neighborhood.

How do you spend your money? On video or computer games? Toys? CD's? Cassettes? Clothes? Usually you spend your money on things you like, things you like to do, or places you like to go. Do you give some of your money to your church?

Look inside the treasure chest to see how you spend your money.



Why should you give some of your money to the church? One of the ways we show our love for God is by giving (2 Cor. 8:24). The Bible teaches that we are to give 10% of our money to God (Mal. 3:8). This 10% is called a tithe (Lev. 27:30). The Bible also tells us to "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations" (Matt. 28:19). Since you are too young to go, a part of the money that you give to your church is sent to help mission ministries throughout the whole world.

Look inside the next treasure chest to see what God says about giving. Ask a leader or a parent to read aloud each scripture and tell you what they think it means.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:24 Malachi 3:8 Matthew 28: 19-20



Story: Robert has been getting \$1.00 a week for an allowance. His parents have taught him that he should give one dime of each dollar to God as a tithe. Robert has always enjoyed giving his money each week because he knows it does many good things locally and around the world. His parents have recently decided to start giving him \$2.00 a week. All of his friends collect baseball cards. Now that Robert has more money, he's eager to catch up with Joe, who has the best collection. But if he begins giving \$.20 a week to the church, it will take longer to get the cards. What should Robert do? Why?

Pretend that your allowance is \$1.00. What amount should you give to the church? Multiply \$1.00 x 10% to figure your weekly tithe. What is the answer?

$$\$1.00 \times .10 = \$.10$$

