

Lottie Moon

Missionary to China

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Week 4:



The Chinese people did not trust Lottie Moon but Lottie Moon thought of a way she might be able to change that. What do you think her idea was? (*Allow response.*)

Lottie baked cookies! She piled a plate high with the cookies and stood in the open doorway of her house. In minutes six children appeared!

“Maybe they’re poison cookies,” said a girl to her little brother.

“The cookies smell good,” said a bigger boy.

Lottie ate a cookie, munching all along the crispy edge. If she ate one, then it must not be poisoned. Eagerly the children reached for the cookies.

The children sat in a circle and Lottie taught them a Gospel song in Chinese. Soon they were inviting her to “come, meet honorable mama.” Lottie became known all through that village as the cookie lady. She began to dress in Chinese clothes and learned about the customs of the people. Now she was often invited to have tea in the homes of friendly Chinese ladies. In two months she made 80 visits to Chinese homes!

Sometimes 60 children at once would come to her house at the same time for her teaching. “Giang shu,” they would say. “Explain the books.” Everywhere children were ready to listen and learn.

Lottie wanted to open a school for girls. At that time Chinese girls did not go to school. They were expected to marry at a young age, raise children, do the housework, and obey the mother-in-law they lived with.

After five years in China, Lottie was able to start a school! Five girls were allowed to come to the school in her home. Soon there were 13. Lottie paid for their food, books, and medicine while they studied, ate, and slept at her house.

In the classroom Lottie taught simple math, reading and the Bible. After a while the girls had memorized the entire books of Matthew and Mark from the Bible!

God was using Lottie’s work to help the Chinese know Him! God was also working in Lottie’s heart to make her more like Jesus. As time passed, she found more and more ways to serve God.

How is God working in your heart? What does God want you to do to serve Him? Will you ask Him to show you? Next week you can tell us your ideas.

