

Cents to Send



Description:

Through a fun activity, children will be challenged to help accelerate the pace of Bible translation around the world right now!

Aim:

Children will be challenged to GIVE towards the Senegal Literacy Project

Audience:

Pre-school - elementary

Country/Area:

Senegal, Africa

Minimum Time Requirements:

3-5 minutes

Scripture to Study:

Deuteronomy 16:17 - "All must give as they are able, according to the blessings given to them by the Lord your God." (NLT)

Materials:

- Container of extra coins for those who don't have any coins
- Chair
- Jar
- Change counter (optional)
- Senegal Literacy Project flyer
- Bank cube handouts and an example of one already put together
- Calculator (?)
- Bible marked at Deuteronomy 16:17

Pre-Class Preparations:

- Place a chair in front of the jar with seat facing away from the jar. Coins will be dropped over the back of the chair. Leave space for a line to form to watch the coins drop into the jar.
- Senegal Literacy Project flyers
- Change counter (optional)
- Have enough bank cube handouts for the group and an example of one already put together
- Container with spare change for children who didn't come prepared
- Calculator (optional)

Class Time:

Begin this lesson by reading Deuteronomy 16:17. After reading, ask,

According to this verse, who is supposed to give? *(everyone who can)* Do you think that might include children? *(YES!)* And adults too? *(yes)* How much should a person give? *(depends on how much God has blessed him)* Can you think of some ways that you have been blessed?

Allow some discussion. Then say,

It sounds to me like we have all been blessed by God. Is that correct? *(YES)* Then, according to this verse, what should we all do? *(give)* One of the ways God blesses us so that we can bless others is that He gives us money. Today you have the opportunity to share some of the money with which God has blessed you to support a Senegal child learning to read in his own language. One out of every 2 Senegalese people can't read. Part of the problem is that schools are taught in French, but many school children don't understand French. Do you think you would have learned to read if your teacher only taught you in Russian? There are about 40 different languages spoken in Senegal. About 20 of them don't have one word of God's Word written in their language. Six language groups now have a New Testament in their language and 12 language groups have a translation project in progress. The money we collect today will help Senegalese children learn to read their own

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language, so they can read God's Word. We call this activity "Cents to Send." You can use pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, half dollars or one dollar coins, anything from 1-100 cents! And if you don't have any cents, we have some to share.

Arrange the chair and jar, and have the students line up in front of the chair so that they can watch the coins being dropped into the jar. Say,

One by one you're going to kneel on the chair and try to drop your "cents" over the back of the chair into the jar. What goes into the jar will be sent to Senegal to pay for literacy classes for children. When everyone has dropped in their "Cents to Send," we will count it to see how many cents we have to send. 540 cents (\$5.40) pays for a month of literacy class for one child.

(Invite some adults to steady the chair.) When all have dropped coins, either dump the coins from the jar into the change counter to see how many "Cents to Send" they have collected, or count it together. Invite some adults to pass out the Senegal project flyers and the bank cubes to assemble. Hold up the Senegal Literacy Project flyer and say,

You have donated _____ for the Senegal Literacy Project! You have helped one child like this (*point to picture on flyer*) attend literacy class for about _____ months. (*divide number of cents by 540*)

Hold up the assembled bank, and say,

You are advancing Bible translation in Senegal! Woo-hoo! We know that some of you weren't prepared to give towards this project today, and that some of you may want to give more toward this project later. So here's a bank with directions for how to assemble it. It will look like this when you assemble it. When it's full, your mom or dad can write a check for the amount in your bank, and send it along with the folded up bank back to Wycliffe, and the money will help more Senegalese children attend literacy classes.

Conclusion:

Spend time in prayer for the children of Senegal who attend literacy classes...especially that they will read God's Word and learn about how much Jesus loves them. He gave His life to offer them eternal life!

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- Change counter (optional)
- Calculator (optional)
- Senegal Literacy Project flyer
- Bank cube handouts
- Example of an assembled bank cube

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write your name on the line.
2. Color the white space in each square.
3. Cut on the outer solid lines and the slit where the money goes in (under your name). At this point you could glue the pattern to a stiff backing and re-cut the outside lines and slit. Allow time for glue to dry.
4. Fold on dotted lines.
5. Apply glue to tabs and form into a cube, with glued tabs *inside*. You may need some tape to hold the last tab in place. Let it dry. If you didn't add the stiff backing, you might want to reinforce the bank with some clear tape now.
6. Fill it up as God blesses you!
7. Either bring it to the Wycliffe Canada office, or ask a parent to write a check for the amount, including the project code on the check, and send it to Wycliffe.

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Dear Jesus, thank You
that children in Senegal
can learn to read. Help
them to use their new
reading skills to learn
about You so that they
can know and love You
as their Lord and Savior!
Amen

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My name is:

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