

MISSION EXPLORERS KENYA, LESSON TWO

Ngare Ndare Forest Trust, Mount Kenya Bible Baptist Fellowship, Sunland Flower Farm

SAFARI FACTS

KENYA



NANYUKI, KENYA



FACTS ABOUT NANYUKI

Nanyuki is a town in central Kenya. It's known as a gateway to Mount Kenya and the wilderness of Mount Kenya National Park. Several trails, including the Naro Moru and Sirimon routes, ascend the mountain. The park's wildlife includes leopards, giant forest hogs and more than 100 bird species. Northwest of Nanyuki, the plains and hills of the vast Laikipia Plateau are home to lions, elephants and rare Grevy's zebras.

Population: 50,000

Elevation: 6200 ft/1889 m

Lesson Purpose: To teach children that salvation is through faith alone in Christ alone; to help them understand what evangelism is and how God uses missionaries to evangelize and plant churches.

Lesson Objectives:

- To help children understand how many people it takes to produce one rose that is purchased in a store and, in the same way, how many people are involved when a person gets saved.
- To teach children using the Bible and the paper-folding evangelism tool introduced last week how a person receives eternal life.
- To show children how church services in Kenya are similar to and different from their own churches but how in spite of the differences in the way we worship in our churches or the way we look, we are all part of one family because of our faith in Christ.
- To give them an opportunity to learn and practice for themselves how to use the paper-folding evangelism tool.

VIDEO INTRODUCTION

Jesse visits Ngare Ndare Forest Trust and goes on a tree safari walking among the treetops! “Ngare” is the Masai word for water and “ndare” is the Masai word for goat. Just like in Lesson One when we learned that elephants are poached for their ivory tusks, trees are also poached in Kenya. God entrusted man with the important responsibility to care for the earth. The Ngare Ndare Forest Trust protects the trees and the animals living in the forest so that there will be plenty of trees for future generations.

Jesse takes us to Nanyuki, Kenya, and introduces us to several people who work with Mt. Kenya Bible Baptist Fellowship (MKBBF). MKBBF is involved in many ministries in this region including planting 80 churches, starting a school, and running two orphanages, a health clinic and a Bible institute. You will meet Andrew and Abby Lettsome, who run the school, Pastor Onesimus, who is a local pastor that began as a groundskeeper, and Jerry Daniels, who is the founder of MKBBF.

Jesse also takes us on a “rose safari” to the beautiful Sunland Flower Farm, which sits on the equator, where the weather is perfect year-round!

Let’s go on a safari!

PLAY VIDEO NOW (16:37)

STOP 1

Lesson Objective: To help children understand how many people it takes to produce one rose that is purchased in a store and, in the same way, how many people are involved when a person gets saved.

Materials needed: Long-stem roses from a florist or grocery store

Have some roses for the children to take turns smelling. Ask them how the roses in the video grew. Did they grow by themselves? Or did someone have to care for them by giving them water and fertilizer? Sunland Flower Farm grows beautiful roses but they do not grow without a lot of people caring for them. What happens when they are ready to be cut? They are cut by people who know exactly which ones are ready to be cut. Then they are sorted and stored in a giant refrigerator! After that the thorns and leaves are stripped off of the stems by a special machine, they are sorted by length, and then wrapped for shipping to other countries. When someone receives a rose in another country that was grown on the Sunland Flower Farm, they don't realize how many people and how much care it took to produce that one rose!

STOP 2

Lesson Objective: To teach children using the Bible and the paper-folding evangelism tool introduced last week how a person gets to heaven (God's house).

Materials needed: A piece of plain white paper

Demonstrate the paper-folding evangelism tool that Jesse does in the video. It can be viewed at <https://qocrossway.org/paper/>. This will serve as a reminder from last week. It will also explain how to be saved to those who don't know, and it will show those who are saved how to share their faith.

Read Ephesians 2:8-9:

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." (NKJV)

Read Acts 16:31:

"... 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved...'" (NKJV)

When you were born and were a tiny baby, did you know how to tie your shoes? Or write your name? Or brush your teeth? No! Babies don't even know they need to know those things. And they sure don't know how to do them.

How did you learn these things? Parents, grandparents and teachers all help us learn the things we need to know how to do. The Bible says that anyone who believes in Christ as their Savior will be saved. But it also says that we should tell others the good news that eternal life is a gift to be received so that they know how to be saved.

The only way to be saved is to believe in Jesus Christ.

Just like the roses at Sunland Flower Farm needed lots of different people to care for them and help them grow, we need people to tell others how to be saved. But first, those people must be saved themselves! Jerry Daniels, who is the founder of Mt. Kenya Bible Baptist Fellowship, was saved when he was in the Air Force. Someone had to tell him the gospel. He heard it and

believed in Jesus and was saved. But just like the roses need water and fertilizer, Pastor Jerry needed things to help him grow in his faith. A ministry called The Navigators helped him grow spiritually through Bible studies and memorizing Bible verses.

But getting saved and growing spiritually ourselves isn't all we are supposed to do to be Christ followers or disciples. The Bible also tells us that we are to tell others about Jesus and how he saved us. This is called evangelism.

Read Matthew 28:19-20:

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (NKJV)

Pastor Jerry is a missionary. (Review the definition of missionary from Lesson One.) He went to Kenya so that he could tell others how to be saved and to teach them to tell others how to be saved. He also teaches people in Kenya how to grow spiritually. He does this by planting churches. Pastor Jerry tells people about Jesus. When they believe, he trains them through studying the Bible. He also shows them how to tell others about Jesus. And then he helps them start their own church. He has done this so many times that he has helped start about 80 churches! Pastor Jerry is a missionary and he helps others become missionaries, too. This is very important. A missionary doesn't do everything for the people he goes to serve. He teaches them how to do things themselves so that they can then teach others to do things for themselves.

What are some things that people do in Kenya to serve God? Write on the board or show pictures:

- *pastor churches*
- *teach in the school*
- *take care of the grounds like Pastor Onesimus used to do*
- *feed children*

STOP 3

Lesson Objective: To show children how church services in Kenya are similar to and different from their own churches but how in spite of the differences in the way we worship in our churches or the way we look, we are all part of one family because of our faith in Christ.

Materials: Pictures of food that children generally like such as pizza, macaroni and cheese, cookies, cupcakes, etc.

Ask the children to raise their hand if they are hungry. When someone raises his hand, show the pictures and ask him what he would like to eat. When he chooses, hand him the picture. Do that with as many of the pictures as you can. Will it help you if I give you this picture of food? If you

are really hungry, what do you want? You want something to eat! What if I said to you, “Don’t be hungry!”? Would that help you? Why not? Words don’t help; you need food.

Last week the missionary Dean Chollar told us an African proverb (or wise saying): *“Empty stomachs have no ears.”* What does this mean? It means that a person can be so hungry that it is impossible for them to hear when someone speaks to them. Have you ever been so hungry that you had a hard time paying attention in school or in church? When you are hungry, it is very hard to listen to anything but your tummy saying, “Feed me!”

So that is another thing that Pastor Jerry does in Kenya to help people hear the message of the gospel. Many people in Africa are hungry and do not have enough food. Mount Kenya Bible Baptist Fellowship helps feed people so that when their tummies are full, they can hear the preaching better. This leads to people being saved and more churches being started!

Remember the church services we saw in the video? How were those churches like your church? Help the children see similarities such as people singing, children in Sunday school, someone preaching a message from the Bible, having a meal together on special occasions, etc. How was the church in Kenya different from your church? Again, help the children discuss the differences including how the people looked and dressed, how they get to church (some walked 12 miles!), what they eat (goat!), etc. Despite our differences, just like Jesse said – we are all part of one family in Christ!

FINAL DESTINATION

Lesson Objective: To give them an opportunity to learn and practice for themselves how to use the paper-folding evangelism tool.

Materials needed: Sheets of plain white paper

You will be demonstrating the Paper-folding Evangelism Tool that was shown on the video. You can go to <https://qocrossway.org/paper/> to view the tool again. At the end of this lesson are step-by-step instructions as well as a note that can be sent home to parents to encourage them to learn the tool themselves as well as help their child practice.

We have learned that God uses many people in our lives to help us grow into strong, healthy Christians! Did you know that God doesn’t just want us to be strong, healthy Christians ourselves? He wants us to “grow” others into strong, healthy Christians, too! He wants everyone who believes to be a missionary wherever they are! Remember Matthew 28:19-20?

Read Matthew 28:19-20 again:

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (NASB)

“Make disciples” means to tell people the gospel, train them through studying the Bible, and teach them how to tell others the gospel. That’s what Pastor Jerry is doing in Kenya. It is what God wants YOU to do, too!

How can you be a missionary right where you live? *Let the children really think about this and give suggestions. Write them on the board. One way that you can be a missionary and share the gospel is through the Paper-folding Evangelistic Tool. (Remind them that “evangelism” means sharing your faith.)*

Give everyone a piece of plain white paper. Go through the steps of the Paper-folding Evangelism Tool (at the end of this lesson) and let the children follow along using their own piece of paper. Have extra pieces of paper so that they can really get the hang of it. Discuss each point as you demonstrate:

House: How can we get to God’s house (heaven)?

Sailboat: Can we get to heaven on a sailboat? No! Just like you cannot get to heaven on a sailboat, you cannot get to heaven by being good. You could never be good enough.

Airplane: Can you get to heaven on an airplane? No! Just like you cannot get to heaven on an airplane, you cannot get to heaven by keeping the Ten Commandments, being baptized, joining a church, or belonging to a religion.

Rocket: Can you get to heaven on a powerful rocket? No! Just like you cannot get to heaven on a powerful rocket, you cannot get to heaven by powerfully trying to serve God.

Cross: Salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

Relate this back to Ephesians 2:8-9. The sailboat, airplane, and rocket represent “works” or things we try to do on our own to be saved. But remember we read in the Bible that we cannot do anything to save ourselves. Salvation is a gift from God. The only thing we need to do to be saved is believe in Jesus Christ. If you are not saved, God wants you to be saved. If you are already saved, then God wants you to tell others!

Go over the Memory Verse:

Acts 16:31:

“...‘Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved...’” (NKJV)

ADDITIONAL CRAFTS

Masai Necklace



Materials needed: paper plates, scissors, colored markers

Cut the center of a paper plate out making a “ring” and cut a slit in the edge to allow the “ring” to go around the child’s neck. Provide colorful markers and some completed examples and let the children draw patterns resembling the colorful beaded necklaces of the Masai.

Pipe Cleaner Roses Picture



Materials needed: card stock, pink and red pipe cleaners, glue, colored markers

Cut the pipe cleaners in half and coil them into circles. Glue onto cardstock. Use markers to draw the stems. Stems can also be cut out of colored paper and glued onto the paper, or green pipe cleaners could be used to form the stems and leaves.

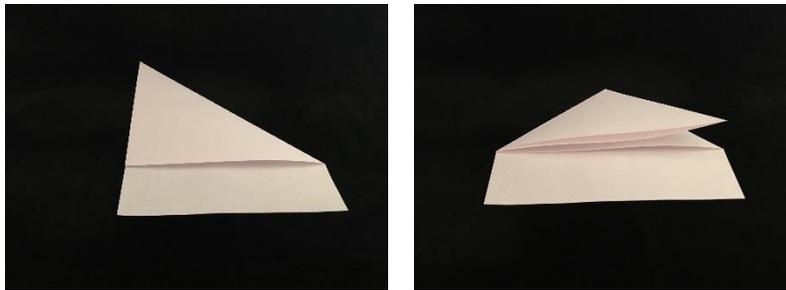
The Paper-Folding Evangelistic Tool – by Dean Chollar

Note: There are 2 parts on this document. 1) The instructions on how to fold the paper; and 2) The text of what to say as you fold it.

Folding Instructions for the Paper-folding Evangelistic Tool

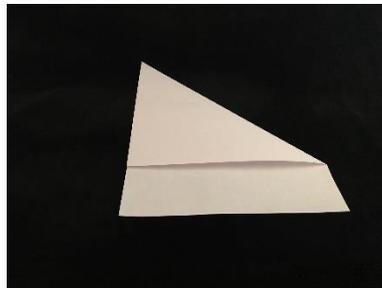
1. The House:

Take an 8.5 by 11 sheet of paper. (Or any kind of rectangular shaped paper usually works.) Hold it vertically. Then take the top right corner and fold it 45 degrees so that it is even with the left side of the paper. This should then look like a sail on a sailboat. But we want to do the sailboat second, not first. We will come back to that position after we make the house. So make a second fold and continue on to make the house. So now take the left top corner and fold it 45 degrees evenly to the right side of the page. It should now look like a simple and symmetrical house with a pointed roof on top and a square lower portion for the building.

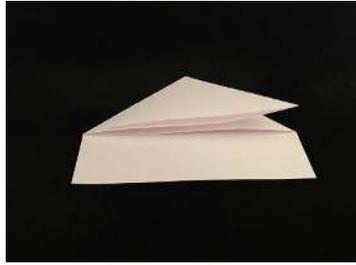


2. The Sail:

Then unfold the second fold above and you should have a shape of a sail for a sailboat.



3. The House again: Then go back to the house again by folding down the left top corner.



4. The Airplane:

Now fold the left side of the house evenly down the middle vertically to the right side of the house and the fold should then be from the peak of the roof to the middle of the base of the house. You are starting to build an airplane. So now fold the sides down to make the wings. The wings should be very large and even. The body of the plane should be about $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch high and the wings should be a bit more than 50 to 70 percent below the bottom edge of the body of the plane. The body of the plane should be even in height in the front and the back making the body about half an inch. So now it looks like a regular paper airplane.



5. The Rocket:

Now open the wings up, point the plane downward and start tearing the wings off at the back of the plane along the crease where it was folded. This will leave just the body of the plane which should look like a rocket. The shape should be about half an inch by 6 inches.



6. The Cross:

Now if you did it correctly, unfold carefully the rocket portion that is left. You should have the shape of a cross.



Text for Explaining the Paper-Folding Evangelistic Tool

Intro: Can I show you something I learned? It's about a very important question we all need to know: Just what do we have to do to get to Heaven? What is the way?

1. (The House) So when I fold the paper this way, it looks like a house. God loves you and wants you to come to heaven and live in His house. In John 14:2, Jesus says about heaven, that he is going to prepare a place for us and that in his Father's house, there are many rooms. So how does one get to God's house in His perfect heaven? Hmm...
2. (The Sail) When I fold the paper this way, it looks like a sail from a sailboat, right? Can you get to heaven by sailing in a sailboat? Of course not! In the same way, some people think that "being good" is the way to heaven. But this is not the way to heaven. Just as you can't get to heaven by a sailboat, in the same way you can't get to heaven by being good. The Bible says in Romans 3:23 that all have sinned, and come short of God's perfection. You may be a very good person, but none of us are perfect. And God's perfect heaven will be polluted if he lets us in with our imperfections.
3. (The House again) So when I fold the paper this way again, it looks like a house. God wants you to come to heaven and live in His house. But how do we get there? What is the way?
4. (The Airplane) Now our paper looks like an airplane. Can we get to heaven by riding in an airplane? No, of course not. For some, the airplane may represent "keeping the 10 commandments, or going to church, or being baptized." You know, religious stuff. But just as we cannot get to heaven by an airplane, so it is that we cannot get to heaven by religious activities or other efforts on our part. Ephesians 2:8, 9 says: "For by grace" (a gift) "you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."

5. (The Rocket) Now our paper looks like a rocket, right? Will a powerful rocket get us to heaven? Of course not! Now some may think, if I just dedicate myself in a powerful way to God and surrender or give Him my life in a powerful way like a rocket, this will get me to heaven. But who has done this completely? No, we can't get to heaven by a rocket or doing something for God. Our good works cannot remove our sin. Titus 3:5 says, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy, He saved us...." (For young children you might want to use goodness instead of righteousness, and explain mercy as God's kindness.) ... So how DO we get to heaven?

6. (The Cross) And as we unfold our paper, we see that now we have the true way to heaven – the cross. You see, it's through the cross of Christ, Who died for our sins on a cross and rose from the dead. He is the Way, the One who paid it all and offers us eternal life in heaven with Him as a free gift by His grace. He has done the work needed to pay for all sin and nothing we can do can remove that sin. He took our sins (imperfections) on Himself, and paid for them. Only by trusting in Him can we enter heaven as His child. John 3:16 says "For God so loved the world (that's you), that He gave His only begotten Son (that's Jesus), that whoever believes (trusts) in Him (that's Jesus), should not perish but have everlasting life."

Would you now believe, or place your trust in Christ alone as your way to heaven, apart from your good works? If so, God will guarantee you eternal life in heaven with him. I John 5:13 says, "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life..."

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