

# Leader's Guide



## Common Faith

Four missions experiences on the power of the Gospel to bring people from all backgrounds together

**Location:** Buenos Aires, Argentina

**Focus verse:** **Ephesians 4:5-6** "...one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all." (HCSB)

**Overall message:** How do you tell a megacity (population 13 million) about Jesus? One person at a time! God led the Baggett family to Buenos Aires, Argentina, to do exactly that. The Baggetts make friends through their everyday activities and make people feel welcome in growing churches and small groups. Some of the newcomers to the groups have never experienced Christian fellowship before. Kids can also learn to offer friendship and hospitality to people and experience how Christian hospitality can lead to opportunities to talk about God's love.

This leader's guide includes plans for four, short missions experiences that can be added to your existing programs or events:



**Cultural experience**



**Prayer experience**



**Giving experience**



**Serving experience**

- Each of these missions experiences is designed to last 10 to 15 minutes.
- Use these as an addition to a weekly meeting or combine for a longer missions focus.
- Customize these resources to fit your needs.
- [Note: If you are using the DVD-ROM, all videos and handouts are included. Please follow the directions on the cover to access all files.]

**Here is a simple glossary that may be useful to you as you communicate these ideas to children:**

**Mission(s)** — A job God gives a person He has chosen to tell another group of people the Good News about Jesus. The person God sends is called a missionary.

**Missionary** — A Christian chosen by God who obeys His command to go and tell another group of people the Good News about Jesus. (Preschool version) A Christian chosen by God who obeys and goes to tell another group of people about Jesus.

**People group** — A group of people who share the same language and way of life.

**IMB (International Mission Board)** — A group created by Southern Baptist churches in one sacred effort to share Jesus with people around the world who wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity to know and follow Him.



# Common Faith Cultural Experience



## Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or [kidsonmission.org](http://kidsonmission.org), prepare to show the **Huge city** video and play the **Tango tune audio** clip.
- Download and print one **Argentina map**, the **Common Faith focus verse**, and a copy of **Fancy footwork** for each child. Also download and print the **Baggetts in Argentina photos** to decorate your room or use as a visual aid throughout these experiences.
- Provide a blank poster or marker board.

## Introduction

Show the **Argentina map** and help kids determine its position in the southern part of South America. Without further discussion, ask kids what they think life in Argentina is like (sparse or crowded, hot or cold, what language is spoken, what people do for fun). Record their unedited responses on the poster or marker board.

Show the **Huge city** video, then lead kids to compare what they saw in the video to the initial impressions written on the poster. Comment that Buenos Aires contains more than 13 million people with all kinds of jobs, talents and life experiences; but they have one thing in common: their need for Jesus! Explain that Celia Baggett's family helps bring all kinds of Argentine people together so they can learn what it means to have faith in Jesus.

## Fancy footwork

- Tell kids that many Argentinians like to tango — a type of dance. Play a small sample of the **Tango tune audio** clip.
- Distribute copies of **Fancy footwork**. Challenge kids to follow the “beginner” diagram with their own feet, following a **slow-slow-quick-quick-slow** rhythm pattern.
- Display the **Common Faith focus verse** and lead kids to read it aloud. Challenge kids to adapt one phrase from the verse, such as *There is just one Lord, there is just one faith* and say it to the **slow-slow-quick-quick-slow** rhythm pattern.
- After some practice time, play the **Tango tune audio** clip and allow kids to demonstrate their fancy footwork. (A backward diagram is provided as a challenge for preteens or kids who quickly master the forward steps.)

## Pray

Pray together. Ask God to lead the steps of people in Buenos Aires to churches and small groups where they can learn about the one true God.





# Common Faith Prayer Experience



## Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or **kidsonmission.org**, prepare to show the **Total surrender** video.
- Download and print copies of the **Prayer reminder booklet**.
- Provide scissors, pens or pencils and a stapler.
- (Optional) Bring a small bell, chime or other soft noisemaker.

## Recap

Buenos Aires, Argentina, is home to 13 million fascinating and unique people, all of whom are loved by God and by the Baggetts. This missionary family seeks to draw people into friendly churches and small groups (one of which meets at a pizza restaurant) so that Argentinians can discover how to enter into a relationship with Jesus.

## Pizza meet-up

- If kids have already watched the **Huge city** video from **kidsonmission.org**, invite them to recall some of the sights and sounds they might see in Buenos Aires.
- Explain that missionary Kevin Baggett helps people get connected with churches and small groups so they can worship and learn about God. Some of the small groups meet in places besides church so that newcomers will feel comfortable and welcome.
- Show the **Total surrender** video. (If you showed it during another segment, play it with the sound off and let kids provide the narration.) Ask: Why do you think people might be more willing to come to a Bible study at a pizza place than at a church? What happened to Guadalupe after she came to the Bible study? What does she now have in common with the other Bible study group members?

## Book it!

- Give kids a copy of the **Prayer reminder booklet** pages. Guide them to complete the blanks with personalized ways they can pray for the Baggett family, as well as churches and Bible study groups in Buenos Aires. Help beginning readers with spelling and composition.
- Invite volunteers to share how they completed each page.

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# Common Faith Prayer Experience



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## Prayer time

- Allow kids to find a comfortable spot in the room and open their booklets to the first page. Encourage kids to silently follow the prayer prompts they wrote for themselves.
- After about a minute (adjust time as needed to an age-appropriate attention level), use the bell or say turn the page to cue kids to pray for the next suggestion in the booklet.
- Continue in the same manner until kids have prayed through the booklet.
- Encourage kids to take the booklets home and pray alone and with their families for the Baggetts, as well as the churches and small Bible study groups in Argentina.





# Common Faith Giving Experience



## Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or [kidsonmission.org](http://kidsonmission.org), prepare to play the **Tango tune audio** clip.
- Download and print a copy of the **Calendar** blank.
- Bring two soft indoor balls or paper wads in two different colors. Provide markers, pencils, and (optional) small stickers

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## What ifs

- Remind kids that the work of missionary families like the Baggetts is supported by Christians who give regularly to their church and to special offerings like the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®. (The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is an offering that supports Southern Baptist missionaries around the world.)
- Direct kids to form a circle. Give a ball or paper wad to two kids in the circle. When the **Tango tune** music begins, direct kids to pass the balls around the circle in opposite directions.
- Stop the music at any time to signal the passing action to stop. Prompt the person holding the (red) ball to describe something great that happens when people give to missions. (*People get Bibles, people hear about Jesus, etc.*)
- Begin the music and the passing game again. When the music stops, name the other ball color. The person holding the (blue) ball should say something disappointing that might happen if people failed to give to missions.

## Make it a date

- Distribute **Calendar** blanks, markers and stickers.
- Talk with kids about the wisdom of developing a regular giving habit while they are young.
- Help kids label the calendar with the current month name and dates. Allow them time to decorate.
- Encourage kids to mark planned giving days (weekly or monthly) with a star or sticker and to follow through by bringing their tithes and offerings to church.

## Pray

Pray for kids by name. Ask God to help them become regular and generous givers.





# Common Faith Serving Experience



## Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or [kidsonmission.org](http://kidsonmission.org), download and print one **Funny face invitations** per person.
- Gather paper lunch bags or paper plates, scissors, markers and glue sticks.

## Recap

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## Hospi-what?

- Define hospitality as *making people feel welcome and special*. Review the mission story with kids. Discuss how hospitality played a part in forming a Bible study group in Buenos Aires. Consider showing the **Baggetts in Argentina photos**, if you haven't already.
- Choose a volunteer actor. Challenge her to pantomime something she can do to show hospitality to people at church or in her home; for instance, opening doors, showing someone where to find a certain room or serving snacks. The first person to guess the charade may be the next actor or ask another child to take the turn.
- Continue until everyone has had a chance to participate.

## Funny face invitations

- Distribute the **Funny face invitations**. Help kids determine how to complete the blanks on the invitation with information about your church, a weekly missions group or a special kids' event.
- Allow kids to cut out and glue the funny face features to the paper bags to make puppets. Glue the invitation block to the back of the puppets. If you prefer, make silly paper plate faces with the invitation block on the back.
- Encourage kids to give the invitations to kids at school or in their neighborhoods who do not regularly attend a church.

## Pray

Ask God to show kids specific ways to show hospitality to others, especially those who are uncertain or uncomfortable about attending church or a Bible study.





# Common Faith Going Further



## More ideas using this theme

Download and print the **Common Faith parent letter**. Give to parents so they can continue investigating this theme as a family.

Find a beginning Spanish dictionary online or enlist a fluent Spanish speaker to teach kids some everyday phrases the Baggett kids might say to their Argentinian friends.

With your Kids on Mission, plan a special event such as a movie night or board game marathon. Let kids take the lead planning the agenda, preparing snacks and showing hospitality to guests. Encourage them to invite friends who don't regularly attend church.

Like to bake? Find an online recipe for *alfajores*, Celia Baggett's favorite cookie treat and surprise your mission kids with a batch.

Don't forget to visit [kidsonmission.org](http://kidsonmission.org) for more activities and KOM experiences you might have missed. Also, like us on Facebook and see how other churches are using KOM.

For more about the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and missionaries serving around the world, visit [imb.org](http://imb.org).

