



# Coffee Talk

Conversation Starter Sheet for Children's Bible Study Leaders

## Outreach and Mission Ideas to Do With Children

**Read Psalm 139:1-4. Discuss what this scripture is telling us.** Can children help? YES, THEY CAN! Use this sheet to talk about what your children can do to reach out to each other, their unchurched friends, their community and the world. Talk about the following ideas. Check the ones your class can do. Can you come up with even more ideas that focus on your specific community needs?

- Children learn best by doing. When they listen only, they remember 5-10% of what they hear. When they have something to look at, they remember 20-30% of what they see. But when they actively participate, they remember 75-90% of what they do.
- Make cards and take children with you to deliver to a hospital, nursing home or homebound member.
- Have children perform their seasonal musical in a local nursing home.
- Have children assemble casseroles and freeze them. Deliver them to a homeless shelter.
- Have children cut fleece into scarves for the homeless in the winter time.
- Have a fast food "progressive dinner". Use this as an outreach event.
- Provide door hangers about a special event in your church and encourage children and their families to hang on doors of homes on their street.
- Participate in special offerings during year for missions; Lottie Moon, Georgia Barnette and Annie Armstrong Offerings. Explain the purpose of these offerings to children.
- Invite a missionary to speak to your group. "Skype" or do "Facetime" with a missionary serving on a foreign mission field.
- Children can make items to distribute at local children's hospitals (i.e., dolls or wreaths to hang on room doors).
- Children can make cards and collect supplies for a care package to soldiers serving in foreign lands.
- Have children host a Bike-A-Thon to raise money for a mission project.

- Have a “Birthday Party for Jesus” at your home and invite the neighborhood children to celebrate in Jesus’ birth.
- Have an Easter Egg hunt at your home and use the Resurrection Eggs© to tell the Easter story.
- Brainstorm other ideas.

**Tea Time Tip** - Read Romans 13:11. Are you ready to “awaken and go” by caring for one another, caring for unchurched children and families, and caring for your world and community?”

**Pray together** that you will be an example to your children and their families of what it means to “Awaken and Go!” Ask God to give you a caring heart for one another, a caring heart for lost parents who do not know Christ, a caring heart for unchurched children and their families, and a caring heart for your community and the world. Ask Him to give you ideas for ways you can help children participate in missions projects with your church.

**Questions for the Pastor:** What ideas, goals and events do you have planned for your church and community where children, their teachers and parents can help?

Has your church participated in the “Awaken and Go!” campaign sponsored by our Louisiana Baptist Convention? If not, do you plan to? How can Romans 13:11 help your members learn to care for one another, care for the lost/unchurched, and care for their world and community?