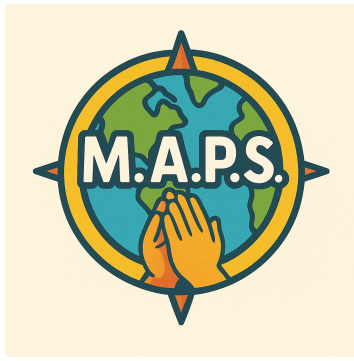




MAPS Curriculum Overview

Missionary Adventure Prayer Squad (MAPS)

What is MAPS?

MAPS is a **local church program** designed to raise up the next generation of missionaries and missionary supporters. It equips children to **know missionaries by name, pray faithfully for them, and discover God's global mission**—all while making the experience fun and engaging.

Unlike a parachurch program, MAPS is built to operate **within your church**, using your existing missionary partnerships and children's ministry time. The program provides tools, events, and activities that overlay onto what you're already doing.

Core Elements of the Program

1. MAPS Journals & Wristbands

- Each child begins as a **MAPS Explorer** when they receive their journal (their passport for prayer and learning).
- As they complete missionary journals, they earn that missionary's **distinct wristband**.
- Progression through levels brings recognition, keychains, and celebration awards:
- **Scout (3 missionaries) → Prayer Cadet (6) → Adventure Agent (10) → Field Reporter (15) → Mission Trailblazer (21) → Commander (25)**.
- Children can also create journals for missionaries outside the church's list, encouraging a broader vision.

2. MAPS Minute

A **5–7 minute weekly moment** within kids' ministry. Not a new lesson, but a touchpoint to:

- Check in with kids about their journals or Dispatch newsletters.
- Highlight a missionary or fun fact from the latest Dispatch.
- Fill out a section of the journal together.
- Pray for a missionary as a group.

3. MAPS Command Team

A team of adults helps lead MAPS:

- **Commander(s):** Organize and oversee the program.
- **Mission Partners:** Each advocate for one supported missionary, helping kids learn about and pray for them.
- There are several other job descriptions described that can be added or subtracted based on your church needs and size.

4. MAPS Space in Your Church

- A dedicated **MAPS Area** helps kids visualize progress: wall charts for levels, bracelet and keychain displays, and sign-up tables.
- Adults can also learn more here, preview Dispatches, or volunteer.

5. Events & Dispatches

- **MAPS Events** (at least twice a year) bring kids together with missionaries and Mission Partners for storytelling, discipleship, and journal progress.
- The **MAPS Dispatch** (newsletter) keeps kids engaged midweek, with stories, prayer requests, and fun challenges.

Implementation & Launch Plan

What You'll Need

- **Missionary Partners** (linked to your supported missionaries).
- **Command Team** (at least 1 Commander to start).
- **Journals, wristbands, and keychains** (starter order for launch).
- **A communication plan** (Dispatches, MAPS Minute, etc.).
- **Dedicated space** in your church building.

8-Week Launch Roadmap

1. **Cast Vision** (with leadership & pick first missionaries).
2. **Recruit Roles** (Partners + Command Team).
3. **Design Space** (MAPS Area, journals, wristbands).
4. **Secure Budget & Place Orders.**
5. **Prepare Comms & Curriculum** (MAPS Minute, Dispatch, parent handouts).
6. **Train Team & Stage Space.**
7. **Launch Sunday** (give out journals, run first MAPS Minute, open MAPS Area).
8. **Host First Event** (with missionaries or live call, celebrate first awards).

Ongoing rhythm: **Monthly MAPS Minute + Dispatch, Biannual MAPS Events, Annual budget refresh & supply reorder.**

Notebook Example

The MAPS Journal guides kids through four steps to connect with missionaries:

1. Missionary – Know Them

- Record the missionary's **name, family, and sending organization.**

- Add or draw a **photo** and write their **favorite Bible verse**.

2. Adventure – Explore Their World

- Learn their **country, capital city, and languages**.
- Draw the **flag** and try a **snack or meal** from that country.
- Note what work they do (church, school, medical, evangelism, etc.).

3. Prayer – Support Them Spiritually

- Write **3–5 prayer requests**.
- Draw or write a **personal prayer**.
- Create a short message: *“Dear Missionary, I’m praying for you because...”*

4. Squad – Be Part of the Team

- Connect with a **prayer partner**.
- **Invite a friend** to learn about missions.
- **Make a care item** (card, drawing, video) to send.
- Share what you’ve learned with your **group or family**.

In short: the notebook helps kids **know missionaries, explore their world, pray faithfully, and join the team** supporting them.

What you will receive in the curriculum packet

- A detailed job description for every role needed
- Instructions for every recommended activity
- Every thing you will need to launch MAPS in your church, including a step-by-step launch process!

The Heart of MAPS

MAPS is not just about collecting wristbands—it’s about cultivating a **life-long love for God’s mission**. Children grow up knowing real missionaries, praying specifically, and seeing themselves as part of God’s global story. It is our prayer that this curriculum will help you Raise up the next generation of missionaries, and missionary supporters.

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