



PRESCHOOL TEACHING PLAN



ARKANSAS BAPTISTS



ABOVE+BEYOND

FAMILY HOME ACTIVITIES

for the Dixie Jackson Arkansas Missions Offering Week of Prayer



- Allow your child to tell you about Pastor Bell and Otter Creek Community Church. Pray for them this week. One of Pastor Bell's goals is to be a part of the community around the church. Pray they will have opportunities to share Jesus with the people who come to church. Pray for the members as they share food and meet the people who live in nearby apartments.
- Pastor Bell meets and invites new people in his community to Otter Creek Community Church. Look around your neighborhood. Is there a senior couple that might enjoy a visit or a plate of cookies? What about a single parent? Has someone just moved in? Welcome them to the neighborhood with a fruit basket or cookies. Invite someone to go to church with you who you know does not attend. Let your child invite a friend to come to church with him. Help your child pray for neighbors and friends who do not go to church.
- Talk with your child about being kind to new people, children who may be new and need a friend, older people who may miss their

grandchildren and how we can help them by being friendly and kind. Take a prayer walk around the neighborhood and pray for needs you see and people you can minister to.

- The theme for this season of prayer is "Above and Beyond." What can you and your child do above and beyond what you are now doing for your church? Could you offer to replenish envelopes and visitor slips in the pews in the sanctuary? Could you wash the toys in a baby room in the nursery? What about weeding a flower bed or picking up trash outside your church? Look for something small enough your preschooler can help with but large enough to make a difference, or something that has been neglected and needs to be done. Each church is different, but when you really look, you will see things that need to be done.
- Perhaps you can help your child and your family to write a thank you note to your pastor or another church staff person thanking them for being faithful to the people of your church. Pastors and church staff always hear the bad, but would certainly appreciate encouragement from time to time. They also like cookies!

Simply put, look for ways to do missions in your own neighborhood. Seek to encourage people who are engaged in missions. Both are valuable lessons your children will never forget.

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"ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD" –1 CORINTHIANS 15:58