Season of Prayer 2023

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

Student Teaching Procedures



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Summary:

Students will learn about mission work in South Carolina, pray for missions, and be challenged to support missions in South Carolina through the Janie Chapman OfferingSM for State Missions, Missions Education, and Kingdom ADVANCE in South Carolina.

During Jesus' ministry on earth, He continued to build bridges to and for His people. He built strong connections with His disciples and followers. "Then He told them: Go and preach the good news to everyone in the world." (Mark 16:15 CEV)

Before the session:

Read the Leader's Guide, familiarize yourself with the Student Teaching Procedures, and watch the state missions video segments at www.janiechapmanoffering.org. Prepare to share the stories or show the videos to your students.

Spotlight 1 - STRONG: Daufuskie Island - One way in and one way out?

First Union African Baptist Church on Daufuskie Island is one of the most diverse churches in our state. It has just recently joined the South Carolina Baptist Convention. So, WHAT'S NEXT for this church, the island, and the people?

Have a student read the story from the Leader's Guide or show the corresponding video to your students.

Ask two questions:

- What are some of the challenges this church faces?
- What are some solutions the church could try?

Discuss what outreaches your group can develop to help spread the Gospel of Christ.

Do a deep dive into the history of the island. Have a discussion or put a skit together to perform for the adults/children on a Wednesday night.

Plan a vision trip to explore how you could minister in your community or in another area. Consider providing a backyard Bible study, hosting a Vacation Bible School, or partnering with one of our WMU compassion ministries.

Discipleship:

"Then He told them: Go and preach the good news to everyone in the world." (Mark 16:15 CEV)

Spotlight 2 - Serve: WHAT'S NEXT in Resettling Refugees in South Carolina.

Tim and Jody Cross continue working with refugees in the Upstate through Open Arms Refugee Ministry. Through their leadership, churches have been equipped and have stepped up to help organize this ministry to refugees through "Circles of Welcome."

Have a student read the story from the Leader's Guide or show the corresponding video to your students.

Discuss the story and the fact that there is always more to do and more ways to serve refugees.

Ask two questions:

- · What are some of the challenges that refugees face?
- What are some solutions that churches can implement to help?

Discuss ways that your group can help to meet tangible needs in your community. Do you have refugees who live near your church? Do your students have any people from other countries in their classes or on their sports teams? How can you show love to these people?

Pray for:

- More churches to step up to help in ministering to refugees.
- More doors to open to share Jesus with refugees and to teach them about prayer.
- Volunteers to help with ESL classes, transportation, tutoring, and more.

Closing:

The church on Daufuskie Island and the ministry to refugees are just some of the ways that the Janie Chapman Offering is making a difference in South Carolina. When we give to the offering, we help share the Good News with everyone. More than just giving to the offering, though, God wants us to find ways to share the good news with the people around us. Pray that God would help you to find ways to show His love to the people in your community who do not know Him and that you would have opportunities to tell them about Jesus.

Close in prayer.