

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION STUDY FOR CHILDREN 2026

More Than a Gift

“Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us—to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen” (Ephesians 3:20-21, CSB).

Study Overview

The focal Scripture verses are Ephesians 3:20-21. Paul wrote to the believers in Ephesus, a pagan Gentile city, while in prison in Rome. He sought to encourage and strengthen the young church.

The theme for the 2026 Week of Prayer for North American Missions is “More Than a Gift.” Through our gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®, our missionaries are sharing the gospel in places and ways they never imagined. They’re seeing that powerful message transform lives, families, and communities, not only here and now, but for eternity.

Our gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering provide the funds missionaries need to train and serve all over North America. We are helping missionaries across North America by supporting them through prayer and giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Children will learn about missionaries Jordan and Jessamy Adams and The Chapel in West Lafayette, Indiana, as well as Purdue University students Erin Chapmond and Ellie Dunlevy.

Prepare for the Study

- For the promotion of the Week of Prayer for North American Missions to your entire church, order the free printed resources, including a theme poster, Annie Armstrong Easter Offering envelopes, a promotion guide, and prayer guides from your state convention office. Ordering information can be found at AnnieArmstrong.com/stateconventions.
- Work with missions leaders and other church leaders to plan aspects of the children’s study, such as scheduling, scope, and promotion. Encourage these leaders to enlist other church members to take ownership by helping in the planning and implementation of the study. You may choose to do the study as a special event or incorporate it into an existing meeting or group setting.
- Publicize the study through church bulletins, social media, churchwide announcements, newsletters, and so forth.
- Ask Sunday School classes and church members to pray for the study outcome. Pray children and leaders will be inspired as they learn about missions efforts in North America and will eagerly support those who are serving as missionaries with the North American Mission Board (NAMB).
- Consider enlisting an outside speaker, such as a North American missionary, to address the church before beginning the study or as part of it.

- Explore the website, AnnieArmstrong.com, for resources that will enhance the learning experience for your church.
- Download the study materials and video segment from the website, AnnieArmstrong.com/resource/childrens-study.
- Other segments found online can be used anytime for study purposes or during the Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering emphasis. The video segment for children features college students Erin Chapmond and Ellie Dunlevy and missionaries Jordan and Jessamy Adams in West Lafayette, Indiana.
- Order or download and print enough 2026 **Week of Prayer bookmarks** and **prayer guides** for each participant or family. Bookmarks can be ordered from NAMB at AnnieArmstrong.com/resources.

Note: Your church has permission to download videos and other resources at AnnieArmstrong.com. Downloads are free. To order DVDs free of charge, call 1-800-634-2462 or email AAEO@namb.net. You can also check out the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Facebook page at facebook.com/aaeo.sbc.

Prepare for the Lesson

- Ensure you are equipped to show the featured video and that you have previewed it with the equipment and in the setting in which you will be showing it. If you don't have a way to show the video, you can tell the children about the missionaries in the story provided in the lesson plan.
- Read through the lesson plan and become familiar with it.
- Acquire a map of North America. Display it in a prominent place. Note the location of West Lafayette, Indiana, from where you are located.
- Write Ephesians 3:20-21 on a whiteboard or on a posterboard.
- Make a copy of The Chapel Fun Facts, the word scramble, and the word search activities for each child. Make one copy of the word search and word scramble solutions for yourself. An Annie Armstrong coloring page and other resources can be found at AnnieArmstrong.com/kids.
- Provide a pencil for each child.

Arrival

As the children arrive, allow them to read The Chapel Fun Facts sheet, or work on the word scramble or word search (all found at the end of this guide), or complete other activities found at AnnieArmstrong.com/kids. Help children with activities as needed.

Welcome (5-10 minutes)

After all the children have arrived, welcome them to the missions study. Introduce yourself and your helpers. Tell them they will be learning to pray for and help missionaries who are serving in North America. Show them on the map that North America includes the United States and Canada, as well as the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Say, “During the Week of Prayer for North American Missions, we learn about missionaries, pray for them, and we collect an offering for them named the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.”

If you would like to share more about who Annie was and why the offering is named after her, go to AnnieArmstrong.com/who-is-annie. There you will find information and a video.

Explain to the children that they will be focusing on missionaries Jordan and Jessamy Adams, as well as two students named Erin and Ellie, who attend Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Show them where Indiana is on the map of the United States and note where your church is located to help the kids gain context.

Explain that the theme for the mission study is “More Than a Gift.” They will be learning that with God there are no such things as little prayers and small offerings.

Bible Verse Word Study (5-10 minutes)

“Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us—to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen” (Ephesians 3:20-21, CSB).

Display the focal verse you wrote on a whiteboard or a posterboard. Relate the verse above and the information below.

Set the context by telling the students that Paul wrote to the believers in Ephesus, a place where people did not worship the one true God. Paul wrote the letter to the Ephesians while in prison in Rome to encourage and strengthen this young church.

Through God’s power, our prayers and gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, our missionaries are sharing the gospel in places and ways they never imagined. They’re seeing that powerful message transform lives, families, and communities, not only here and now, but for eternity.

Help the children to memorize and recite Ephesians 3:20. “Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us.”

Transition to the video/story.

Children’s Video/Story and Discussion (15–20 minutes)

Show the video and/or read the story below. Note that you will find extra information in the story below.

Learning Goals

Children will learn how to share their faith with their friends and to help them have faith in Jesus, too.

Friends for Life

Jordan Adams was raised in church in Iowa, but he didn’t have a relationship with Jesus and didn’t understand the gospel. He thought Christianity was about being good and doing the right things and then God will love you. He was trying to get into heaven by being a good person, but he always felt that he failed.

When Jordan was in high school, his dad was diagnosed with cancer. Jordan was afraid. Jordan knew that his dad had a strong faith in Jesus, and he wanted to have his dad’s strong faith, too. Jordan started reading the Bible. One day, his dad passed away.

Jordan says, “That night Jesus saved me. I knew I couldn’t walk through it alone. I was broken. I turned from my sin and asked Jesus for help, and He saved me. My life has not been the same since.”

A few years ago, Jordan and his wife, Jessamy moved to West Lafayette, Indiana to plant a church in the *Purdue University* community. They started a church called *The Chapel*.

Erin Chapmond and Ellie Dunlevy met at Purdue University and were roommates. Ellie grew up as a missionary kid in *Argentina* and loved going to church. Ellie started attending The Chapel and invited Erin to church. Erin said, “Yeah, that’d be fun.”

Erin’s first experience at The Chapel was so exciting as she listened to Jordan speaking.

“I was so overcome with how he spoke to me. It felt like he was speaking to me directly. I learned that Jesus was an actual person—that He knew exactly who I was, and I learned that He loved me for who I was, even though everything was broken about me.”

Ellie and Erin started studying the *Bible* together, and Erin learned that she is a child of God.

Jordan says that the students on Purdue’s campus are the *next leaders of the world*. After they graduate, they will move to cities and be *influencers in cities all over the world*. The impact reaches far and wide.

Jordan says, “We feel we have a unique opportunity to reach them for Jesus. They’ll go to those cities, in their occupations, in their jobs—they will be *ambassadors of Christ*. They’ll go as *missionaries*.”

Ellie gives us all some advice.

“Just love your *friends*. Go out into the world, go to school, whatever, and actually try to love the people around you.”

Transition to the recap activity.

Story Recall Activity (10–15 minutes)

Four Corners Trivia

This is a multiple-choice game using the information from the story above about missionaries Jordan and Jessamy's story.

Assign each of the four corners in the room, A, B, C, D. Tell the children that each of the multiple-choice questions will match a specific corner. After you read the questions, they are to move to the corner that matches the answers. They have to choose a corner before you count to five. Listen carefully. Some are tricky!

Once everyone has chosen a corner, reveal the correct answer. Those in the wrong corner are out for that round. Those who are out can cheer on the others or join back in after three rounds.

Note: Correct answers are in italics in the story and in the questions.

Questions:

- Jordan Adams was raised _____. (C)
A) on a farm B) in a city C) in church D) in his treehouse
- Jordan and Jessamy moved to _____. (B)
A) Florida B) Indiana C) Montana D) New York
- The name of the college students attend is _____. (D)
A) Harvard University B) Stanford University
C) University of California D) Purdue University
- Jordan and Jessamy planted a church called _____. (C)
A) First Baptist Church B) Calvary Baptist Church
C) The Chapel D) Community Church
- Ellie grew up as a missionary kid in _____. (A)
A) Argentina B) Italy C) Japan D) Brazil
- The name of Ellie's friend is _____. (D)
A) Blair B) Emma C) Jessamy D) Erin
- Ellie invited Erin to _____. (A)
A) church B) a party C) a ballgame D) shop
- Ellie and Erin started studying _____ together. (C)
A) History B) Math C) the Bible D) English

9. Jordan says that the students are _____. (all of the answers below)
- A) the next leaders of the world B) influencers in cities all over the world
C) ambassadors of Christ D) missionaries
10. Ellie tells us to “just love your _____.”
- A) Dog B) Cat C) Friends D) Toys

Transition to the prayer activity.

Prayer Activity (5-10 minutes)

Pray the following requests for Jordan and Jessamy Adams:

- Pray God will start a movement that changes our country and our world.
- Pray that people in West Lafayette will attend The Chapel.
- Pray God will raise up leaders in the church to disciple new believers.

Remind the children to pray for all of the Week of Prayer missionaries.

Distribute the prayer guides and bookmarks you ordered from AnnieArmstrong.com/resources.

Using the prayer guide, verbally review the ministries and prayer needs of all the missionaries featured during the Week of Prayer for North American Missions.

Note that every dollar given to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goes directly to resourcing the mission and ministry of these missionaries and more across North America. We emphasize the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering during Easter, but donations are accepted year-round.

Encourage the children to set aside a designated sum of money year-round. Decorate a jar or box to put the funds in and celebrate as God blesses and multiplies the amount.

Ask for volunteers to pray aloud for the needs of a specific missionary or missionary family listed in the prayer guide. Encourage the children to use the bookmarks as reminders to pray for these and all missionaries in North America throughout the year.

Closing

While the children wait for their parents, they may work on the word scramble, work on the word search, or complete other activities found at AnnieArmstrong.com/kids. Help children with activities as needed.

You can also offer a snack at this time.

WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the words below from the story.

ELBIB

DANJOR

AMYSSEJ

DIANAIN

RUPDUE

ETH ELCHAP

HURCCH

EILEL

SDNEIRF

NIRE

WORD SCRAMBLE ANSWER KEY

Unscramble the words below from the story.

Answers are italicized in the story. If your children are young readers, display the words on a whiteboard or posterboard to help them.

ELBIB

BIBLE

DANJOR

JORDAN

AMYSSEJ

JESSAMY

DIANAIN

INDIANA

RUPDUE

PURDUE

ETH ELCHAP

THE CHAPEL

HURCCH

CHURCH

EILEL

ELLIE

SDNEIRF

FRIENDS

NIRE

ERIN

The Chapel Fun Facts

1. Jordan and Jessamy started The Chapel in October 2023.
2. Jordan is the pastor of The Chapel, and Jessamy discipless women.
3. Jordan and Jessamy have three young children.
4. The Chapel is comprised of about 75% college students.
5. Jordan also started a ministry for college students called Salt Company.
6. The Chapel started with 145 people in October 2023 and now has 590 people and is still growing.
7. Salt Company started with 155 people in October 2023 and now has 750 people and is still growing.
8. A large number of students at The Chapel and Salt Company attend Purdue University.
9. Seven churches from other states support The Chapel and Salt Company.
10. The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering supports Jordan and Jessamy as missionaries.

MISSIONARY WORD SEARCH

Jordan and Jessamy Adams planted a church near Purdue University in Indiana. Find and circle the words from the word bank below and then pray that God will bless and multiply the gifts given through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

K H D F K C S K V E I C L Z O
 X I T Z H B E Y M P V Q C B S
 L J O A E L Y O Q H R X U Y A
 T E V E V Y Q H B B T A X U V
 H S U G R C U T D X C B Y P E
 E U I U R C H U R C H V F E D
 C S D Y U F R I E N D S A K R
 H C P I E P M N P U R D U E T
 A W Q X D Y S O U D K W X F C
 P G I N D I A N A N A A H G U
 E P J F L K F N S T I J P I A
 L S T U D E N T S W P K E F V
 C I R U O B G X U R I I U T B
 M E K M I S S I O N A R Y S J
 A N H O G J T H U M R Z S W K

WORD BANK

The Chapel

Purdue

Indiana

Church

Jesus

Missionary

Students

Saved

Friends

Prayer

MISSIONARY WORD SEARCH ANSWER KEY

K H D F K C S K V E I C L Z O
X I T Z H B E Y M P V Q C B S
L J O A E L Y O Q H R X U Y A
T E V E V Y Q H B B T A X U V
H S U G R C U T D X C B Y P E
E U I U R C H U R C H V F E D
C S D Y U F R I E N D S A K R
H C P I E P M N P U R D U E T
A W Q X D Y S O U D K W X F C
P G I N D I A N A N A A H G U
E P J F L K F N S T I J P I A
L S T U D E N T S W P K E F V
C I R U O B G X U R I I U T B
M E K M I S S I O N A R Y S J
A N H O G J T H U M R Z S W K