

## **Missions Lesson: Our Baptist Association**

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### Objective:

- Children will learn what a Baptist association is and how the churches of the association work together.
- Children will learn the name of the local Baptist association and the names of other churches in the association.
- If the local association has an offering, children will learn the name of the offering and how it is used in the association.

### Materials:

- Map of the geographic area of your Baptist association.
- Association brochure or other information
- Offering envelope for associational missions (if your association has a special offering)
- Cards, paper, markers, envelopes for writing notes to associational leaders and other churches in the association

### Preparation:

- Mark the location of your church, the association office, and other participating churches in the association on the map.
- Learn the name of the Director of Missions (or Moderator) for your association.
- Learn about the ministries of your association.
- If applicable, learn how your associational missions offering is used.

### Procedure:

1. Show children the map of the geographic area of your association.
2. Ask children to find the location of your church. Point out the locations of other churches in your association.
3. Explain: You have found our church on the map, but we see that we are not the only Baptist church in our area. (Point to several

- locations and name the churches). Our church as well as these other churches are part of what we call a Baptist association.
4. Say: Baptist associations were started a long time ago so that the churches could work together to tell people about Jesus. Each association of churches has a name. The name of our Baptist association is \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. Say: Our association has a special leader. (Tell about your Director of Missions or Moderator.)
  6. Tell about ministries of your association.
  7. If your Baptist association has an offering, show the offering envelope and explain how the offering is used. Give each child an envelope.

Activity:

- Write thank you cards to the Director of Missions and any others who work for your Baptist Association.
- Write notes to several other churches in the association with a message such as: Dear \_\_\_\_\_ Baptist Church, We are very glad to be part of \_\_\_\_\_ Baptist Association with you. We are praying for you. From, The Children of \_\_\_\_\_ Baptist Church.



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