CHILDREN'S SERMON

Lutheran Women in Mission

2025 Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday

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Sunday

AN ASSIGNMENT FROM GOD

Good morning kids. Today we are going to hear about a special event in the life of Jesus. It was a day when Jesus gave an assignment to His followers.

How many of you have ever had an assignment given to you? Has your mom ever told you to clean your room or pick up your toys? Has dad ever said to you, "Come help me clean up the yard?" Those were assignments, tasks which you were told to do.

Jesus today says to His disciples that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed, preached, in My name to ALL nations. That is quite the assignment. They were told to go to ALL nations, all over the world. (Hold up a globe or world map and show them all the nations of the world.)

How do you think they were ever going to do that assignment?

Do you think you would be able to get to all the nations of the world?

The Lord who gave them this assignment also gave them a way to meet this assignment.

They were to start new churches and send pastors and missionaries who would carry that message to the nations.

Now, not everyone had the ability to travel and go all over the world and stay for a while and teach the Gospel, to carry the message of repentance and the forgiveness of sins.

(Give them each a Mite Box and pennies from a basket to put in their Mite Box).

Do you know what a Mite Box is? *(let them talk)*. The Mite Box comes from the widow who gave all she had of her money for the mission of God, the spreading of the Gospel. It's a picture for us of how we are to live in love for God.

Just imagine if kids and adults the world over were to put their pennies and coins in their Mite Boxes. Can you imagine how much that would be? Why, it would be millions, to support the pastors and missionaries all over the world. You are helping to fulfill the assignment God gave to His people. What a joy!

Now that you have your Mite Box, your assignment is to take it home, fill it and bring it back. LWML will use the mites you collect to support pastors and missionaries all over the world. Isn't that great!? What an assignment! You can help spread the message of repentance and forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name. WOW! Amen.