

MISSION EXPLORERS KENYA, LESSON TEN

Calvary Church & School in Kibera, United Nations

SAFARI FACTS

KENYA



KIBERA



FACTS ABOUT KIBERA

Kibera is Africa's largest slum. It is considered by some to be the largest slum in the world. Located in the capital city of Nairobi, Kibera is home to as many as one million people. The residents of Kibera are the poorest of the poor. Most of them live without electricity, plumbing, or access to clean water and medical care. Unemployment and crime are rampant.

Lesson Purpose: To help children develop a biblical worldview concerning the poor.

Lesson Objective:

- To help children understand the differences between how they live and how the people of Kibera live.
- To help children understand what it means to be poor and what God says our attitude should be towards helping them.
- To help children understand the extreme poverty of the people, especially the children, of Kibera.
- To teach children that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

VIDEO INTRODUCTION

This week while Jesse visits the United Nations in Nairobi, Carey meets Pastor Timothy Mulehi who does ministry work in Kibera, the largest slum in Africa and possibly the world. Pastor Timothy started Calvary Church and School to provide the message of God’s love and hope to the people of Kibera who live in extreme poverty. They cannot afford education for their children. Because clean water is scarce, diseases caused by poor hygiene are common.

While in Kibera, Carey and Pastor Timothy run into Bernard, who started the Ark School and also does ministry work in the slum. Pastor Timothy shares with Carey the many needs and challenges of serving the poor. In addition to running a school for children, Pastor Timothy also started Africa Bible College to train pastors. He also ministers to the many children living on the streets of Kibera and runs a rescue shelter for them. His dream is to raise chickens so that the people he serves can eat the eggs produced by the chickens.

Let’s go on a safari!

PLAY VIDEO NOW (16:04)

STOP 1

Lesson Objective: To help children understand the differences between how they live and how the people of Kibera live and to help them be thankful for the things that they have.

Materials needed: Masking tape, measuring tape

Use the masking tape to measure out and create a 12 ft x 12 ft (3.6 m x 3.6 m) square on the floor.

What kind of home do you live in? *Let the children say something about their homes such as a house or an apartment, one-story or two-story, big or small, etc.* Do you have your own room,

or do you share with a brother or sister? What does your bedroom look like? *Encourage conversation about their homes and rooms. This will help them see a tremendous contrast between their lives and the lives of the children in Kibera.*

In the video we learned about Kibera, which is the largest slum in Africa. Do you know what a slum is? A slum is a place where extremely poor people live. It is very crowded and very dirty. People who live in a slum usually do not have electricity, clean water, or medical care. Their homes are made of scraps of wood, metal, or plastic and have a dirt floor. Can you imagine living in a place like this?

Look at the square that has been taped off on the floor. This is the size of the average home in Kibera. This is the size of someone's whole house – not just a bedroom. The whole house is this size. There can be as many as eight people living in a house this size. *Have everyone move outside the square and have eight children stand inside the square.* Most of your bedrooms are about this size. Can you imagine having eight people in your bedroom? Think about this being the size of your whole house! And then think about not having electricity. What would that mean? *Help them think through this. No electricity would mean no lights, fans, air conditioning, televisions, video games, computers, etc.*

In the video, Pastor Timothy said he was a rich man because his school has 16 latrines. A latrine is a toilet. But it is not like the toilet you have in your house. It is the hole in the ground that Pastor Timothy showed us. In Kibera, no one has a bathroom like you have in your house. They use a hole in the ground. As many as 50 families use just one latrine.

Doesn't this make you thankful for your home?

Read 1 Chronicles 16:34:

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever." (NKJV)

Let's stop right now and thank God for His goodness to us.

Lead the children in a prayer something like this:

Dear Lord, thank you for the many blessings you have given us. Thank you for our nice homes with electricity and clean water. Thank you for our nice bathrooms, too. Please send more Christians to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of people living in Kibera. In Jesus' name, Amen.

STOP 2

Lesson objective: To help them understand what it means to be poor and that the Bible says we are to care about the poor.

What does it mean to be poor? *Let the children give answers on what they think it means to be poor. They will give some interesting answers!* To be poor means that you do not have enough of what you need to live. The things that are needed to live are food, clothing, and a place to live (shelter). Being poor doesn't mean that you don't have everything you want like a big house or a new video game or your own bedroom. Being poor means you may not have a home at all or electricity or a proper toilet.

Should we care about poor people like the people of Kibera? Why should we care? Let's look in God's Word and see if we can find the answer.

Read Psalm 41:1:

"Blessed is he who considers the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." (NKJV)

In this Bible verse, God says that the person who considers or thinks about the poor is blessed (or happy). He goes on to say that when this person is in trouble, God will help him. It pleases God when you care about people who are poor.

God says in the Bible that He wants us to think about poor people. But is that all He wants us to do – just think about them? Let's see what the Bible says.

Read James 2:15-16:

"If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,' but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?" (NKJV)

If we see someone that needs clothing and food and we say to them, "Be warm! Be filled with food!" what good does that do? None! It doesn't help them at all. If we see someone who does not have things that they need, then we need to help them. If they need clothes or food, then we need to give them clothes and food. If they need a place to live, then we need to help them find a place to live. Or maybe God wants us to offer to let them live with our family until they are able to get their own home. We need to show that we care by doing something to help them.

Listen to what God says about people who don't help the poor.

Read Proverbs 21:13:

"Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be heard." (NKJV)

What does it mean to shut your ears to the cry of the poor? That means that you don't listen when the poor cry out for help. God says that if you don't listen when the poor cry out for help, then no one will listen when you need help.

What kinds of things do the poor need? Food, clean water, medicine, a home, clothing, money. God wants us to help people who don't have the things that they need. How can we do this? One way that we can help is to give money to organizations that help the poor.

We are going to do a service project to help people who do not have everything they need.

In Lesson 8, STOP 2 the following list of suggested service projects is provided. Choose a different one for this lesson or choose your own to help the children put their faith into action on behalf of the poor.

- *Collect canned goods and donate to a local food bank or a family in need.*
- *Collect items to pack a Shoe Box for Operation Christmas Child. Details can be found at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>.*
- *Collect school supplies and fill a backpack with them. Donate to a child in need.*
- *Decorate a big jar to place in the classroom and collect money. Be specific about what the money is for. Encourage the children to do extra chores to earn money for the jar.*
- *Another great project would be to send Pastor Timothy Mulehi an email, and ask him what he needs. You can email him at calvaryfamilykenya@gmail.com. Think of creative ways to raise money to help him help the poor of Kibera.*

Be sure to send home a letter to parents telling them what you are collecting, how long you are collecting, and where to bring the collected items.

STOP 3

Lesson Objective: To help children understand the extreme poverty of the people, especially the children, of Kibera.

Materials needed: pictures (at end of this lesson), an empty egg carton, 12 plastic fillable eggs



Instructions for the Egg Carton Illustration:

Print out the Egg Carton Illustration pictures at the end of this lesson. Fold and place each one in a plastic egg. Place the plastic eggs in an empty egg carton. Randomly choose an egg, show the picture to the class, and discuss each one. It does not matter what order you choose the eggs, but make sure you always end with the picture of eggs. You may want to let the children take turns choosing an egg. As they open it, ask them if they know what the picture has to do with the children living in Kibera. Each picture is something that the children of Kibera do not have but most of your students probably take for granted. Discussion points for each picture are listed below.

Do you remember Pastor Timothy talking about eggs in the video? He said that eggs were too expensive for most people in Kibera to buy and eat. He said that most of the children in his school can draw a picture of an egg, but they have never eaten one. Can you imagine never eating an egg – not even baked inside a cake or cookies?

I have some special eggs in this carton. Let's look inside and see what we can learn about the children of Kibera from these eggs.

Schools and school supplies: Most of the children living in Kibera have no access to education or schools. They don't have books or school supplies. That is why Pastor Timothy started a school. Education helps people get out of poverty.

Money: The people who live in Kibera are extremely poor. Many of them earn less than \$1.00 per day. The teachers at Pastor Timothy's school make about \$4 per day.

Running water and clean drinking water: We have seen where many people in Kenya have no access to clean drinking water. In Kibera, this is also a big problem. Drinking and cooking with dirty water causes many kinds of diseases.

Electricity and lights: Very few people living in Kibera have electricity. Without lights, their homes are very dark. They also do not have the things that need electricity to work such as TV's and video games.

Indoor plumbing and toilets: Pastor Timothy told us that he has 16 toilets, but they are not like the toilets we have. The toilets in Kibera are simply holes in the ground called latrines. The people living in Kibera do not have nice bathrooms and toilets like we have in our homes.

A home with a nice floor: Your home probably has carpet or maybe a wood or tile floor. The homes in Kibera have dirt floors.

A nice home with more than one room: The homes in Kibera are not nice like our homes. They are made from scraps and are only one room. Many people live, cook, and sleep in that one room. There are also many children in Kibera who have no home at all. They live and sleep outside anywhere they can find a place.

A nice church building with inside classrooms: The church we saw in Kibera has dirt floors and metal walls that are easy to break into. The church is so small that on Sundays the youth and Sunday School classes must meet outside.

Good food to eat: Hunger is the constant companion of the children of Kibera. They never have enough food to eat.

A comfortable bed to sleep in: Many people living in Kibera have no bed and must sleep on the dirt floor.

Cars: People living in Kibera do not have cars to drive so they must walk everywhere.

Eggs to eat (Open this egg last): Most of the children in Kibera know what an egg is and know how to draw a picture of an egg. However, they have never tasted an egg because they cannot afford to buy them. Can you imagine never eating an egg? Even if you don't like eggs, you probably have them in your refrigerator at home because we use them to make many things.

All these eggs and the pictures inside them remind us of how blessed we are. We have all the things inside these eggs and so much more. But the children and the people of Kibera do not. Whenever you see eggs, I want you to remember to pray for the people living in Kibera.

Let's pray for them right now.

Lead the children in a prayer or ask if a student would like to volunteer to pray for the people of Kibera.

FINAL DESTINATION

Lesson Objective: To teach children that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Materials needed: A big empty box beautifully wrapped with a big bow on top

Show the class the wrapped box. How many of you like to receive a gift? What would you say if I said this gift was for you? Would you be excited? Does anyone have a birthday coming up? Have you asked for something for your birthday? What are you expecting to receive? *(If it is near Christmas, this would be a good opportunity to get them to discuss what they want to receive or did receive for Christmas.)* Getting a present is so much fun, isn't it?

Did you know that the Bible talks about giving and receiving gifts?

Read Acts 20:35:

"I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"
(NKJV)

The Bible tells us to support the weak. In this verse that word means the poor. God is reminding us to help the poor. Then it tells us something that Jesus said. He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Jesus was saying that it makes us much happier to give to others than to

receive things ourselves. How can that be? Because when we give to others, we are obeying God and that always makes us happy.

When we give, we are acting like God. He loves to give!

Read James 1:17:

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.” (NKJV)

God gives good and perfect gifts to us. He gives us so many blessings. When we give gifts, then we are acting like God. That makes Him happy and it makes us happy, too. We don't have to give expensive gifts to please God. We also don't have to give a lot of money to please God. He just wants us to give with a willing heart.

Read 2 Corinthians 9:7:

“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.” (NKJV)

God doesn't want us to give with a bad attitude or because we think we have to give. He wants us to give cheerfully.

When we look around us and see people who don't have the things that they need, God wants us to help them. And He wants us to have a cheerful attitude when we help them. God wants us to care about the poor and help them. And don't forget – God says it is more blessed to give than to receive!

Go over the Memory Verse:

Acts 20:35b:

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (NKJV)

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PICTURES FOR EGG CARTON ILLUSTRATION

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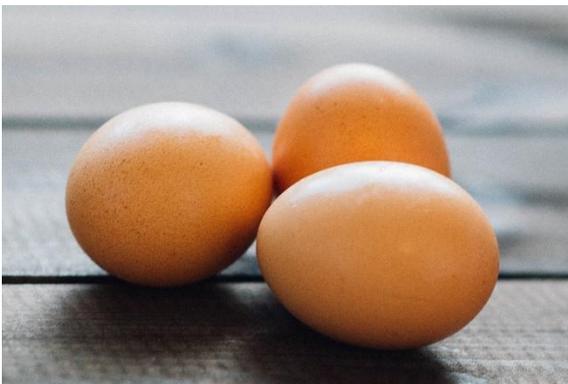
Good food to eat



A nice church building with inside classrooms



Schools and school supplies



Eggs to eat



A home with a nice floor

PICTURES FOR EGG CARTON ILLUSTRATION (cont'd)



A nice home with more than 1 room



Electricity and lights



Money



Indoor plumbing and toilet



Running water or clean drinking water



Car

Dear Parent,

Today we continued on our safari to Kenya! Today we learned:

- the differences between how we live and how the people of Kibera, the largest slum in Africa, live
- what it means to be poor and what God says our attitude should be towards helping the poor
- about the extreme poverty of the people of Kibera, especially the children who can draw a picture of an egg but have never eaten one
- that it is more blessed to give than to receive
- the Swahili words for love (upendo) and peace (amani).

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