

Family Missions Page

April 2008: Understand the Call



4-year-old Luke Howell was playing alone, but observed by his mother nearby. He stood at a door, announcing out loud, "I'm helping God!" No one will ever know what imaginary scene prompted his announcement. But, it is safe to say that he had taken what he is learning about God at Sunday School, Mission Friends, and in a Christian home setting, and applied it to the only life he knows now: being a four-year-old boy who likes to play.

How can we help each family member at every age and stage of life grow in their understanding of God's call to them?

Let's Get Practical!

- 1** As a family, choose a Bible verse that will become a "family motto." Work together to make a sign to display the verse someplace in your home.
- 2** Compile a list of appropriate verses and conduct a family Bible drill, partnering younger/older members as needed.
- 3** In casual family conversation times, give each family member an opportunity to tell about one recent experience they have had that reminded them of God.
- 4** Take a family prayer walk in your neighborhood, noticing needs you see and asking God to bless people and homes.
- 5** Scan the daily newspaper to discover needs in your community that your family could help meet.
- 6** Think of people outside your family that encourage you or have special meaning to you, and create thank-you cards for them.
- 7** Declare one day each week to be "Something New Day" with the goal of trying one new way to make a difference for God that day.

