

Missions Lesson
Christmas in August Gift Packing Party
August, Week 4

Objective: Girls and boys will pack gifts for a Christmas in August missionary.

Materials: Christmas CD, CD player, hot chocolate, Christmas in August gifts, self-sealing plastic bags, mailing boxes, packing material, packing tape, gift tags, construction paper, markers, gift bows, straws, masking tape, hot chocolate

Preparation:

Use masking tape to mark “Start” and “Finish” lines on the floor.

Procedure:

1. Ask kids to share what they remember about the first Christmas in August and the Christmas in August missionary you selected.
2. Play Christmas music.
3. Explain that we will be packing the gifts to send to the missionary.
4. Instruct kids to sort the gifts by grouping similar items. Put liquid items in self-sealing plastic bags.
5. Give each child a piece of construction paper and markers. Direct kids to make Christmas cards of encouragement for the missionary.
6. Pack the sorted items into boxes. Add the Christmas cards with a note about your project. Tape and address each box.
7. Invite kids to gather around the boxes. Ask a different child to pray for each box. Give each kid a gift tag. Ask them to write the name of your Christmas in August missionary on the tag. Kids can take this home as a reminder to pray for the missionary.
8. Gift Bow Relay: Form two teams. Explain that the teams will have a relay race to get all of their teams' bows to the finish line. Give each kid a drinking straw and a bow. At your signal, teams will race to blow their bows to the finish line.
9. Serve hot chocolate. This would be a good time to discuss Christmas mission projects your group could do.

After the lesson, mail the packages to your Christmas in August missionary. 😊