

# Children's Sermons

Season of Prayer 2009  
For State Missions and the Janie Chapman Offering  
For State Missions, Missions Education, and Experience Kingdom Life  
September 13-20, 2009

## Outside My Space

<sup>35</sup>And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. <sup>36</sup>But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; <sup>38</sup>Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Matthew 9:35-38, King James Version

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Sunday, September 13, 2009

**Items Needed:** Bible, 2009 State Missions Offering envelope for each child, a map of South Carolina mounted on foam board or another type of light weight but sturdy board for display, an easel (If you do not have an easel, two children could hold the map) and a colored push pin.

### Procedures:

- Greet the children as they arrive for the children's sermon. Have them sit so that they are facing you.
- Point out the map of South Carolina and ask, "Do you know what this is?" The children may give a variety of answers. Affirm each answer and then say, "This is a map of South Carolina. Let's find on the map where we live." Mark the location with a colored push pin.
- Open the Bible to Matthew 9:37-38, and read aloud the scripture passage.

Ask, "How many people do you think live in South Carolina?" Then say, "about 4.2 million people. That's a lot of people, but they don't all live in \_\_\_\_\_ (give the name of your city or town). Many of them do not know about Jesus. Some have never even heard about him. In order to tell people in South Carolina about Jesus, I have to go *outside my space* and you do, too."

Ask, "How do you think you can go outside your space?" Show the offering envelope, and say "We can't all go to tell others about Jesus, but we can help other people who can go. Those people are called missionaries. We can pray for our missionaries and give money to help them. Our church is collecting a special offering, the Janie Chapman Offering, for missions work all over South Carolina. When you pray asking God to help our missionaries and to send more missionaries, and also when you give money to those missionaries, you have a part in missions work. We can pray right now.

- Pray asking God to help our state missionaries in their work, to send more missionaries and to use the offering we give so that others will hear about Jesus.
- Give each child a 2009 State Missions Offering envelope as they leave.

## Sunday, September 20, 2009

**Items Needed:** Bible, 2009 State Missions Offering envelope for each child, the South Carolina map from last week with your city or town marked with a colored push pin, a colored push pin (a different color from the one marking your city or town), and an item that would be used with horses such as a saddle, bridle, or brush.

### Procedures:

- Greet the children as they arrive for the children's sermon. Have them sit so that they are facing you.

Ask, "How many of you like to ride horses?" Allow the children to comment. Talk briefly about how fun horseback riding can be.

Then ask, "Has anyone been to Mauldin, South Carolina?" Find Mauldin on the South Carolina map and mark with the colored push pin.

Say, "One of our state missionaries lives and works in Mauldin, South Carolina." Hold up the item that would be used with horses and say, "Debbie Webster has always had a passion for horses. She says, "God's given me the talent to work with people and horses." The Upstate Equestrian Ministry was founded in 1998 by Debbie and other Christian horse lovers who use their love for horses and the talents God has given them to help them teach others about Jesus. This is some of the things they do:"

- An evening Bible study called "Bible Study at the Barn" using animals around the farm;
  - Bible study for a daycare center along with teaching the children about horses;
  - A riding program for people with disabilities;
  - A ministry during the month of December when visitors come to the farm to see the Christmas story played out in the pasture with live animals and children of all ages.
- Open the Bible to Matthew 9:37-38 and say, "Remember our Bible verses from last week?" Read the verses aloud, and then say, "When we give to the Janie Chapman offering, we have a part in state missions and helping people like Debbie Webster as she works to tell other people about Jesus. We can also help by praying for our missionaries."
  - Lead in prayer by praying for Debbie Webster, her family, and the special needs of the children with whom she works. Pray also that God will remind the children that they can have a part in state missions by praying for the missionaries and by giving a missions offering.
  - As the children leave, give each child a 2009 State Missions Offering envelope.

(For additional information, please refer to the 2009 Season of Prayer for State Missions *Leaders Guide*).