

# I Hope They Call Me On a Mission Missionary Stories

## Introduction Activity:

1. A few weeks before you plan to do this activity, invite an individual (or two) who has served a mission to come to primary and share their mission experiences.
2. You might invite the visitor to bring their nametag or other special memorabilia to share with the children.
3. At the beginning of primary, introduce your visitor and explain that they'll be sharing missionary stories.
4. Allow your visitor 5-10 minutes to share some experiences from their mission! Have them share their testimony at the end.
5. Then, start teaching the first verse of I Hope They Call Me On a Mission.

## Review Activity:

1. At the beginning of singing time, review the first verse of I Hope They Call Me On a Mission.
2. Then, ask the children if they know any missionary stories. Invite them to share a story with their class.
3. Then, sing through the song again. This time, invite the children to think about their testimony of missionary work.
4. Choose a child to come up and read one of the missionary stories below. After they read the story, sing the song again. Try a new verse if you are reviewing both!
5. Continue reading through each missionary story as you review.
6. Share your testimony of missionary service.

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“My missionary service prepared me to be a better husband and father and to be successful in business. It also prepared me for a lifetime of service to the Lord in His Church.” -President M. Russell Ballard April 2022

“One day they had the feeling to approach the residents of a well-kept four-story apartment building. They started on the first floor and knocked on each door, presenting their saving message of Jesus Christ and the Restoration of His Church. No one on the first floor would listen to them. How easy it would have been to say, “We tried. Let’s stop right here. Let’s go and try another building.” But these two missionaries had *faith* and they were willing to *work*, and so they knocked on every door on the second floor. Again, no one would listen. The third floor was the same. And so was the fourth—that is, until they knocked on the last door of the fourth floor. When that door opened, a young girl smiled at them and asked them to wait while she spoke with her mother.” – Dieter F. Uchtdorf October 2016.

“Though missionary work was new and challenging for Elder Pokhrel, he served with great faith and faithfulness, seeking to understand and follow what he was learning from the scriptures, *Preach My Gospel*, and his mission leaders. He became a powerful teacher of the gospel—in English—and an excellent leader. After his mission and some time in Nepal, he returned to India to continue his education. Since January he has served as a branch president in New Delhi.” -Randy D. Funk October 2013.

“*All* missionaries teach and testify of the Savior. The spiritual darkness in the world makes the light of Jesus Christ needed more than ever. Everyone deserves the chance to know about the restored gospel of Jesus Christ. Every person deserves to know where they can find the hope and peace that “[pass] all understanding.” – President Russell M. Nelson Apr 2022

“Wherever you are on this earth, there are plenty of opportunities to share the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ with people you meet, study with, and live with or work and socialize with.” Dieter F. Uchtdorf Apr 2019.