

Season of Prayer 2018

For State Missions and the Janie Chapman Offering
For State Missions, Missions Education, and Great Commission Living

Children's Sermons Missions in 3D

Scripture: ⁹“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.” Philippians 1:9-10 (NIV)

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• **Sunday, September 9, 2018** •

We're All in This Together

Materials Needed: Flat cut-out of circle, ball, Bible, map of your area with your church and surrounding neighborhood circled (or cut it out in a circle beforehand), and globe (inflatable, if possible).

Procedures:

- Greet and welcome the children as they arrive.
- Explain that this week is the Season of Prayer for State Missions and share the theme: *Missions in 3D*.
- Show the children the circle and the ball. Ask them to identify which one is 3D.
- Read Philippians 1:9-10 (NIV) and explain that “depth of insight” is another way to say 3D.
- Explain that we, as Christian churches, need to see the mission of God in 3D. We need to share the gospel of Jesus to those right around us (show map circle) and to the whole world (show globe).
- Tell the children that people in South Carolina are thinking in 3D by church planting and church sending.

Say: “Churches in the Greenville-Spartanburg areas of our state are doing missions in 3D by planting churches in their neighborhoods. One of these churches is called *The Fold* and was started by a church plant team led by Mitch and Lauren Williams. The Williams are supported by many established churches, including Boiling Springs First Baptist, Brushy Creek Baptist, and Locus Hill Baptist. All of these churches are sharing the Good News about Jesus in 3D by working together. Other churches in our state are doing missions in 3D by going on vision trips and partnering to send people and resources to areas around the globe. Two hundred South Carolina churches are partnering with a church plant somewhere. Pastor Bryant Sims of First Mt. Moriah Church in Greenwood, along with other local pastors, went on a vision trip to Boston, Massachusetts. Pastor Sims and his church now partner with a church plant called TrueVine in Boston by sending them money, praying for them, and encouraging them with cards.”

- Pray for strong partnerships with church planters, existing churches, associations, and new church plants. Pray God's provision for the church plants and for the gospel to penetrate the lostness.

• Sunday, September 16, 2018 •

Strengthened by Love

Materials Needed: any small hand weights, Bible

Procedures:

- Greet and welcome children as they arrive.
- Show children the weights and ask what they are. Once children have identified them as weights, ask what they're used for. You are looking for an answer along the lines of "makes you stronger."
- Read Philippians 1:9-10 (NIV) and explain that the phrase "abound more and more" means grow stronger.
- Tell the children that churches need to grow stronger, too, and churches in South Carolina are helping to strengthen one another.

Say: "Dr. Dale Roach pastors Poplar Springs Baptist in Moore, South Carolina. His church was looking for ways to connect with other believers to tell non-believers about Jesus. What they saw was a Hispanic Church that was meeting in their very own building! This church is Casa de Alabanza (House of Praise). Pastor Roach partnered with the pastor of Casa de Alabanza, Angel Mariana, to help strengthen the Hispanic Church. There are over 1600 Hispanics and Latinos within a ten minute drive of the church. Together, Pastors Roach and Mariana are strengthening their churches by holding events to tell their community about Jesus, many for the first time!"

- Pray that the Poplar Springs and Hispanic congregations will be equipped and willing to use their spiritual gifts to be involved in connecting outwardly with the world.