



# MISSION IGNITION CHALLENGE

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8*

Children are encouraged to seek and accept the challenge of doing missions.

## MISSION IGNITION CHALLENGE AWARD LEVELS

### **BRONZE** – Projects focusing on ministry within the church family . . . **JERUSALEM**

Complete at least 2 projects serving and ministering to your local church.

### **SILVER** – Projects focusing on missions and ministries within the neighborhood . . . **JUDEA**

Complete at least 2 projects serving your church's neighborhood along with 2 projects ministering to your local church.

### **GOLD** – Projects focusing on missions and ministries around the community . . . **SAMARIA**

Complete at least 2 projects serving your community, along with 2 projects ministering to your local church and 2 projects in your church's neighborhood.

### **PLATINUM** – Projects participating in activities that help children learn more about Missions and reaching people groups inside their immediate community and **BEYOND . . . ENDS OF THE EARTH.**

Complete one project related to international mission, along with 2 projects ministering to your church family, 2 projects in your churches neighborhood, and 2 projects serving your community.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GROUP LEADER:

- Help plan and coordinate mission projects that focus on your local church, neighborhood, community, and beyond.
- As the group completes activities, take pictures of the group in action.
- Report your missions accomplishments on the Missions Challenge Report at [www.oklahomabaptists.org/missionignition](http://www.oklahomabaptists.org/missionignition).

## GINA MCKEAN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING MISSION INVOLVEMENT

Gina McKean was the long-time Children's Minister at OKC, Portland Ave, and she played a very large part in creating and leading Mission Ignition for many years. Her love for Jesus, love for kids, and heart to serve was evident in everything she did. This annual award, given in memory of Ms. Gina, is presented to a child who has gone above and beyond in serving others and sharing Christ's love. Each church can nominate one child to be considered for this award.

Submit your nomination at [www.oklahomabaptists.org/missionignition](http://www.oklahomabaptists.org/missionignition) by the deadline.

# MISSION CHALLENGE IDEAS

## **BRONZE – Church – JERUSALEM** (Here are some ideas for projects in your local church)

- Assemble “SONshine” bags of goodies and notes of encouragement to be taken by church staff on hospital and homebound visits.
- Volunteer to clean tables for a month following the Wednesday night meal.
- Volunteer to assist with cleaning your church worship area. Clean and polish pews/chairs, change out offering envelopes, etc.
- Collect new or gently used coats for the church clothes closet or mission center.
- Conduct “Lottie Moon Post Office” by delivering Christmas Cards addressed to church members in their Sunday School classes.
- Lead out in organizing a “Pastor Appreciation” fellowship in October – include just the Children’s Ministry or invite the ENTIRE church.
- Volunteer to sanitize Sunday School classroom tables and clean blackboards and/or white boards throughout the church.
- Create a prayer board with cards for individuals to list prayer requests. Pray as group and send notes of encouragement.
- Plan a “Friendship Luncheon” and invite senior adults and kids to have lunch together.
- Assemble “GLAD YOU WERE HERE” bags with a few pieces of candy, church brochure and notes from kids to give to church visitors.
- Organize a “Meet & Greet” Fellowship inviting families to come play “Minute-to-Win-It” games and enjoy snacks as they get to know each other.
- Make Bible Verse posters to be placed in Senior Adults and/or College Students classrooms – to serve as encouragement.
- Assist Sunday Morning GREETERS at church entry points – helping to pass out bulletins as you welcome members and guests to church.
- Write notes of appreciation and/or draw pictures and mail to Sunday School leaders at your church.
- Organize a “cookies & milk” Sunday Morning fellowship with the College Class. Present them with a treat bag of snacks or highlighters, pens, etc.

## **SILVER – Neighborhood – JUDEA** (Here are some ideas for projects in your church’s neighborhood)

- Conduct an “ABSOLUTELY FREE” Car Wash for Senior Adults at your church and in your community. (No donations accepted.)
- Rake leaves and clean outside windows for neighbors for FREE.
- Sponsor an Early VBS Registration Rally with one or two inflatables, church info and FREE popsicles a week before VBS starts.
- Prayerwalk your neighborhood. Consider leaving a church brochure or note of invitation inviting neighbors to church.
- Conduct a FREE Family Movie Night at church for the neighborhood, complete with FREE popcorn or other snacks.
- Do at least SIX random acts of kindness for various neighbors throughout the year.
- Clear snow/ice from the sidewalks of neighbors’ houses for FREE.
- Host a Summer Splash Party at church for the neighborhood kids – play water games.
- Host a FREE Bicycle Clinic with professionals to check bikes, include a few games and light refreshments.
- Host a “Happy Birthday Jesus” Party for the neighborhood kids – provide cake, ice cream and treat bags. Share the TRUE Christmas story.

- Decorate flower pots, plant flowers and deliver to homes around your church. Include a Bible verse and info about your church.
- Host a New Year's Eve Fellowship for the neighborhood kids – provide games & snacks.
- Lead out in a "Liter" pick-up campaign – helping to keep your neighborhood clean.
- Assemble a "Welcome to the Neighborhood" gift basket – with individually wrapped snacks and church info – to present to new neighbors.
- Collect cans to redeem for annual missions offering. Let your neighborhood know that you are collecting cans. Make regular visits to collect their donations.

**GOLD – Community – SAMARIA** (Here are some ideas for projects in your community)

- Sing at local Nursing Home and present them with "homemade" cards or placemats. Consider doing a monthly or bi-monthly birthday celebration.
- Conduct a "Baby Shower" for your local Pregnancy Center. (Check with the center for specific needs.)
- Make blankets and/or pillows to be given to a local shelter or mission center.
- Collect and deliver new & gently used Bibles, toys and games to a local shelter. Create and display posters to inform your congregation.
- Collect and deliver grocery bags and non-perishable food items to a local food distribution or mission center.
- Create and deliver valentines to the local Baptist Collegiate Ministries for Students along with a basket of goodies.
- Create and deliver goody bags with notes of encouragement to teachers at the local school.
- Collect items and assemble boxes for "Operation Christmas Child."
- Collect pull-tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Create posters with information to place around the church along with collection containers.
- Tour the local Fire or Police Department – present them with a note of "Thanks" and a basket of homemade goodies.
- Lead out in collecting food for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas Baskets. Assist in assembling and delivery. Include notes of encouragement.
- Write notes of encouragement and appreciation and assemble in booklet form to send to a community leader, congressman or senator.
- Assemble treat bags with individually wrapped candy and church info to be used as an outreach in your community.
- Prayer drive your community – police & fire stations – court house – municipal buildings – college campuses, etc.
- Assemble a care package . . . family board games, children's books, etc., and include notes of encouragement for a Missionary family on furlough in Oklahoma. (If needed, names and locations available through the Women's Ministry Office at the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.)

**PLATINUM – Beyond! ENDS OF THE EARTH** (Here are some ideas for projects related to international missions)

- Participate in National Children's Ministry Day Activity (Usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of February)
- Participate in International Mission Study (November/December)
- Raise funds to purchase one or more types of livestock or a water purifying system for an overseas people group.