

MISSION IGNITION CHALLENGE

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

Children are encouraged to seek and accept the challenge of doing missions.

BRONZE – focusing on ministry within the church family . . . *JERUSALEM*

Choose and complete at least TWO activities.

SILVER – focusing on missions and ministries within the neighborhood . . . *JUDEA*

Choose and complete at least TWO activities from Bronze and TWO from Silver category.

GOLD – focusing on missions and ministries around the community . . . *SAMARIA*

Choose and complete at least TWO activities from Bronze, TWO from Silver and TWO from Gold.

PLATINUM – participating in activities that help children learn more about Missions and reaching people groups inside their immediate community and **BEYOND . . . ENDS OF THE EARTH.**

Choose and complete at least TWO activities from Bronze, TWO from Silver, TWO from Gold and ONE from the Platinum level.

Individual “All-Star” Mission Challenge

Any child may choose one activity from the All-Star Challenge to complete on their own.

The child can involve others to help accomplish the challenge, but he or she is totally responsible for recruiting help and conducting the activity.

Responsibilities of Group Leader:

- **REGISTER YOUR GROUP on-line by APRIL 1st at www.bgco.org/missionignition.**
- **As the group works on and completes an activity:**
 - take a picture of the group in action
 - write a small note on the mission challenge accomplished
- **When GROUP CHALLENGES are COMPLETE:**
 - Mail or email the photos and articles to the Childhood Ministry office
- **When “All-Star” Challenge is COMPLETE:**
 - Child must write a short report
 - Share the report with the pastor
 - Submit a picture of activity in progress

E-mail reports and photos BY January 21st to:
childhoodministry@bgco.org

MISSION CHALLENGE IDEAS

BRONZE – Church – JERUSALEM (Choose at least TWO from list - OR come up with your own similar ideas to minister within your church)

1. Plan a "Donuts with the Teachers" Fellowship and invite families to come for breakfast before Bible Study on a Sunday Morning.
2. Plan and promote awareness of the Edna McMillan Offering for State Missions. Consider collecting a MILE of pennies - 84,440 pennies – with the help of your congregation. Place "PENNY" collection containers around your church along with "kid-made" informational posters.
3. Organize a "Foster Care Awareness" Fellowship. Help your church understand the importance of supporting/sponsoring foster families.
4. Sacrifice for Missions. Encourage families to give up certain soft drinks/snacks for a month and donate those funds to church mission project or fund.
5. Volunteer to clean tables for a month following the Wednesday night meal.
6. Plan a visit to Oklahoma Boys Ranch Town and see how your church can be involved in ministering to the residents and leadership.
7. Volunteer to assist with cleaning your church worship area. Clean and polish pews/chairs, change out offering envelopes, etc.
8. Conduct "Lottie Moon Post Office" by delivering Christmas Cards addressed to church members in their Sunday School classes.
9. Lead out in organizing a "Pastor Appreciation" fellowship in October – include just the Children's Ministry or invite the ENTIRE church.
10. Volunteer to sanitize Sunday School classroom tables and clean blackboards and/or white boards throughout the church.
11. Create a prayer board with cards for individuals to list prayer requests. Pray as a group and send notes of encouragement.
12. Plan a "Friendship Luncheon" and invite senior adults and kids to have lunch together.
13. Assemble "GLAD YOU WERE HERE" bags with a few pieces of candy, church brochure and notes from kids to give to church visitors.
14. Organize a "Meet & Greet" Fellowship inviting families to come play "Minute-to-Win-It" games and enjoy snacks as they get to know each other.
15. Assist Sunday Morning GREETERS at church entry points – helping to pass out bulletins as you welcome members and guests to church.

SILVER – Neighborhood – JUDEA (Choose TWO Bronze and TWO Silver - OR come up with your own similar ideas to reach your neighborhood)

1. Collect books throughout the year to donate to local homeless shelters, children's hospitals or a nearby Whiz Kids Tutoring site.
2. "Meet the Teacher" Sunday: Kids invite their schoolteacher, principal, cafeteria worker, etc., and sit by them in worship. Pray for them during church and honor them with a brief milk and cookies fellowship afterward.
3. Write cards of encouragement to servicemen and women and/or veterans within your neighborhood during the holidays (and throughout the year).
4. Pray for Leaders. Invite local government leaders to your worship service. Recognize those who are able to attend and pray for them.
5. Assemble a "Welcome to the Neighborhood" gift basket – with individually wrapped snacks and church info – to present to new neighbors.
6. Conduct an "ABSOLUTELY FREE" Car Wash for Senior Adults at your church and in your community. (No donations accepted.)
7. Rake leaves and clean outside windows for neighbors for FREE.
8. Sponsor an Early VBS Registration Rally with one or two inflatables, church info and FREE popsicles a week before VBS starts.
9. Prayerwalk your neighborhood. Consider leaving a church brochure or note of invitation inviting neighbors to church.
10. Host a Community Easter Egg Hunt. Provide kids' music, candy-filled eggs, snacks and a puppet show about the TRUE meaning of Easter.
11. Collect cans to redeem for FOSTER CARE. Let your neighborhood know that you are collecting cans. Make regular visits to collect their donations.
12. Host a Summer Splash Party at church for the neighborhood kids – play water games.
13. Host a "Happy Birthday Jesus" Party for the neighborhood kids – provide cake, ice cream and treat bags. Share the TRUE Christmas story.
14. Plan a Trip to Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children campus to help with flower beds, painting, yardwork,
15. Decorate flower pots, plant flowers and deliver to homes around your church. Include a Bible verse and info about your church.

GOLD – Community – SAMARIA (Choose TWO Bronze, TWO Silver and TWO Gold - OR come up with your own similar ideas to reach your community)

1. Create a "Flat Edna" and take a picture of her with your group when help with a "Disaster Relief" project in your community.
2. Volunteer at an animal shelter- play with the dogs and cats, help brush them, and clean up after them. Write notes of encouragement to the workers.
3. Sponsor a "See You At The Pole" event at your local school and pray for students, families and school leadership.
4. Host a Kite-Flying Day: Encourage kids and adults to participate and invite friends. Give awards for highest, longest in flight, most creative kite.
5. Make center pieces, holiday cards, birthday cards, and notes for assisted living facilities, children hospital wards, or meals on wheels.
6. Hold a Teddy Bear and Friends (Stuffed Animals) Drive. Donate the collected animals to a Homeless Shelter, police station or fire station.
7. Stuff warm socks with snacks and notes of encouragement and deliver to a local shelter.
8. Host a "WHITE OUT" for the Oklahoma Boys Ranch Town – Collect paper towels, toilet paper and Kleenex. Deliver to the site nearest you.
9. Sponsor a "Baby Bottle Boomerang" - distribute empty baby bottles to your congregation and, just like boomerangs, they come back to you - full of coins, currency, and checks to help the "Hope Pregnancy Center.". This project will help increase awareness of our pro-life message.
10. Sing at local Nursing Home and present them with "homemade" cards or placemats. Consider doing a monthly or bi-monthly birthday celebration.
11. Assemble a care package of family board games, children's books, etc., and include notes of encouragement for a Missionary family on furlough in Oklahoma. (If needed, names and locations available through the Women's Ministry Office at the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.)
12. Snacks for Teacher Workday - prepare and deliver baskets of snacks with a note of thanks and a prayer for the upcoming school year.
13. Collect items and assemble boxes for "Operation Christmas Child."
14. Collect pull-tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Create posters with information to place around the church along with collection containers.
15. Write notes of encouragement and appreciation and assemble in booklet form to send to a community leader, congressman or senator.

PLATINUM – Beyond! ENDS OF THE EARTH (Choose TWO Bronze, TWO Silver, TWO Gold and ONE Platinum)

1. Participate in International Mission Study (November/December)
2. Volunteer and/or participate in the Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children June Bike Ride
3. Sponsor a "Cottage Party" for one of the Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children or Boys Ranch Town. Provide snacks and play games.