

## Season of Prayer 2023

for Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions, Missions Education,  
and Kingdom ADVANCE in South Carolina

# Children's Teaching Procedures



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**Overview:** Children will learn about missions in South Carolina, and how Jesus is using South Carolina Baptists to go and preach the Good News to everyone. They will be asked to pray for the specific needs of missionaries and to give to this year's Janie Chapman Offering<sup>SM</sup>.

### Prepare ahead of time:

1. Pray.
2. Read the Leader's Guide.
3. Secure a Bible, a picture of Janie Chapman, as well as world and South Carolina maps.
4. Write the scripture verse (Mark 16:15 CEV) on a poster and display it on a focal wall. Write each word of the verse on index cards for the memory verse activity.
5. Download the music with lyrics for "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" from YouTube.
6. Make several paper boats from colored paper. On one side of each boat, write a prayer request from the Leader's Guide section entitled "What's Next as the Gospel bridges two cultures on one island."
7. Fill a laundry basket with various household items such as laundry detergent, dish soap, a manual can opener, hand soap, towels, dishcloths, a pillow, a blanket, and toilet paper. Write "Welcome Basket" on a sign that is attached to the basket. Write prayer requests from the Leader's Guide section entitled "What's Next for serving international teachers in SC" on index cards that are pinned to the items in the basket.
8. Cut out pictures of diapers, water bottles, various snacks, and popsicles from a grocery store ad. Place these pictures on index cards. On the back of each card, write a prayer request from the Leader's Guide section entitled "What's Next for ID Downtown Spartanburg."

### Opening:

Hold up a picture of Janie Chapman. Ask the children if they have ever heard of Janie Chapman. Explain to them that Janie Chapman was the first president of the South Carolina Woman's Missionary Union. She had a love for missions and a strong personal discipline. The Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions is named after her.

### Story 1

Tell the story from the Leader's Guide, *What's Next as the Gospel Bridges Two Cultures on One Island*. Emphasize these facts:

- Daufuskie Island, SC is a small, five-mile-long, island between Hilton Head, SC, and Savannah, GA. It can only be accessed by boat or ferry. Part of the island is a resort for the rich and famous, and other parts of the island are claimed by the descendants of freed slaves called the Gullah People.
- The Gullah People built the first church on the island in 1881 (First Union African Baptist Church).
- In 2015, Aaron Crosby, became the first pastor to live on the island, as well as the first Caucasian pastor of the church.
- In 2022, the church became affiliated with the South Carolina Baptist Convention. Through Janie Chapman funds, Pastor Aaron was able to become a NextStep participant which helped train him how to meet the various needs and challenges of his culturally diverse congregation.
- Pastor Aaron says that the church is neither a white church nor a black church. It is a New Testament church. They practice fellowship, pray together, and sing both spirituals and songs from old Baptist hymnals. Sometimes Spanish language songs are added into the services, as well.

Prayer Activity: Have each child take a paper boat and read the prayer request on it. Have someone pray aloud for the requests.

### Story 2

Tell the story from the Leader's Guide, *What's Next for Serving International Teachers in SC*. Emphasize these facts:

- There are nearly 1200 international teachers teaching in South Carolina schools. They are alone in a strange country. They fear not being accepted in American churches because they talk or act differently. Many don't know Jesus. Who will tell them the Good News of Jesus?
- The Janie Chapman Offering provides training through Heart4Schools. It creates opportunities for fellowship for these teachers.
- Churches are helping meet the needs of these international teachers. They have hosted events like a "Household Drop-off Shower" and have provided monthly lunches, meals, and snacks for these teachers. Several churches created "Welcome Baskets" for international teachers as they arrived in the country.
- One international teacher, Collins Cheruyot, says that the Columbia churches gave him much-needed support during his orientation into the US. The churches helped him find housing, furniture, and home supplies.

Prayer activity: Have the children choose an item from the "Welcome Basket." The child should quietly read the prayer request written on the attached card or have someone read it to him. Have someone pray for the requests.

Sing the song, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands."

### Story 3

Tell the children the story from the Leader's Guide, *What's Next for ID Downtown Spartanburg*. Emphasize these points:

- Friends, Taylor Little and Ricky Wilson, moved to SC to plant churches. Through Janie Chapman funds, Taylor trained in a church planting residency program. When he completed this training, he, his wife, and others from ID Clifton Church planted ID Downtown Church in Spartanburg.
- ID Downtown receives monthly funding through the Janie Chapman Offering. These funds help them with the costs of promotional materials, Bible study materials, supplies for community outreach activities, and so much more.
- Through conversations with people in the community, Taylor is able to tell his own story of how Jesus changed his life. This sharing has led many people to Christ.

- ID Downtown blends multiple ethnicities. Many of the people are from broken homes and are hungry for a new way of life.
- ID Downtown Church is a body of disciples who are making disciples. The church sends out leaders to build new church plants. Through the Janie Chapman Offering, Taylor has reached those who desperately need to hear the gospel.

**Activity:** Have the children think of their favorite hobby or sport and then take turns acting it out while the other children guess what they are doing. Ask children to choose another hobby or sport if their first choice has been previously demonstrated. Once the correct answer is given, have a volunteer start a conversation with the “actor” about their hobby or sport. Allow each child to take a turn acting out their choice and starting a conversation about one activity. Talk about how they have just demonstrated how Taylor starts conversations like this which leads to ministry.

**Prayer activity:** Give each child an index card with a picture of a grocery item on one side, and a prayer request on the other side. Have the child quietly read the request or have someone read it to him. Ask someone to pray for the requests.

**Memory verse activity:**

In random order, place the scripture verse index cards in front of the children. The children are to put the cards in the correct order. After this is done, have the children read the verse aloud.

**Closing:**

Remind the children to give to the Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions. This offering will be used to help the ministries we have learned about today. Close in prayer for the 2023 Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions.