

# About Girls in Action

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Girls in Action is designed to help girls in grades 1 through 6 come to faith in Christ as Savior, while making missions an important part of their daily lives. They learn what it means to live a missional lifestyle while they participate in Bible study, missions projects and engaging activities. They also have a lot of fun and build lasting memories as they “travel” to various places around the world when they learn about the work of missionaries.

The Girls in Action motto is “Go Forward!” and GAs do just that — they grow closer to God as they discover their part in His plan and they practice what they’re learning through hands-on missions opportunities. Their experiences lead to a lifelong commitment to Christ, His mission and His church.

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## What is Girls in Action?

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Girls in Action is a dynamic WMU missions organization for girls in grades 1-6. GA helps girls grow in their spiritual development as they learn the biblical basis of missions and discover their part in God's plan.

In GA, girls learn

- a biblical worldview
- ways to demonstrate Christ's love to others
- how God is working around the world
- their part of God's plan

GA is designed with girls' unique characteristics in mind. GA helps girls grow spiritually, recognizing the varying developmental stages of girls in each grade. GA materials are designed to help both younger and older girls have missions experiences that lay a foundation for coming to faith in Christ as Savior and make missions an important part of their daily lives.

## GA Objectives

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- Pray for missions
- Engage in mission action and witnessing
- Learn about missions
- Support missions
- Develop spiritually toward a missions lifestyle
- Participate in the work of the church and denomination

Girls in Action is part of Woman's Missionary Union (WMU). WMU is an auxiliary to the [Southern Baptist Convention](#).

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## GA Motto, Pledge, and Verses

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**GA Motto:** Go Forward

**GA Scripture Verse:** "Give thanks to the Lord. Worship him. Tell the nations what he has done. Announce how honored he is" (Isaiah 12:4 NIV).

**GA Lifestyle Verse:** "The Lord has shown you what is good. He has told you what he requires of you. You must treat people fairly. You must love others faithfully. And you must be very careful to live the way your God wants you to" (Micah 6:8 NIV).

**GA Pledge:** "As a GA, I will do my best to live a missions lifestyle that honors God by learning about missions, praying for missions, giving to missions, doing missions, and participating in the work of the church."

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## GA SONG

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The words to the official GA song, Girls in Action, are printed below. For music to this song, download an [MP3 with voices](#) or [one without voices](#), or you may choose to [download sheet music](#).

*Chorus*

We're Girls in Action.

We're girls with a mission,

And we're reaching the world.  
We're Girls in Action,  
And we're spreading God's love around the world.

All around, around, around the world. (Repeat.)

*Verse 1*

Jesus, You've shown Your love,  
The greatest love we know.  
You said to tell the world,  
And that is where we'll go.

*Chorus*

*Rounds*

*Verse 2*

Jesus, You died for us,  
And saved us from our sin.  
We'll tell the whole wide world,  
And we'll start with our friends.

*Chorus*

*Verse 3*

Jesus, You help us live,  
You guide us every day.  
You teach us from Your Word,  
And hear us when we pray.

*Chorus (Repeat.)*

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## GA Badge Placement Guide

Badges can be earned through special projects and activities found in *GA Leader*, *GA Journey*, or leader-created projects.

Where do all of these badges go? Download and share this placement guide to help leaders and parents get all a Girls in Action member's badges in the right place on her vest. View the [placement guide](#).

GAs display earned badges on purple vests. Vests can be purchased at [lifeway.com/specialtyimprints](http://lifeway.com/specialtyimprints).

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## GA History

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Want to learn more about the history of GA? GA began in 1913 as Girls' Auxiliary. In 1970, the organization's name was changed to Girls in Action. GA has a rich legacy.

Thousands upon thousands of young girls have been a part of GA since it began approximately 100 years ago. Throughout this century, generations of young girls and their leaders have participated in GA and have learned how to help others in Jesus' name. Countless lives have been changed as girls and their leaders have prayed for, given to, and participated in missions education and hands-on missions involvement.

**The GA watchword** "Arise, shine, for thy light is come" (Isaiah 60:1) was designated in 1924.

**The first GA hymn** was "We've a Story to Tell."

**The GA Star Ideals** were:

- Abiding in Him through prayer,
- Advancing in wisdom by Bible study,
- Acknowledging my stewardship,
- Adorning myself with good works, and
- Accepting the challenge of the Great Commission.

The following allegiance statement was recited in their meetings where girls studied denominational programs and SBC leaders, memorized Scripture passages, and participated in service projects:

### **GA Allegiance**

Knowing that countless people grope in darkness and giving attention to his commands, I assert my allegiance to Jesus Christ, to his church and its activities, attempting with God's help to abide in him through prayer, to advance in wisdom by Bible study, to acknowledge my stewardship of time, money, and personality, to adorn myself with good works, and to accept the challenge of the Great Commission.

**GA Colors:** Green, white, and gold. (See under "GA Emblem" for significance of colors.)

### **GA Emblem**

The emblem was a white star bearing the gold GA monogram and enclosed by a green octagon edged with gold. The star represented the Star Ideals. The colors of the GA emblem

were meaningful — the green was for growth; the white for purity; and the gold for sincerity.