

Basic Overview:

The goal of our Missions Participation Weeks is to help the children learn what we all can do to have a part in missions around the world right now. This night is the first of three nights built on the Missions Participation Series of the lessons in your Leader's Guide. In this first week, we talk about interacting and communicating with our missionaries. Missionaries like to know that we are reading the letters that they send us and enjoy when we write letters to them in return.

To help them remember to interact, the children's assignment for this first week is to write a letter to the missionary that you talked about in your lesson (this is a current missionary that your church is supporting on the mission field right now. The kids should all be writing to the same missionary). There are some helpful "Letter Helps" on the back of the flyer which can help them in writing their letters. Remind them to bring in their letter back to Expeditions over the next several weeks of competition (and that can only write one letter, not multiple letters to help their class out).

Remind the children that you are having several weeks of missions competitions (we recommend 4 weeks in length total). Allow the children to bring in their letters at any time over the 4 week missions competition. In the end you will total up and see how many letters each class brought in and combine those totals with the other two competitions (prayer sheets and offering) to see which class did the best job in participating in all three competitions.

Additional Ideas:

None.

Reminder Flyer:

See the flyer and additional instructions on the next pages.

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- Tell them about the missionary you are studying about in your Expeditions book.
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