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This book belongs to:

A NOTE TO PARENTS:

We created this Cooperative Program (CP) activity book to help teach your children about the unique way Southern Baptists work together to share the love of Jesus at home and around the world.

Through the Cooperative Program, your church, the Missouri Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention share financial resources that enable us to do more together than we could ever do alone. This partnership begins with you, your children, and your gifts to your local church.

A portion of your church's annual budget is shared through the Cooperative Program, which supports missions and ministries at the state, national, and global levels.

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Thank you for sharing through the Cooperative Program.

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WHAT IS A MISSIONARY?

A missionary is someone who follows Jesus and shares His love with others. Missionaries love God and want others to know Him, too.



DRAW A MISSIONARY HELPING SOMEONE IN NEED.

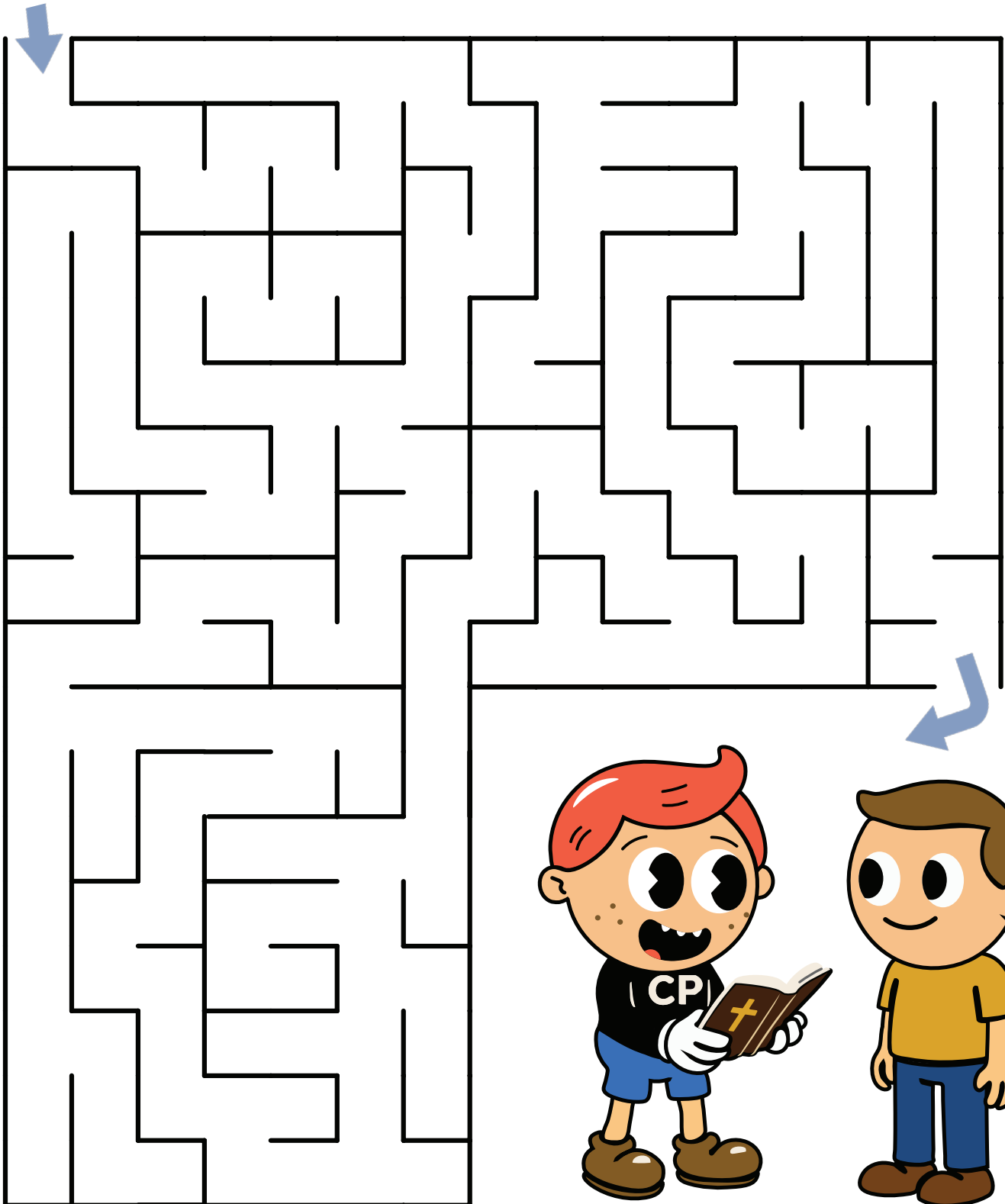
Missionaries tell people the good news about Jesus. They might start new churches, teach the Bible, help the hungry, or care for the sick.





Some missionaries go to faraway countries. Others stay close to home. Missionaries serve anywhere God sends them!

HELP THIS MISSIONARY REACH HIS MISSION FIELD!

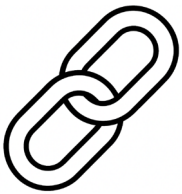


WHY ARE MISSIONS SO IMPORTANT?

God's Word says that without Jesus, people are like lost sheep who can't find their way home. When we wander away from God, we put ourselves in danger.

God doesn't want us to be lost. Instead, he wants us to follow Jesus. People who follow Jesus are called disciples.

Missionaries are disciples who go because Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations." They want everyone, everywhere, to know and follow Jesus.



READ EACH VERSE BELOW IN A BIBLE. THEN DRAW A LINE CONNECTING THE VERSE TO THE MATCHING MESSAGE.

**MATTHEW
28:18-20**

Everyone wanders away from God and becomes lost, but Jesus takes our sin away.

**ISAIAH
53:6**

God loves everyone, and He sent Jesus so that anyone who believes in Him can live with God forever.

**JOHN
3:16**

Jesus told his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, and He promised to be with them.



**COLOR
ME!**



The most important thing is knowing Jesus yourself. Do you know that Jesus loves you and wants you to live with Him forever?

IF YOU TRUST JESUS, YOU'LL FIND A HOME WITH GOD IN HEAVEN.

HOW DO PEOPLE BECOME MISSIONARIES?

1) THEY ARE CALLED.

Sometimes God puts a special desire in someone's heart to share Jesus with others. That's what it means to be "called."



WRITE DOWN NAMES OF PEOPLE OR GROUPS WHO MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT JESUS.

WILL YOU PRAY THAT GOD CALLS MORE MISSIONARIES?





**OH NO! THESE WORDS HAVE BEEN SCRAMBLED!
UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS TO REVEAL PEOPLE
WHO MIGHT HELP YOU DISCOVER YOUR CALLING.**

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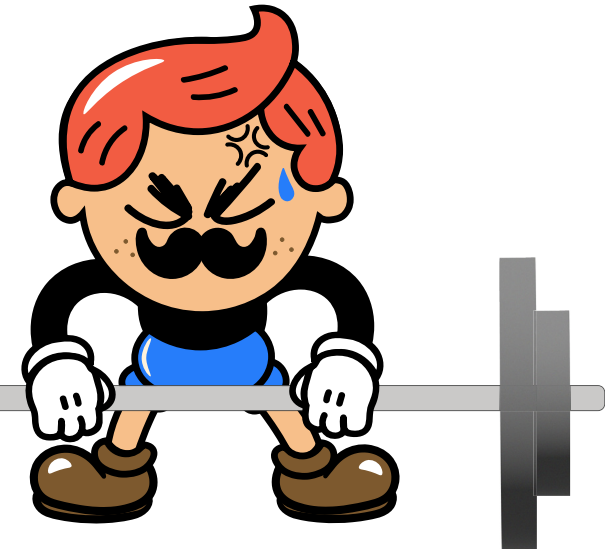
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S I S M O I N R A E S I

The church helps people God calls. Leaders pray with them, encourage them, and help them get ready.

When God calls someone, He often shows it by letting other people see it, too.

2) THEY ARE TRAINED.



When athletes want to win their next game, they get ready by exercising and practicing. When future missionaries want to tell others about Jesus, they get ready in their own way!

First, they spend time with God every day. They read the Bible, pray, and ask God to guide them. You can do that, too! When you talk with God and learn His Word, He prepares you to become a disciple or even a missionary!



HOW ARE YOU TRAINED SPIRITUALLY? DRAW A PICTURE OF HOW YOU SPEND TIME WITH GOD.



**SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT TAKES TIME!
FIND THESE KEY MISSIONS TRAINING TERMS.**

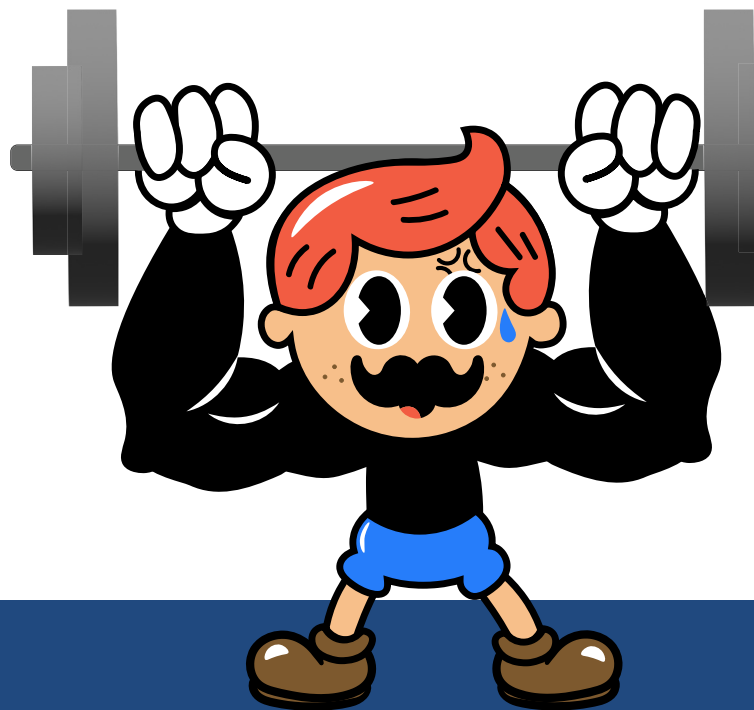
KEY

- BIBLE**
- STUDY**
- PRAYER**
- LANGUAGE**
- SCHOOL**
- WORSHIP**
- LEARNING**
- CHURCH**
- SERVING**

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Missionaries also get help from “coaches.” Their church teaches them, prays for them, and helps them grow strong in their faith. Your church does that for you, too, every time you go to Sunday School, worship, or Bible study.

Finally, missionaries often go to special schools to learn more about the Bible, languages, and how to live in new places. These schools help them get ready for the work God gives them.



DID YOU KNOW...

Missouri has a special school for training missionaries and pastors? It’s called *Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary*, and it’s located in Kansas City!

3) THEY ARE SENT.

After missionaries are called and trained, the church sends them out! Southern Baptist churches like yours work together with missions agencies to help missionaries reach the people and places they're called.



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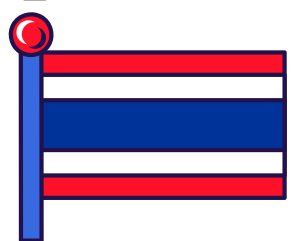
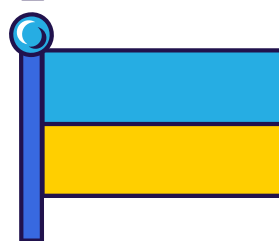
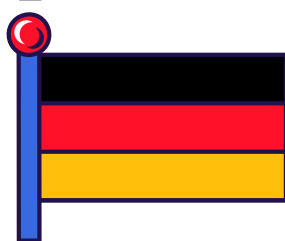
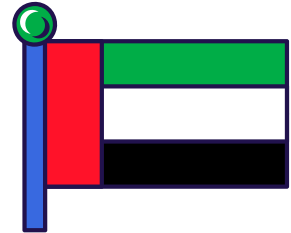
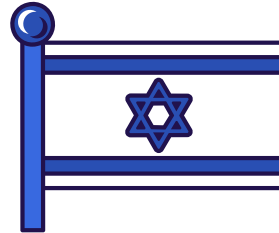
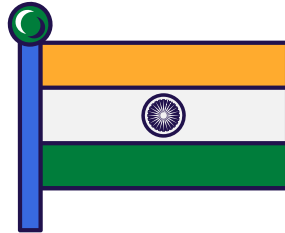
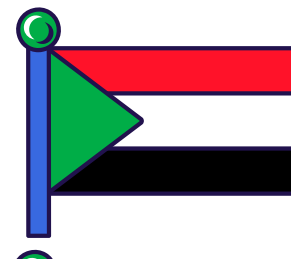
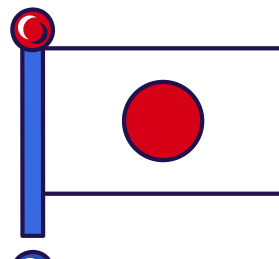
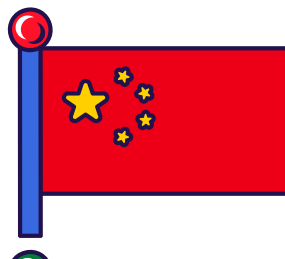


INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

The International Mission Board (IMB) helps Southern Baptists send missionaries all around the world. IMB missionaries share Jesus in many countries so people everywhere can hear the Good News.



**CAN YOU
IDENTIFY
EACH OF
THESE
FLAGS?**



HINTS

- *You'll find the Star of David on Israel's flag*
- *Germany's flag has three stripes, with black on top*
- *Japan's flag is easy to spot: a red sun on a white background*
- *India flies a flag with a navy blue wheel at its center*
- *Blue and yellow dominate Ukraine's simple flag*
- *Sudan's flag contains a prominent green triangle*
- *The Chinese flag has stars, but no stripes*
- *Thailand proudly displays the red, white, and blue*
- *The United Arab Emirates (UAE) puts its green stripe on top*



North American Mission Board

The North American Mission Board (NAMB) helps Southern Baptists send missionaries across the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico. NAMB missionaries start new churches, help people in need, and share Jesus with people who don't know Him.



SPOT THE DIFFERENCES IN THESE TWO PICTURES! CAN YOU FIND FIVE OR MORE?





MANY MISSOURI BAPTISTS LOVE SERVING IN DISASTER RELIEF. DRAW YOURSELF HELPING CLEAN UP AFTER A BIG STORM.



The MBC also supports partners called “entities.” These include colleges, programs that care for hurting children and families, homes for the elderly, and people who help churches with their finances. All of them work together to tell others about Jesus.



DRAW A LINE TO CONNECT THE MISSOURI BAPTIST ENTITY TO THE ILLUSTRATION OF ITS MINISTRY WORK.

**MISSOURI
BAPTIST
CHILDREN'S
HOME**

**MISSOURI
BAPTIST
FOUNDATION**

**BAPTIST
HOMES &
HEALTHCARE
MINISTRIES**

SCHOOLS

**HLGU,
MBU, &
SBU**

1



2



3



4



NOTE: HLGU = Hannibal-LaGrange University, MBU = Missouri Baptist University, SBU = Southwest Baptist University

4) THEY ARE SUPPORTED.

Reaching the world is challenging and expensive. Missionaries need support! Churches give money, pray, and send supplies so missionaries can keep sharing Jesus. When you give to your church, you are helping missionaries, too.



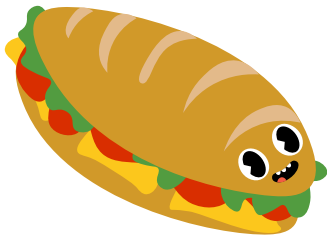
CIRCLE THE ITEMS BELOW THAT MISSIONARIES NEED TO DO THEIR WORK.



**AIRPLANE
TICKETS**



MEDICINE



FOOD



HOUSING



TRANSPORTATION



CLOTHES



COLOR ME!



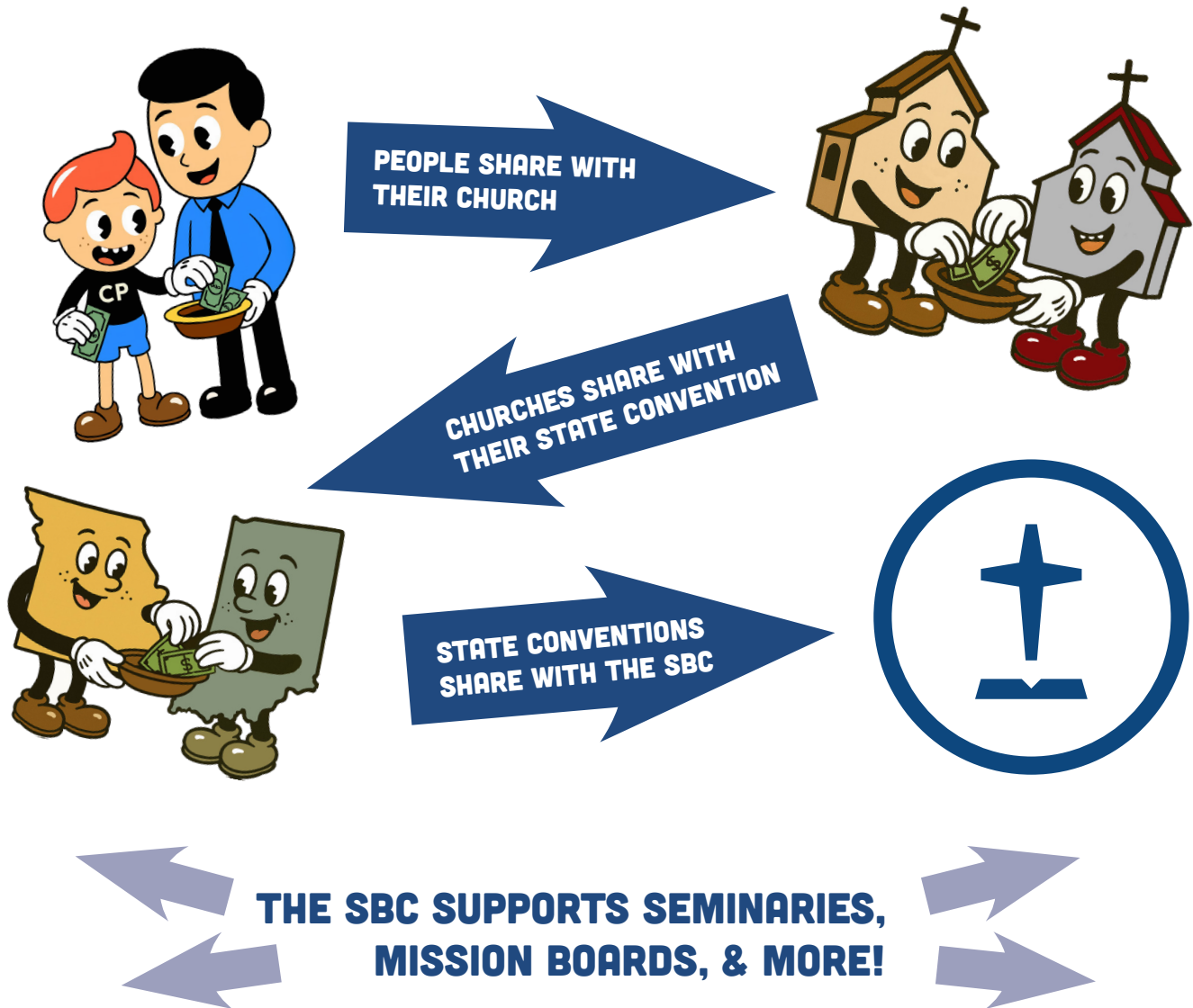
For many years, Southern Baptists have worked together to send missionaries. More than 100 years ago, churches realized they could do more if they joined hands. Together, they started the Cooperative Program.

Through the Cooperative Program, our parents, grandparents, and great-great grandparents have sent thousands of missionaries to tell millions of people about Jesus!



COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Cooperative Program (CP) is how Southern Baptists share their money. Each church gives to CP, and the money is shared to send missionaries, train leaders, and help people in need.



When we share, we can do more for God's mission than one person, church, or state can do alone.

God's mission isn't finished yet! There are still many people who don't know Jesus. Who will make sure that missionaries continue reaching the world for the next 100 years? As you grow up, this important task is in your hands!



**YOU ARE THE CP SUPERHERO OF TOMORROW!
WRITE DOWN THE TOP 3 MINISTRIES YOU ARE
EXCITED TO SUPPORT.**

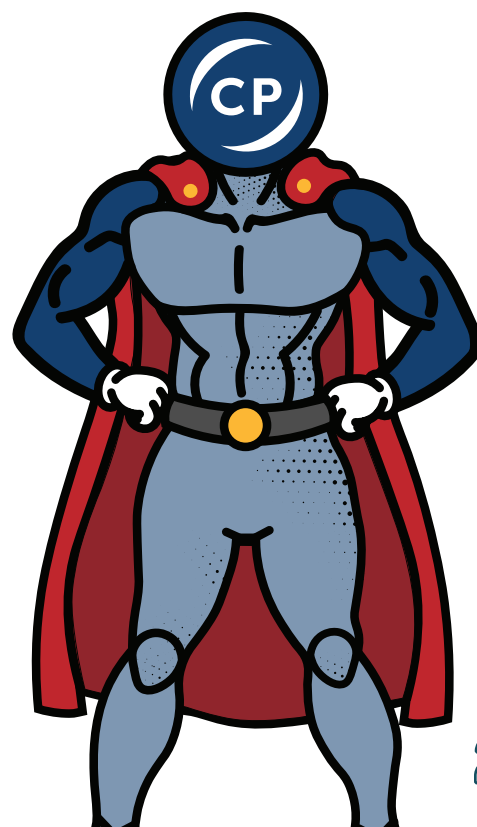
1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

**TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO
PRAY FOR THESE MINISTRIES
RIGHT NOW.**

Missionaries today, and tomorrow, keep going until the whole world hears the Good News. Maybe one day, God will call you to go, too!



BE A MISSIONARY RIGHT NOW!

You don't have to wait until you're a grown-up to be a missionary. Here are some ways you can start today:

- **PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES
AROUND THE WORLD**
- **TELL YOUR FRIENDS
ABOUT JESUS**
- **HELP WITH A MISSION PROJECT
AT YOUR CHURCH**

REMEMBER

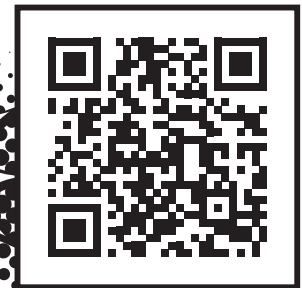
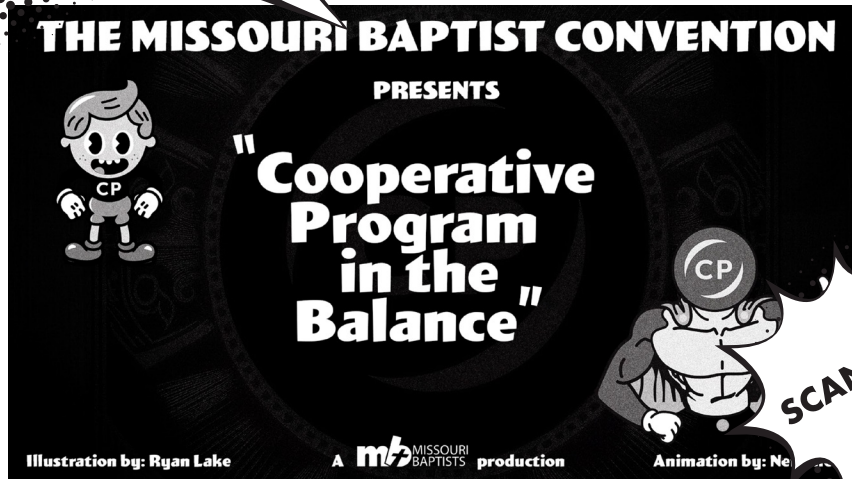
When you pray, serve,
and share Jesus' love,
you're already part of
God's big mission!



GET THE CARTOON!

JOIN A YOUNG MAN IN HIS QUEST TO FOLLOW GOD'S CALL TO THE MISSION FIELD.

Download, show, and share this video that helps Missouri Baptists of all ages understand the Cooperative Program.



mobaptist.org/cartoon

CHEAT SHEET

- Page 6 - Matthew (Bottom), Isaiah (Top), John (Middle)
- Page 9 - Pastors, Teachers, Church Leaders, Holy Spirit, Parents, Missionaries
- Page 11 - See key on right
- Page 13 - (Row 1) China, Japan, Sudan;
(Row 2) India, Israel, UAE;
(Row 3) Germany, Ukraine, Thailand
- Page 14 - City/Rural, Bible/Food Basket, Flower/Phone, Adult's Outfit, Glasses
- Page 15 - 1) Disaster Relief, 2) Students, 3) Ministry Wives, 4) Mission Trips, 5) Collegiate, 6) Evangelism, 7) Prayer, 8) Renewal

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- Page 18 - Circle All

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*Celebrating more than 100 years of
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