



## GRANDMA'S MITE BOX

A Mite Box Devotional Sketch

*“But the godly will flourish like palm trees and grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon. For they are transplanted in the LORD’s own house. They flourish in the courts of our God. Even in old age they will still produce fruit; they will remain vital and green. They will declare, “The LORD is just! He is my rock! There is nothing but goodness in him!”* (Psalm 92:12-15 New Living Translation)

**LEADER:** The religious education we receive as children remains with us throughout our lives. We recall Bible verses that provide strength in adversity, comfort in sorrow and praise to God for His mercy and blessings. As we continue to study the Bible and attend worship, we gain insight into how the Bible provides guidance for our lives. As *Lutheran Women in Mission*, we want to spread the Good News throughout the world. Mission work is supported through our mite offerings. We teach our children and grandchildren about the love of God and inspire them to help spread the Gospel message through prayers and contributions to missions. This sketch demonstrates how a heart for missions can develop in childhood and be nurtured by the Word and prayer.

*(Setting: Grandma’s kitchen. Sarah (8 years old) is visiting her grandmother, Mary.)*

Sarah: What are you doing Grandma?

Grandma: Putting coins in my Mite Box and praying for the Lutheran Bible Translators Mission Grant.

Sarah: Why are you doing that?

Grandma: You know that your mother and I go to *Lutheran Women in Mission* meetings at church. Remember the time we went to the big meeting in South Dakota?

Sarah: Grandma Martha stayed with me and Daddy, and Mommy brought me an LWML purple teddy bear and a T-shirt.

Grandma: That’s right. At that meeting we voted on mission grants that will help spread the Good News that Jesus loves us and died for our sins so that we will be with Him in heaven someday. The money that I put in the Mite Box will help spread the Good News throughout the world. You’ve learned about missions in Sunday school.

Sarah: Yes, the teacher told us about little children in Russia and Africa who need food to eat, and missionaries to tell them about Jesus. Did you go to Sunday school when you were little, Grandma?

Grandma: Yes, I did, and my grandmother read me Bible stories when I was your age. I learned that Jesus will always be with me in good times and bad. I know that God will help me when I am afraid or have problems.

Sarah: Like when Grandpa was sick?

Grandma: Yes, God was with me and gave me the strength to get through that difficult time.

Sarah: I was sad when Grandpa died, but after I thought about Jesus, I felt better. It was good to talk to Jesus in my prayers.

Grandma: We know that Jesus is always with us whatever we do. He's been so good to us. We thank Him for everything He gives us and we want to serve Him. That's why we want to tell all the people in the world about Him.

Sarah: And we can do that by putting money in that box and praying for them? Can I have a box, too?

Grandma: I'll give you a special Mite Box for children. Let's say a prayer. Then you and I will sing one of our favorite songs, *Jesus Loves Me*.

Heavenly Father, bless the missionaries as they bring the Good News to children all around the world. Use the mites we give to bring children and their families to Christ. Open their hearts to the love and grace of God. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Both:	Jesus loves me. This I know, For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.	Jesus loves me. This I know, As He loved so long ago, Taking children on His knee, Saying, "Let them come to Me."
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Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me.  
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Yes, Jesus loves me.  
The Bible tells me so.

"Jesus Loves Me" Public Domain

LEADER: Let us pray: Lord, You are our Rock and our Redeemer. Your love and faithfulness sustain us through the trials of our lives. Let Your love shine through us in everything we do. Strengthen our faith and witness through the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen

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