

Children's

HUNGER OFFERING DAY

A one-day event

October 28, 2017



FOR MORE INFO VISIT HUNGEROFFERING.ORG/RESOURCES/CURRICULUM

CHILDREN'S HUNGER DAY 2017

Do Justice. Love Kindness. Walk Humbly with God. Micah 6:8

Children's Hunger Day allows children's groups statewide to create awareness and fight hunger on the same day. On Children's Hunger Day, girls and boys can learn to love kindness, and others in your community will know they are not forgotten. Children will learn to do justice and fight hunger insecurity in their own context.

Children Fighting Hunger

Children's ministry pros know the best way for children to learn is when their hands, heart, and mind are all engaged. Children's missions leaders realize children gain a better understanding of what a missional lifestyle looks like when they serve in their own community. Not only will children learn about food insecurity in their communities and in our state, but they will be challenged to do something about it. Children's Hunger Day allows children to love kindness, demonstrate it to people in their communities, and observe the impact of their real-world service. Coming together with other children's groups around the state will create a collective effort to put an end to hunger in Texas.

LEARNING ABOUT HUNGER

Preparing Participants

Discussing hunger with children is essential for fostering an understanding of why fighting it is important. Exploring what hunger is, what effects it has, why it is a problem, and why we are called to respond to it are lessons you can include leading up to the one-day event.

1. Explore biblical texts and our free online curriculum that emphasize the need to respond to hunger.
2. Show the children the latest Hunger Offering video that tells the story of a Texas-based ministry that helps feed hungry kids from food-insecure families; this is a great way to begin discussing hunger.
3. Participate in family activities at home, which reinforce what the child has learned in the classroom.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Project Ruth helps children in Romania, particularly kids from marginalized, Roma families, reach their highest potential through education.

The Hunger Offering assists the Ruth School in providing hot meals each day.



Lessons & Other Resources

Explore free teaching curriculum for ages 3 - 6th grade. The curriculum is designed for use in Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, missions organizations, camps and retreats.

- » Go to hungeroffering.org/resources/curriculum to download your free curriculum.

Scripture references that discuss caring for those in hunger and poverty include:

- » Meeting physical needs is a hallmark of faith: Matthew 25:35-40, 1 John 3:17-18
- » Giving to people in need in the name of Christ honors Him and is a way of bringing God glory: Proverbs 14:3
- » No one is too young; no gift is too small: 1 Timothy 4:12, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, Luke 21:1-4
- » God blesses generosity: Proverbs 19:17, Deuteronomy 15:10

See the appendix at the back of this packet for a Hunger & Poverty infographics sheet you can utilize to gain a better understanding of hunger in Texas and across the world.

ONE-DAY EVENT

Planning your Project

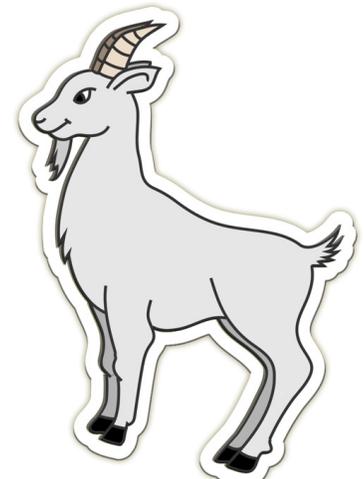
The goal for this day is to challenge our children to take action to fight hunger. The children will be the primary workers for this October 28, 2017 event -- with your help, of course. Get children excited and plan a special day for children to be involved in hands-on missions projects in their community.

Your most creative project ideas can come from children themselves. Include the children in planning for your event and brainstorm projects that best suit your church. Guide them to make a list of organizations in your community that fight hunger. Then ask: *How can we help them?*

Prayerfully review the ideas listed with your leadership team. Ask God to help you focus on addressing hunger needs in your community and how you can do justice in a loving and kind way.

Once you've decided on an idea, communicate your plans clearly to your church staff, parents, and potential partners for the project. Obtain permission from ministry/agency leaders if children will be serving on or near their premises. Recruit additional adult supervision for projects away from your church campus.

Remember to allow a segment of your time to collect an offering for the Texas Baptist Hunger Offering.



Promoting your Project

Children don't learn how to fight injustice by accident. It is the result of prayer, planning, and participation by their leaders and church family. Here are some ideas to catch attention for your missions project:

- » Engage people who aren't regularly involved in your children's ministry to participate in Children's Hunger Day. Network with volunteers skilled in the service you wish to provide. As you recruit, remind adults that this is only a one-day project. This one-day project will be so fun they may even volunteer long-term.
- » If your project involves the collection of supplies, let the girls and boys decorate colorful boxes or containers to post throughout your church several weeks ahead of the event.
- » Ask your pastor or church greeters to inform church members about the project prior the event.

Displaying your Project

Determine a goal for the day and display it at your church and/or in your children's room, along with the 2017 Children's Hunger Offering Day poster.

- » Go to hungeroffering.org/resources/promotions to print a Hunger Offering poster.

Additionally, be creative and design a theme for the one-day event. Have a "loaves and fish" theme -- and decorate with baskets of bread, fish, fishing rods, nets, etc. Include a poster and your goal for the offering.

Posting your Project

After Children's Hunger Day, report the results of your group's project at wmutx.org/childrens-hunger-day. We would love to hear how your children took action to fight hunger.

Share your project on social media with us!

  @hungeroffering; @WMUofTexas

 @txb_hungeroffering

Following the Hunger Offering on social media is a great way to stay in touch and see other ways Texas Baptists are working to alleviate hunger at home and around the world.



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

i58, a Hunger Offering ministry established by Royal Haven Baptist Church, is helping kids in Dallas County. i58 distributes books, bookshelves, school uniforms, and supplies to needy children. They also provide food to families in need. Many of the children have begun attending children's church on Sundays.

Loving with Kindness PROJECT IDEAS

“Commit to the Lord everything you do. Then your plans will succeed.” Proverbs 16:3

Grab Bags

795 million people do not have adequate food and water to maintain proper nourishment; that’s about 1 in 9 people. Often, homeless or hungry people will go to a church for help. If the church doesn’t have a food closet, kids can make small snack bags that can be kept at your church office to help hungry people in need.



YOU’LL NEED

- » paper lunch bags
- » markers
- » snack items
- » plastic spoons
- » napkins

INSTRUCTIONS

Talk your pastor or another church staff member to determine if there is a need for these snack bags. Decorate the paper lunch bags. Print a Scripture verse on each bag that goes along with the Love Kindness theme. To fill the bags, gather items such as: peanut butter crackers, small cans of fruit or applesauce, plastic spoons, juice boxes, cookies, chips, hard candy, granola bars, and a small bottle of water. Be sure the items come in individual serving size packages.

VARIATION

Make a card to put inside of the bag.

Check with an elementary school to see if they would benefit from grab bags for children that are hungry. Ask the schools what food would most benefit the children.

Sponsor a 5k Run

INSTRUCTIONS

Kids can work as a group to sponsor a 5k run for the Texas Baptist Hunger Offering. With adult help, kids can ask local businesses, radio stations, and churches to sponsor booths and activities. They can help mark the race route and set up sign-in tables and water stations. They can even design a race T-shirt. Most importantly, kids can pray for the event and ask God’s blessings over it.

HINT

If possible, secure a park or other property for the route. This avoids the extra logistics and expense involved in using public streets.

Host a Reverse Birthday Party

A reverse birthday party is a chance for a person having a birthday to give gifts instead of receiving them. Before the party, help your children choose a local ministry that receives funding from the Texas Baptist Hunger Offering. Contact ali.corona@texasbaptists.org to find a ministry near you.

On the party invitation, the host can direct each guest to bring a canned food item for the ministry site and a monetary donation for the Hunger Offering. The invitation can include the Texas Baptist Hunger Offering website (hungeroffering.org) and Christian Life Commission website (ChristianLifeCommission.org). This will provide more information for the guest about the Hunger Offering. Encourage guests that this party is unlike any other they have attended before.

Include games and activities found in the Hunger Offering curriculum to make your party a learning environment. To access the curriculum, go to hungeroffering.org/resources/curriculum.

Food Pantry Mission Trip

Organize an event at a local food pantry. Ask your church to collect non-perishable food items through the month. Schedule a date for your church to volunteer. Ask if you can distribute food to people who are in need or help with other needs in the pantry, such as cleaning or organizing shelves. Ask each participant to pay a “mission trip” fee for their participation and give it as a donation to the Texas Baptist Hunger Offering.

Share a Meal

One simple way to share a meal is through a “Dinner’s On Us!” meal basket. Get the kids involved in choosing a meal and shopping for ingredients. By choosing non-perishable ingredients you are able to leave these baskets at random or chosen doors in your community. Create a card that says “Dinner’s On Us! Just Because We Want You To Know You’re Loved. Enjoy!” and include the name of your church and children’s group. You can make as many baskets as you’d like.

Hunger Awareness Rally

Include children to plan and host hunger awareness rally. Publicize the event around your church several weeks prior to the event.

IDEAS TO INCLUDE:

- » Worship
- » Speaker (can use curriculum to glean speaking ideas)
- » Time for offering
- » TB Hunger Offering Video (hungeroffering.org/resources/videos)
- » Prayer time
- » Hands-on ministry project or donation collection

VIDEO LINK:

tinyurl.com/hungeroffering-video

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Restore Hope is a Hunger Offering ministry that provides food, counseling, and education for children who have lost their parents to Ebola in Sierra Leone. The Interim Care Center, called the Hope Center, ensures orphans receive restoration of mind, body, and soul as they walk through the program coming out with a renewed identity of love, value, and hope. Children’s church on Sundays.



RECOGNITION

Badge

Children love to be recognized for their achievements. By actively participating and giving to the Texas Baptist Hunger Offering, children can earn a hunger badge. This badge can be awarded to the child during a recognition service, during their missions organizations, or any other time of the year.

Badges can be purchased through WMU of Texas for \$2 each(\$1 will be used to purchase the badge and the other will go to the Hunger Offering).

You can order your badges online or by phone at:

- » squareup.com/store/WMUofTexas
- » 214-828-5150



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

World Hunger Relief, a Hunger Offering ministry, focuses on alleviating hunger locally and internationally. Through urban gardening and classes at their farm in Waco, they are teaching kids and their parents how to grow and cook their own food on a limited budget.

After your event REPORT & GIVE

Share your Story

We want to know about your hunger event. Please share your story with WMU of Texas and CLC. Email liz.wmutx@texasbaptists.org and ali.corona@texasbaptists.org to share your story. Please include photos of your great day.

Talk to your pastor about having a time during the main service to share with your church about the Children's Hunger Offering Day and your one-day event.

Remember to share your project on social media with your friends and other Texas Baptists. Tag the Texas Baptist Hunger Offering and WMU in your posts and use #HungerOffering.

How to Give to the Hunger Offering

Three options to Give:

- » Give online at hungeroffering.org
- » Write a check payable to your church and designated for Texas Baptist Hunger Offering
- » Mail a check payable to:

Texas Baptist Hunger Offering
7557 Rambler Rd., Suite 1100
Dallas, TX 75237-2310



ONLINE RESOURCES

Below are links to resources that are available to download on our website.

Poster

hungeroffering.org/resources/promotions

Curriculum

hungeroffering.org/resources/curriculum

Videos

hungeroffering.org/resources/videos

Hunger & Poverty infographic fact sheet

tinyurl.com/hungeroffering-infographic

Graphics

Social media graphics are available at hungeroffering.org/resources/promotions

Logos

Logos for TXBHO, WMU, and CLC available at hungeroffering.org/resources/promotions

Texas Baptists logo can be downloaded at texasbaptists.org/newsroom



Badge

You can order your badges online or by phone at:

» squareup.com/store/WMUofTexas

» 214-828-5150