

LWML Sunday 2010

Children's Message

Items Needed:

English Bible

Non-English Bible (i.e. Greek New Testament, Spanish, etc.)

Mite Box for each child

How many of you like to read?

What are some of your favorite books?

Who reads to you?

Reading is a lot of fun. When we read books we can learn a lot. The greatest book that has ever been written is the Bible. Would one of you like to read a Bible passage for me? (*Select an older child as a volunteer and hand him/her the non-English Bible open to a passage.*) Alright everyone listen closely while (child's name) reads from God's Word for us. (*Adlib as the child says he/she can't read it.*)

Why were you not able to read this Bible? That's right — because it is in a language that you did not know. It would be pretty sad if you didn't have the Bible in your own language to be able to read. Most of us have a couple of Bibles in our homes that we can read any time we want to, although we could probably do a better job at reading it more often. Did you know that there are many girls and boys and moms and dads around the world who are not able to read God's Word in their own language? Some of them live in places where the Bible has not been translated into their language. Others live in places where they have never even been told about the Bible or Jesus and His love for us.

Did you know that there are people in this congregation who are working to help boys and girls, as well as moms and dads around the world learn about God and His Word in the Bible? They use little boxes like this (*show Mite Box*) to raise money through nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars ...

- to help people in Africa who can't see learn Braille so that they can read God's Word with their fingers;
- to help pastors in countries like Latvia and Lithuania get training to help more people learn about Jesus; and
- to help people in our own county who may not know English hear God's word in their own language, like the people at Light of Christ Chinese Lutheran Church.

As each of you leaves today, I am going to give you a Mite Box so that you can help other people hear the Word of God in their own language. When you fill it up with your nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars, you can bring it back and the LWML women (who seem to be wearing a lot of purple today) will send them off to help the Word of God be shared around the world.

(*Bring out English Bible*) I am so thankful to have God's Word in English so that I can read it myself and so that I can read it to you, too, each Sunday. A lot of you will read books with people who love you which is really a lot of fun. I hope, too, that you take the time at home to read this book because it is God's story of love for you and me. It contains wonderful true stories about God and His people, but most importantly, it tells us of Jesus who came to die for our sins and rose from the dead to forgive us. How wonderful that we don't have to wonder or question if God loves us. We can read it and hear for ourselves from His Word that He loves us through His Son Jesus. Let's pray:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the Bible. Thank You that I can read it and hear it in my own language. Thank You for people who share Your Word around the world. Help all people around the world to be able to hear the good news of Jesus in their own language. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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