

Season of Prayer 2023

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

Preschool Teaching Procedures



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Concept Areas: Jesus, Community, Church

Teaching Aims: Preschoolers will learn (1) that Jesus wants us to help others; (2) that we can share Jesus with others by being kind; and (3) to give and pray for state missions.

Bible Thoughts: “We want to tell people about Jesus” (Acts 4:20); “help one another” (Gal 5:13); “give thanks to God and praise Him” (Ps 107:1); “love one another” (John 15:17); and “work together” (I Cor 3:9).

Preparation:

Pray for God’s guidance as you prepare and for the preschoolers you will teach.

Read the 2023 Season of Prayer Leader’s Guide and become familiar with each missions work.

Make a train conductor hat for each leader using the template in the “Art” section below.

Assign each of the following interest areas a color: ID Church, Benedict College BCM, Daufuskie Island, Palmetto Collective, Open Arms Refugee Ministry, and Hearts4Schools. These will be your train stops. Make a colored sign for each interest area and use the same colors to make train tickets for all the children. Also, make a sign that reads “Janie Chapman Train.” Use the different colored train tickets to divide the class into groups; one color for every interest area. Give a ticket to each child as they walk into the room. Once everyone is present, preschoolers find their train ticket group by matching ticket colors. Use the train tickets to rotate preschoolers through the interest areas. Collect tickets at each stop and give a different color ticket to preschoolers to get back on the train for another station stop.

Greeting: Today we are going to take a train ride around South Carolina to learn how the Janie Chapman OfferingSM is helping people like us share Jesus with others in our state. Does everyone have their ticket? Let’s all climb aboard the Janie Chapman Train. Instructions for the train: march around the room having the preschoolers make train sounds. Blow a whistle for each stop (interest area) and have preschoolers with the colored ticket matching the interest area get off. Travel around until all preschoolers are at their stop. Collect tickets at each stop and allow preschoolers to engage in the interest

area activity. Blow the whistle again and call “All Aboard.” Give each preschooler a new ticket of a different color for their next train stop. Travel around until each preschooler has time at each interest area. Ideas for activities to do at each stop are listed below.

Home Living: Open Arms Refugee Ministry – Set up a grocery store. Items needed: play food or pictures of food, price stickers to put on each grocery item, play money, and paper lunch bags. Give each preschooler a paper bag and let them pretend to grocery shop. Rotate letting each preschooler play the cashier. Tell preschoolers how Open Arms Refugee Ministry is helping people who were in danger and had to leave the country they lived in. This ministry helps people who have just moved here learn how to live in South Carolina. Talk about how people who come from other places need help learning to do things like grocery shopping or paying bills. Open Arms Ministry helps these people and shares how much Jesus loves everyone. Share Bible Thought “Help one another” (Gal. 5:13).

Music and Movement: First Union African Baptist Church – Sing Daufuskie Island song (Tune – Row, Row, Row Your Boat) and talk about First Union African Baptist Church. Share Bible Thought “Give thanks to God and praise Him.” (Ps 107:1)

- Row, row, row your boat to Daufuskie Island (make rowing arm movements)
- o There we’ll meet Pastor Crosby and learn about his church.
- Drive, drive, drive your car to First Union Church (make driving arm movements)
- o To hear the people sing about Jesus and His love.
- Look, look, look around all Daufuskie Island. (Put hand to forehead to make looking movement)
- o See how Janie Chapman Offering keeps the church on mission.

Nature: Palmetto Collective – Find pictures of Palmetto trees or use a tablet to look up pictures online. Talk about how the Palmetto tree is the SC state tree and how by giving to the Janie Chapman Offering we help “plant” college students around the world so that they can do missions and share Jesus with the world. Share Bible Thought “We want to tell people about Jesus” (Acts 4:20).

Blocks: Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) at Benedict College – Make a college campus on a large piece of poster board. Draw squares to represent the campus buildings. Have preschoolers use blocks to build buildings on all the squares to create the college. Talk about how the Janie Chapman Offering helps BCM reach students for Jesus. Share Bible Thought - Jesus said, “Love one another” (John 15:17).

Puzzles and Manipulatives: International Teachers & Hearts4Schools – Play Hearts Memory Game using the free pdf download found at <https://artsymomma.com/heart-memory-match-sight-word-activity.html>. Talk about how the Janie Chapman Offering helps international teachers through Hearts4Schools. Share Bible Thought “We work together” (I Cor 3:9).

Art: Make a Train Conductor Hat. Use the template from Google. You will need cardstock, crayons, and a stapler. In advance, print out the hat and glue it to cardstock. Allow preschoolers to use crayons to decorate their hats and help them with assembly. As the preschoolers decorate their hats, tell them about how South Carolina churches can be a part of missions.

Group Time: Set up chairs in rows as on a train. Display the “Janie Chapman Train” sign near the chairs. Say “Last stop (say the name of your church)”. Have each preschooler find a seat on the train. Have you all had a good time learning about some of the things that we do here in South Carolina to share Jesus? Our last stop today is our church. What are some of the things that our church does to share Jesus with our community? Let preschoolers name a couple of things. Do you know that one of the things we do at our church to share Jesus is to give to the Janie Chapman Offering? Do any of you know who Janie Chapman was? Janie Chapman was a pastor’s wife like (your church’s pastor’s wife). Janie loved missions and

wanted to help other South Carolina women learn to love missions too. Janie became the first president of the South Carolina Woman's Missionary UnionSM and through her work and encouragement, we have missions education groups like Mission Friends here at our church. Janie traveled around South Carolina telling Baptist women that our work is to share Jesus at home, here in South Carolina, and around the world.

Stop here for three- and four-year-olds. Ask: Who was Janie Chapman? What did Janie tell others that our work is?

We have learned today about some of the missions works here in South Carolina that are able to happen because of the Janie Chapman Offering. Do you know that every penny given to the offering will go directly into mission work all around our state? Churches like ours get money from the offering to help them share Jesus. Helping with big events like block parties or parties for teachers, providing Bibles and songbooks in different languages, and helping our college students go to other countries to share Jesus are all works that South Carolina Baptists can do because churches like ours give to the Janie Chapman Offering.

Ask: What are some works that South Carolina Baptists can do because of the Janie Chapman Offering?

Close your time together by praying for the different ministries you have discussed.