

How to Start an LWML Youth In Mission Group

LET'S DO THIS!

Girls are so busy these days, as are the leaders, and that makes it hard to find time to meet. **PLEASE DON'T GIVE UP!** Girls who attend meetings or activities are getting to know other girls who want to grow in their faith, serve others, and support missions. They are learning that adult LWML members genuinely care for them and want the best for them.

Here are a few tips on how to get a group started. Remember, it takes time and patience.

- Girls are longing to belong to a service group. Reach out to them.
- Ask another woman to be your co-leader. This gives you someone to share ideas with and someone who can step in for you when you can't be there.
- Invite the girls and their mothers to the first meeting. Explain to them what LWML represents and your basic goals. The girls will have the opportunity to grow in their faith and serve others in their community and throughout the world. Tell them about mites and give them a Mite Box so they can know the joy of giving. Make sure they know that they can go to www.lwml.org for ideas, prayers, devotions, and current information on mite projects.
- Get the girls involved in the decision making as much as possible. Explain to them the group's goals. Ask them to brainstorm ways they can reach those goals. Find out which local mission projects interest them.
- If it doesn't work to meet every month, meet whenever you can, possibly Sunday morning.
- Start each meeting with a devotion and prayer. Find devotions at www.lwml.org and ask a volunteer to pick one and read it.
- Don't get discouraged if things don't happen quickly. Remember God is in control; everything happens on His time schedule not ours.



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