

Leprosy Mission *Pete the Pig*



How a Piggy Bank Saved a Child!

Complete lesson
material designed for
children between
the ages of 5 and 12.

Ideal for

- ✿ Sunday Schools
- ✿ Children's Clubs
- ✿ Family Devotions



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The Leprosy Mission Canada models the love of Jesus as he reached out to those who suffered. With the touch of compassion, we reach out to the men, women and children who suffer the horrible effects and debilitating deformities of leprosy.

In the name of Jesus Christ we minister to the physical, mental, social and spiritual needs of men, women and children who have leprosy. We pray that we might share a little of the love of Jesus with them as we offer them the courage and dignity of a cure.

An adventure in learning



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A complete lesson that will teach your students about sharing about compassion and about leprosy as a disease.

And It's Free!

Lesson material includes:

- teacher's guide for one class
- material for a 20-40 minute class ages 5-8 or 9-12
- student kits including a piggy bank for each child

Based on Bible stories from the Old and New Testament, this colourful material teaches the importance of sharing. Students will learn how even a little does so much. They will hear the true story of the very first piggy bank. They will learn about leprosy and how it can be cured.



Since a cure for leprosy was discovered in 1982 over 10 million people have been treated and healed. Yet about 1 person every 2 minutes is diagnosed with this frightening and debilitating disease. Many do not know where to turn and fear the loss of their homes and their families.

When your students go through the lesson, they learn about leprosy, sharing and compassion from a biblical standpoint.

When your students feed Pete the Pig, you help heal another patient. The average cost to cure one leprosy patient is about \$350.

When you use the lesson material and encourage your students to save their coins to help save a child who has leprosy, you can help real miracles happen.

Our prayer is to touch the life of a boy or girl, man or woman with the love of Jesus. Together we serve, helping to bring healing and hope to people who have been robbed of both.

Order Form:

- Number of copies of Pete the Pig teacher's manual _____
- Number of *student kits* needed, for ages 5-8 including Pete the Pig banks _____
- Number of *student kits* needed, for ages 9-12 including Pete the Pig banks _____
- I would like more information on The Leprosy Mission Canada

Name: _____

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Your teaching kit includes:

☘ Bible Stories

☘ Games and Activities

☘ Real life stories

☘ a "Pete the Pig" bank for each child

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The Leprosy Mission Canada Sunday School material "An Adventure in learning" is designed for children ages 5-12. Including a "Pete The Pig" bank, children can learn the joy of giving!

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Pete the Pig


Meet Wilbur . He lived a long, long  ago in Kansas.

One day  and his mom and dad had a very special visitor come to their . His name was Mr. Danner  and he was a missionary with The Leprosy Mission.

All afternoon,  told stories about how children in countries like India, Africa and Asia suffered because of leprosy.


 listened very carefully. Soon he  his mom and dad promise  that they would help the community raise enough  to help 10 people who had leprosy. When  left 's  he gave him , to thank him for being such a good host.





That  when  went to , he thought about the boys and girls who had leprosy.

He thought about what  had said:






Children get sores on their , their  and their 's.




Children often have to move far away from their .







Then he thought about the stories  told about missionaries who built hospitals and schools for children with leprosy.

 thought about the  on the  beside his .










The next morning, when the  was just rising,  ran . He had the  clutched in his .





“Mom,” he called, “I know what to do with the   gave me! I am going to buy a .



So  and his dad went to town to buy a .  named his  Pete.  fed Pete corn and grain. Soon Pete the  was nice and fat.

One  ’s mom said, “I have almost enough  to send to . I just need a little more.”

 told her his ! If he sold Pete there would be just enough  to help 10 people who had leprosy.

So the  that  gave  were just the right amount to buy Pete and raise enough  to help a boy or girl with leprosy.

Soon  had a wonderful . He made banks that looked like Pete the  and gave them to children all over North America. Then he told them the story of .

Just like  you can fill your new piggy bank and send the  to The Leprosy Mission. You will help heal a little boy or girl who has leprosy!



Pete the Pig

Who could ever believe that a pig could save a life?

It's true. Not only that – but this story is about how the very first piggy bank came into being.

In the early 1900's a young boy lived in Kansas. Around that time, Kansas was mostly ranches and farms. The people did not have a lot of money. They grew grain and raised pigs, chickens and cows.

They didn't have guests very often – especially not guests who could talk about their travels to exotic countries – like Mr. Danner could.

Wait a minute – I'm a little ahead of myself.

Wilbur – he's the boy who lived in Kansas – had never been to a big city. He'd never even been out of Kansas. So when he heard the stories that Mr. Danner told about China and India and Africa, he had to get out the big atlas.

Mr. Danner was a missionary. He spoke of his friends in China, Africa and India who helped men and women, boys and girls who had leprosy. Mr. Danner came to Wilbur's house because he was raising money for the people who suffered from leprosy.

All afternoon, Mr. Danner told Wilbur and his family stories of boys and girls who were forced to leave home because they had leprosy. He told them about mothers and fathers who had leprosy so badly that they couldn't work or take care of their children. He asked if they would be able to help.

Wilbur's mother and father wanted to help. They said they would talk to some of their friends and see if they could raise enough money to help ten people who had leprosy.

Wow! thought Wilbur. That was a lot of money.

Just before Mr. Danner left Wilbur's house, he pulled 3 shiny silver dollars out of his pocket.

“Here you go Wilbur.” he said as he flipped the coins to Wilbur. “Thanks for being such a wonderful host.”

When Wilbur went to bed that night he prayed that the children and people with leprosy would be safe. Before he fell asleep, he tried to think of what he could do with the silver dollars.

What do you think he could do?



The next morning he ran downstairs.

“Mom,” he called, “ I know what to do with my silver dollars! I’m going to buy a pig!”

Now you might think that’s kind of an odd thing for a boy to buy, but Wilbur knew that if he took good care of the pig, fed it lots of good food and clean water it would grow big and fat and he could sell it for a lot more money.

He thought of it as an investment.

His parents thought that was a pretty good idea, so his dad went with him to buy a small pig.

Wilbur named his pig “Pete.” Every morning before school and every afternoon before supper, he gave Wilbur a special mixture of corn and grain. Sometimes, on special days, Wilbur fed Pete an apple or scraps from the house.

Pete grew fat.

In the meantime, Wilbur’s mom was asking all of her friends and neighbours if they would help her raise enough money to help ten people who had leprosy. In the fall, she had raised enough money to help nine. She counted her money over and over again, as if she thought that by magic the extra money would appear.

Wilbur knew if he sold Pete, he would have enough money to add to the collection to help ten people.

Wow! Wilbur couldn’t believe it – the money Mr. Danner had given him had multiplied into enough so that he could help one person with leprosy.

Wilbur was pretty excited about his contribution! After all, he was just a kid – he still went to school!

Mr. Danner and other workers in The Leprosy Mission were excited about Wilbur and how his pig was able to help someone with leprosy. They decided they would challenge kids all over America to raise money. They made banks in the shape of a pig and gave them to boys and girls from coast to coast.

This was the very first piggy bank!

And that’s how a piggy bank saved a child!

P.S. It’s still true. You can feed Pete the Pig and help a boy or girl who has leprosy!

