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# BREAKING THE CODE

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# WELCOME LETTER

Girls are constantly challenged to make wise decisions and to combat their sinful nature. Their problems are very real to them and they often struggle to make right decisions. Now more than ever, they need God's power in their lives! It is important that girls have leaders who will teach them to be led by the Holy Spirit. Many girls do not know how to allow the Spirit to lead and transform them.

The 2018-19 annual theme for National Girls Ministries is **BREAKING THE CODE** based on Romans 8:14. This theme focuses on the importance of understanding that there is a divine Counselor and Helper who is eager to lead, encourage, and comfort them.

This year's focus is designed to lead girls into a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit and teach them to hear His voice. We believe that the Holy Spirit speaks to kids and they are able to discern His voice. This booklet includes resources and ideas to support you. Here are just a few of the items included in this booklet:

- Devotional Outlines and Girl's Discussion Guides (for elementary and teen girls)
- Girls Ministries Spirit Week (with fun things to do all week!)
- Ideas for using the theme throughout the year
- And much more!

As Girls Ministries leaders, you have been called to influence girls to live a life that is empowered by the Holy Spirit. As each girl experiences and relies on His power, they will walk in the fullness of the calling that He has placed on each of them. Imagine the influence these girls will have on the world when they realize that the power of the Holy Spirit lives in them! This year, let's be committed to helping girls by **BREAKING THE CODE**!

With love,

*National Girls Ministries team*

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# BREAKING THE CODE

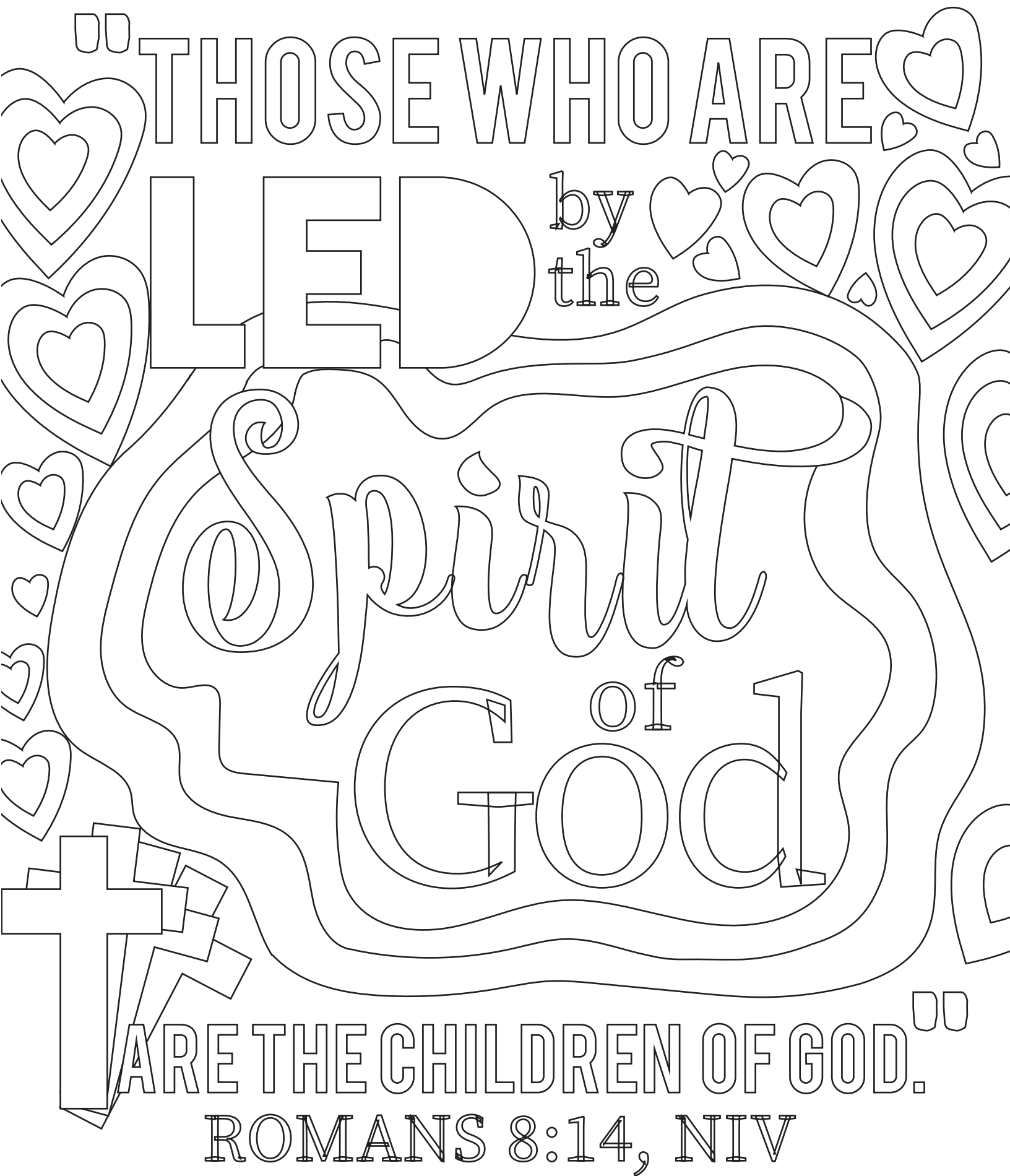
**Romans 8:14 "Those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God."**

What a privilege it is to be called the children of God! The term *children* indicates a level of maturity and intimacy in our relationship with Him. God doesn't want us to just be "spiritual"; He wants sons and daughters! If girls want to live according to God's plan and purpose, it is imperative that they are led by the Spirit.

This year's theme, *Breaking the Code*, challenges girls to learn what it means to be led by the Spirit. This is done by spending time in prayer, studying God's Word, and developing our own sensitivity and obedience to His lead.

We are committed to helping girls mature in their relationship with the Lord and learn to hear His voice. As you continue to work with girls, take steps to draw closer to the Lord *yourself*. As you draw closer to Him, allow His Spirit to overflow from you and into the lives of the girls that you lead.







# DEVOTIONAL

## for Elementary Girls

Girls, it's important to have the mind of Christ. The only way to truly have His mind is to have the words of Christ "dwell" in us. Read Colossians 3:16. What do you think it means?

It means to have your heart full of the words that Christ has spoken in the Bible. The more we study the Bible, the greater the value His words will be in our life.

Have you ever read a Bible verse, but the next day or week you can't remember what you read? The help of the Holy Spirit is to bring back to your remembrance what Jesus has said to you. It's part of the Holy Spirit's job. When you fill your heart with the Bible (God's Word), you are planting the right seeds in the soil of your heart. It will grow and the Holy Spirit will have a lot to remind you about! When you have the Word of God in your heart, it makes it much easier to know God's direction and how to respond to situations the right way.

### Discussion Questions

What is your favorite Bible verse?

What is a Bible verse you want to memorize?

How can you share your favorite verse in a creative way?





# ACTIVITY PAGE

Use your favorite Scriptures and write out your own prayer in the box below. Make sure to make your Scripture verses **STAND OUT** in **BOLD COLORS**. You can also draw a picture!







# DEVOTIONAL

## for Teen Girls

Take a moment, sit back in a chair and take a deep breath. Do you feel that? Do you feel how almost instantly you can sense calmness and peace? That is the same type of feeling that the Holy Spirit can give when you call on Him to give you peace and comfort.

Read John 14:26. The Bible says that the Holy Spirit is an Advocate or Helper. Think about being at home or when you are wrapped in a warm blanket. Doesn't a blanket feel so good when you're cold or when you want to curl up on the couch to watch a movie?

The same way a heavy, warm blanket is more comfortable and relaxed, the Holy Spirit can have that effect in our hearts. Sometimes deep in our hearts we feel alone or isolated. We feel like no one really understands how we feel. The Holy Spirit can bring peace and comfort in ways that no words could ever describe.

What is so awesome about the Holy Spirit is that He can help you figure out what negative emotions you need to give over to God. He can replace them with His beauty.

### Discussion Questions

Is there something that you feel like you can't let go of?

Read John 14:16–18. How can the Holy Spirit help you?



# ACTIVITY PAGE

Draw a heart below and "dump your heart" onto the page. Ask Holy Spirit to show you what negative emotions don't belong in your heart. Write them out in the heart.



Then pray this prayer:

*Dear Heavenly Father,*

*I ask that You remove all these negative emotions from my heart. Please give me peace, love, and joy and teach me how to guard my heart with the help of the Holy Spirit. Father, I ask that I will be able to hear clearly what the Holy Spirit is saying to me and give me understanding that can be backed up in Your Word. I know it is the Holy Spirit's job to lead me into all truth, so please help me follow instructions. I ask these things in the name of Jesus, Amen.*



# WAYS TO USE

## the Annual Theme



### CELEBRATION

Use **BREAKING THE CODE** as a theme during your annual Celebration Service. Have girls share the importance of growth and the steps it takes to discover the power of the Holy Spirit. Ask them to share their personal story of how the Holy Spirit has worked in their lives and spoken to them. There are ideas for decorations found on Pinterest.

### GIRLS NIGHT OR RETREAT

Plan a special evening or overnight event to share thoughts from the theme. Set up a craft table and have them do a craft related to the theme. Girls can make a keepsake that contains all or part of the memory verse for **BREAKING THE CODE**.

### LEADER GROUP OR EVENT

A leader who is filled with and led by the Holy Spirit will be empowered and can lead by example. A great gift to give leaders is the **BREAKING THE CODE** Wire Bracelet. It can be a reminder of the theme and encourage them to allow the Holy Spirit to lead them daily. Decorate with a spy theme for a **BREAKING THE CODE** look. Set up areas for girls and leaders to mentor and exhibit the meaning of what it means to be Spirit empowered.

### PLAN AN ESCAPE ROOM

Plan an escape room event for women and girls. Have a spy-themed lunch and share the devotional and activity pages from this packet. Have a leader at each table go through one of the devotions with the girls sitting with them. When everyone is finished, have leaders available to pray with girls to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

### PINTEREST

Visit "National Girls Ministries" on Pinterest to find ways you can bring the annual theme to life!



# PLANNING

## Girls Ministries/Breaking the Code Week

Girls Ministries Week is the second week of September (9–15) and is the official kickoff of the Annual Theme for the 2018–2019 school year. This year's theme is BREAKING THE CODE. This is a designated opportunity to increase awareness, visibility, understanding, and enthusiasm for Girls Ministries in your church and community. This may be a good week to have a special event, a girls' night out, or girls outreach. Here are some ideas to help you get started.

### 2 months before

- Check with your pastor about placing a National Girls Ministries Week service on the calendar, the possibility of presenting Girls Ministries during a service, or a directed Girls Ministries prayer time.
- Another option if you are unable to have a service is to see if you can set up a booth outside the sanctuary promoting Girls Ministries and discipleship to girls. (Remember, Girls Ministries promotional resources are available in the catalog.)
- Ask to show the Girls Ministries promo video.

### 1 month before

- With your pastor's approval, arrange for a speaker for your National Girls Ministries Week service.

- Provide the theme verse, Romans 8:14, to the speaker as a suggested topic or the Girls Ministries new promotional video (available in English and Spanish).

### 2 weeks before

- Pray with your girls and sponsors concerning the National Girls Ministries Week service and offering.
- Display the *National Girls Ministries Week Poster*.
- Have girls decorate offering containers to be used to receive the National Girls Ministries Week offering.
- Select girls to be greeters and ushers.
- Print the order of service or other pertinent National Girls Ministries Week information for your church bulletin.
- Hand out the flyer for girls and leaders to participate in Girls Ministries Spirit Week. (See the Girls Ministries Spirit Week flyer found in this packet).

### Before the service

- Girls can serve as greeters, distributing a printed program listing all the service participants along with their club level and perhaps a short bio.

### Special presentation suggestions

- If you want to tie in the Nationwide Event theme and Coins for Kids (CFK)



project, a video and reproducible handouts about the current project, Wonderfully Made, are available at <https://ngm.ag.org/> as a free download.

- Allow each club (or just one club) to sing its club theme song. **Theme Songs CD** (item 28MY5084) contains the club theme songs, recorded in English and Spanish.

### Idea for raising financial support

- Let girls receive the National Girls Ministries Week offering. Consider asking the congregation to walk to the front and place their offering in the containers the girls have prepared.

### After NGM Week

- Mail the National Girls Ministries Week form (page 17) along with your offering to the National Girls Ministries Department, 1445 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield, MO 65802. To submit your offerings online, go to: <https://ngm.ag.org/>
- Send an e-mail with comments, suggestions, testimonies, and pictures to [ngm@ag.org](mailto:ngm@ag.org) with National Girls Ministries Week in the subject line or post on social media using #NGMWeek.

\* Items in **bold** are available for purchase at [MyHealthyChurch.com](http://MyHealthyChurch.com).



# NATIONAL GIRLS MINISTRIES WEEK

## Prayer Topics

### Sunday 9/9

**Topic:** Our Pastors, Leadership, and Churches

**Pray specifically for:**

- Protection, physical strength, and provision for pastors and their families
- Vision and guidance as they lead
- Hearts open to the leading of the Holy Spirit

### Monday 9/10

**Topic:** Girls in Our Community

**Pray specifically that:**

- All girls would have a godly role model in their lives
- Girls would have boldness to share the gospel with others
- Opportunities happen for young women to be disciples of Jesus.

### Tuesday 9/11

**Topic:** Homes and Families Where Girls Live

**Pray specifically for:**

- Biblical examples of godly marriage
- Homes to be filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit
- Encouragement and love so girls grow and bloom
- God's peace to fill each home

### Wednesday 9/12

**Topic:** Girls Ministries Leaders

**Pray specifically for:**

- Encouragement for the leaders who invest in girls
- Creativity for leaders
- Blessing on their homes for their sacrifice and prayers for the girls
- God to speak to the hearts of more women to mentor girls

### Thursday 9/13

**Topic:** Girls around the World

**Pray specifically for:**

- Godly homes for the millions of orphans around the world
- Godly women in national churches who will invest in the next generation
- The Church to be an example of God's love in places where women are not respected and valued.

### Friday 9/14

**Topic:** God's Voice to Be Heard

**Pray specifically for:**

- Girls to hear God's voice regarding their value and purpose
- Leaders to respond to God leading them to invest in the next generation
- Girls who are seeking hope to hear and respond to a relationship with their Heavenly Father

### Saturday 9/15

**Topic:** Coins for Kids (CFK) Project / Nationwide Girls Ministries Event

**Pray specifically that:**

- Individuals with disabilities would experience God's love and His plans for them
- Individuals with disabilities would be filled with the Holy Spirit
- The Nationwide Event would be an opportunity for evangelism



# Girls Ministries

## SPIRIT WEEK

### Serve Sunday 9/9

Find a way to serve at your church and help someone else in need.

### Impact Monday 9/10

Invite a girl to your girls' group and make an impact in her world!

### Time Out Tuesday 9/11

Take time to pray for your friends who do not yet know Jesus.

### Pride Wear Wednesday 9/12

Wear your Girls Ministries club shirt all day.

### Thankful Thursday 9/13

Show someone (parent, teacher, pastor) how thankful you are for all they do for others.

### Friendly Friday 9/14


Make a NEW friend and invite her to a girls' event or the Breaking the Code event at your church!

### Share-a-Smile Saturday 9/15

Do your best to wear a BIG smile all day and let others know that Jesus loves them.







# BREAKING THE CODE

Unlock the Mystery

The Nationwide Girls Ministries Event, Breaking the Code: Unlock the Mystery, will help girls discover the importance of being led by the Spirit.

Romans 8:14 says, "Those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God." The Holy Spirit teaches us and guides us into all truth. We were not meant to walk through life alone. We pray that the Spirit of God empowers you as you lead girls to break the code and unlock the mystery of being led by the Holy Spirit during your event.

As always, a segment of our nationwide event will include giving to a special Coins for Kids missions project, Special Touch Ministries. Through our project, we are raising money to support the mission of reaching individuals with disabilities by providing necessary equipment to care for them and teach them about Jesus. Visit <https://ngm.ag.org/> for details!



# Nationwide Event & Annual Theme

## PRODUCTS



### Breaking the Code Badge

Recognize girls' participation in the 2018 Nationwide Event. Features the Breaking the Code logo on a white badge edged with black stitching. Satin. 1 1/8" diameter.

15MY1596      \$.89



### Breaking the Code Button

Buttons make great souvenirs. Features the Breaking the Code logo. Pin it to the Nationwide Event T-shirt or bag. Safety pin closure. Pack of 10. 1 1/4" diameter.

15MY1595      \$2.95  
10-24      \$2.45 ea.  
25 or more      \$1.95 ea.



### Breaking the Code T-Shirt

Add fun to your Nationwide Event! Features the logo on a heather gray shirt. Send one home with every girl so she can wear it to school and tell her friends how much fun she has at

Girls Ministries. 100% preshrunk cotton.

Recommended: 1 per girl and adult.

Youth S..... 08MY3286.....\$7.99  
Youth M..... 08MY3287.....\$7.99  
Youth L..... 08MY3288.....\$7.99  
Adult S ..... 08MY3289.....\$8.99  
Adult M..... 08MY3290.....\$8.99  
Adult L..... 08MY3291.....\$8.99  
Adult XL ..... 08MY3292.....\$8.99  
Adult 2XL ..... 08MY3293.....\$10.99  
Adult 3XL ..... 08MY3294.....\$12.99



### Breaking the Code Bag

Transport all your NGM resources in this roomy, messenger-style bag that commemorates the 2018 Nationwide Event. Features durable nonwoven material, adjustable strap and two side pockets for a phone or water bottle. White with black trim and imprint. 14 1/4 x 14 1/2 x 5 9/16".

17MY8235      \$2.49  
25 or more      \$1.99 ea.



### Breaking the Code Pen

These invisible ink pens come with an ultraviolet light that reveals any secret scribbles. They're essential for one of the Nationwide Event activities. Assorted colors (blue, red, and purple). Black Breaking the Code imprint.

17MY8242      \$1.29  
10-24      \$1.19 ea.  
25 or more      \$.99 ea.



### Breaking the Code Bracelet

A beautiful gift for yourself or your girls, this silver wire bracelet features three charms: a lock, a key, and .5" silver disk with the reference Romans 8:14.

17MY8246      \$9.99      5-9      \$7.99 ea.      10 or more      \$4.99 ea.

Order by August 1, 2018, to ensure quantity. While supplies last.  
Items nonreturnable after September 1, 2018

Will she know what to say?  
How can I talk to her?  
Will she make the right choices?  
How can I teach her about  
absolute truth?  
Will she choose good friends?  
Does she fully understand  
her faith? Can I do more?  
How can I mentor her?

# girls ministries

her heart ... her world ... His purpose

The national Girls Ministries Department guides the overall vision and direction of Girls Ministries. Our mission statement is threefold:

1. To provide effective discipleship tools and support to districts and local churches
2. To enable leaders to accomplish the fivefold purpose through women mentoring girls
3. To believe God for a harvest of girls—fulfilling His perfect plan for their lives

The annual National Girls Ministries Week offering, collected during the National Girls Ministries Week service,

assists the national department in fulfilling this mission statement. The national Girls Ministries staff provides field ministry, develops new materials and products, provides training and leadership materials, processes training certificates, and processes orders for materials and offerings for national projects.

The annual offering taken during National Girls Ministries Week in the local churches is a means of support for the national department. Your generosity helps cover administrative costs and enables us to continue to provide quality materials and

services to more than 200,000 girls and sponsors involved in the Girls Ministries program. The national Girls Ministries Department thanks each one who participates in this offering, and we pledge ourselves to be faithful to our mission of enabling leaders to disciple girls.

**YOUR GENEROSITY HELPS COVER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND ENABLES US TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE QUALITY MATERIALS AND SERVICES.**

Here is our offering for the support of the nationwide ministry to girls.

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ (279051-0200469) Church Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Give Online at: <http://ngmevents.ag.org/nmw/>**

A return envelope has been provided in the Theme/Sleepover packet for your convenience.

**Please make checks payable to National Girls Ministries and mail to:**

**1445 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield, MO 65802**

National Girls Ministries | [ngm.ag.org](http://ngm.ag.org)

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*"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." Psalm 139:14, NIV*

The Bible tells us that God makes everyone to be their own, unique person. Some kids have brown hair, some blonde. Some are shy, and some like to talk to everyone. Some people even have really big differences, like not being able to walk the same way, or needing extra help with learning.

When the things that make you special also make you different from other kids, sometimes it's easy to feel alone . . . but that's where Special Touch Ministry comes in! They help kids who are differently abled get what they need, and teach them about how much Jesus loves them. They even teach churches how to care for people who are differently abled. We believe every person deserves to receive and understand that God loves them as they are.

Share your spare change this year with Coins for Kids and help Special Touch Ministry celebrate the things that make each kid special!

To find out more about this project or to donate online, visit [ngm.ag.org/Missions/Coins-for-Kids](http://ngm.ag.org/Missions/Coins-for-Kids).



**COINS  
FOR  
KIDS**

#### Coins for Kids Bracelet

These bracelets will get everyone excited about the 2018 Coins for Kids project, Wonderfully Made. Wearers will be reminded to pray for those who are differently abled. Also use as rewards for meeting offering goals. Adult-size silicone wristband says, "Coins for Kids – Special Touch 2018." 8 x 1/2"



Package of 10  
17MY8043  
\$4.99



#### Coins for Kids Promo Card

Promote the Wonderfully Made Coins for Kids project with this 4-color promo card. Pass one out to every girl in your clubs. 4 x 9"

73MY4112 FREE

#### Coins for Kids Offering Box

Give these out to your girls and encourage them to fill them with money for Coins for Kids and turn them in during the year.

73MY4943 FREE

