



## Connect with Preschoolers and Their Families

Looking for ways to connect with your Mission Friends and their families? In the midst of the pandemic, your Mission Friends may not be meeting. When you do start meeting, you are likely to have families who are still staying at home. Here are some ideas of ways to connect with families and give them activities for missions learning at home. Let these suggestions spark other ideas too!

- Print copies of “Mission Friends at Home” from *Mission Friends Leader*. Place these in the mail to each preschooler’s family at the beginning of the month, or to preschoolers who are absent.
- Make a “To Go” activity pack. Gather supplies for an activity from *Mission Friends Leader* for each child to do at home. Place supplies for each preschooler in an individual bag, along with activity instructions for the parents. You can either take an activity pack by their homes, or ask families to drop by the church at a certain time to pick up a pack. Ask parents to send photos to you of their activity or artwork.
- Share the weekly activities from the Mission Friends Facebook page at [facebook.com/WMUPreschool](https://facebook.com/WMUPreschool). Share the activities with parents or on your church’s Facebook page.
- Tell the story! Record a video or voice message in which you tell a mission story from a Group Time page in *Mission Friends Leader*. Send the video or voice message to families of Mission Friends, or include it on your church’s website or social media.
- Share the Play and Learn page with families. You will find the Play and Learn page in Families on Mission at [wmu.com/preschool](https://wmu.com/preschool). Share the page digitally with parents or print out copies to place in the mail.
- Call on your phone or have a video phone call with each preschooler during the month. Check in with parents to see if there are any needs. Be sure to ask to talk with their preschooler. Sometimes preschoolers are shy, so think of questions to ask that will help the preschooler talk with you.

- Invite parents to have their preschoolers join you for a virtual Mission Friends meeting through a video meeting app. Plan for only 10-15 minutes with preschoolers. They love to see and talk to each other. Show one or two of the pictures from Mission Friends Leader Kit on your screen, tell the short version of a mission story from that month, say a Bible thought by having preschoolers echo phrases, and pray with preschoolers.
- Send Mission Friends postcards to preschoolers. Find the link to the postcards on the Summer Camp page, and later in Free Downloads at [wmu.com/preschool](http://wmu.com/preschool). Print the Mission Friends postcards on 8 1/2-by-11 inch cardstock. Cut the postcards apart on the cutting lines. Write a message on the back left side and the name and address on the back right side. Add stamps, and your postcards are ready to go.