MISSION EXPLORERS KENYA, LESSON ELEVEN

Shimoni Village, Wasini Island, Kisite-Mpunguti Marine National Park, Real 4 Christ Ministries

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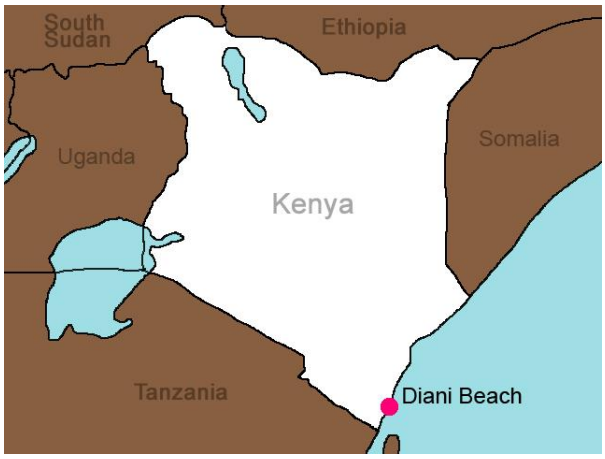
DIANI BEACH, KENYA



KISITE-MPUNGUTI MARINE NATIONAL PARK

FACTS ABOUT DIANI BEACH

Diani Beach is on the eastern coast of Africa just north of the border between Tanzania and Kenya. It's location on the Indian Ocean makes it a popular tourist destination. The beach is about 11 miles/17 km long. The nearest town is Ukunda, with a population of around 100,000. Being right on the coast, the elevation is just slightly above sea level.

FACTS ABOUT KISITE-MPUNGUTI MARINE NATIONAL PARK

A few miles south of Diani Beach, near the Tanzanian border, is the Kisite-Mpunguti Marine National Park. The park includes four small islands encircled by a coral reef.

Lesson Purpose: To help children recognize what true treasure is.

Lesson Objectives:

- To make children aware of what people, including children, have to do to get clean water in Kenya and many other parts of Africa.
- To help children understand that everyone is born with the disease of sin and the cure is faith in Christ.
- To illustrate the truth of Luke 12:34.
- To help children understand that where your treasure is your heart is also.

VIDEO INTRODUCTION

Jesse and Carey play tourist by visiting the coastal town of Shimoni Village, which is the home of the first East African prison. Africans being traded as slaves were held in caves there while waiting for ships to take them to other countries as late as the 1800's. Jesse and Carey take a short boat ride to Wasini Island. It's different because there are no cars on the island. Collected rain water is delivered by wheelbarrow to the people who live there. They then take another quick boat ride to Kisite-Mpunguti Marine National Park where they snorkel in coral gardens, which are called the rainforests of the sea.

Next, Jesse travels to Diani Beach where he meets Chris Moore who was born and raised in Kenya. His parents were missionaries there while he was growing up. He attended Rift Valley Academy. Chris and his wife Lisa left well-paying jobs and a comfortable lifestyle in America to move to Kenya and start Real 4 Christ Ministries. They minister in remote coastal areas of Kenya where they build schools and medical clinics, provide water to communities and food to school children while they share the gospel of grace. Chris says they always drill a well first when ministering in a new area. Access to clean water opens the door for the gospel to be shared.

Let's go on a safari!

PLAY VIDEO NOW (20:59)

STOP 1

Lesson Objective: To make children aware of what people, including children, have to do to get clean water in Kenya and many other parts of Africa.

Materials needed: Two one-gallon sized jugs of water

In Mission Explorers Kenya, we have learned a lot about how hard it is for families to get clean water in Africa. We learned in our very first lesson that some people carry large buckets of water on their heads and walk several miles (or kilometers) to take it to their homes. In the

video today, we saw a young boy who collected water for his family and had to walk a long way home with it.

When you want clean water to drink, where do you go? When you brush your teeth, where do you get clean water? When you need to take a bath, where do you get clean water? Many people in Kenya and other places in Africa have to work very hard to get enough water to use every day.

We are going to see what it would be like if you had to carry water to your family like the boy in the video.

Let the children take turns carrying both jugs of water. Some may not be able to carry two. Talk to them about how the boy in the video carried two and he had to walk several miles (or kilometers).

This why it is so helpful when ministries provide wells in villages. The people have clean water without having to walk very far.

STOP 2

Lesson Objective: To help children understand that everyone is born with the disease of sin and the cure is faith in Christ.

Materials needed: a toy doctor's kit or pictures printed from the internet of items that a doctor uses

Links to supplies for this activity can be found at our website www.KidsTalkAboutGod.org/supplies.

Hold up each item from the doctor kit (or hold up each picture) and ask what each one is and what it is used for.

Did you see in the video where Jesse visited the medical clinic? Did you see the man getting his blood drawn? Why do doctors sometimes take a sample of your blood? Because they can look at the blood under a microscope and diagnose what is wrong. Then they can give the proper medicine to treat the disease. Did you know that every single person who has ever been born has been born with the same disease? That disease is called sin.

Read Romans 3:23:

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (NKJV)

This verse says that all have sinned. How many is all? It is everyone! That means every person who has ever been born is a sinner. Do you think that you are a sinner? Sin is disobeying God.

Let's do a test to see if you are a sinner. Have you ever told a lie even one time? Have you ever disobeyed your mom or dad? Have you ever taken something that didn't belong to you? Have you ever hated someone? Everyone has done at least one of these. That makes you a sinner. So just like the doctor in the video diagnosed the disease of malaria, we have diagnosed the disease that everyone has – sin.

Do you remember that they said that malaria can be treated with medicine? I have good news for you because sin can be treated, too!

What is the "medicine" to treat sin? Is it doing good things for God?

Read Romans 4:5:

"But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness." (NKJV)

This verse in the Bible tells us the cure for our sin disease. The medicine is believing in Jesus. Faith and believing are the same thing. You must believe that Jesus died for your sins on the cross and rose again three days later. You cannot save yourself by being good or doing good things. You must be saved through faith in Jesus Christ. That is the only way to be cured from the disease of sin.

What is the diagnosis of every person? Sin. What is the medicine? Faith alone in Christ alone.

STOP 3

Lesson Objective: To illustrate the truth of Luke 12:34.

Materials needed: Small treasure chest boxes, markers and stickers, Luke 12:34 printed from template at the end of this lesson, small hearts printed from the end of this lesson

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Or

Materials needed: Treasure Box template, Luke 12:34 template and small hearts printed from the end of this lesson, crayons, glue

Read Luke 12:34:

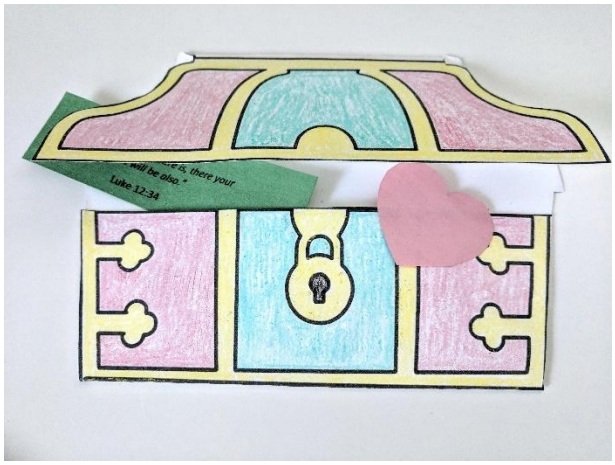
"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (NKJV)

Whatever you love most is your greatest treasure. Jesus should be your greatest treasure. We will talk more about this in just a minute. Right now we are going to make something to remind us that whatever our greatest treasure is, that is where our heart is. That is what we love the most.

Give each child a blank treasure chest, a copy of Luke 12:34, and a small heart. Let them decorate the treasure chest and the heart with markers and stickers. Put the treasure chests together according to the directions on the package and place the heart and the verse inside.

Or

Give each child a copy of the Treasure Chest template. Older children may cut out the treasure chest themselves, but you may want to pre-cut them for younger children. Fold to resemble a treasure chest. Glue the bottom flap at the side edges only. Let the children color their treasure chest. Give each of them a heart and a verse to place inside.



FINAL DESTINATION

Lesson Objective: To help children understand that you must be willing to give up everything to follow Christ.

Materials needed: Pictures printed of beach resort, children sleeping on mats, and children singing (at end of this lesson)

In the video, Jesse introduced us to Chris and Lisa Moore. Do you remember where Jesse told us that Chris went to school? He graduated from Rift Valley Academy (RVA) in Kijabe, Kenya. *(We learned about RVA in Lesson 5.)* Do you remember what Rift Valley Academy is called? A greenhouse for missionaries. Do you remember why it is called that? It is called a greenhouse for missionaries because so many kids who graduate from there become missionaries. The school grows missionaries like a greenhouse grows plants.

But Chris's wife Lisa did not graduate from RVA. She did not want to be a missionary. She said when she and Chris got married that she did not want to be in the ministry or go to another country. But now she lives in Kenya, Africa serving God as a missionary. What changed her mind?

Hold up the picture of the beach resort. Chris and Lisa lived in the United States but were on vacation in Africa. This looks like an awesome place to go on vacation, doesn't it? While they were in Africa, they saw people who were very poor. *Hold up the picture of the children sleeping on mats on the floor.* Remember, we have talked about how many people in Africa do not have the things they need like good food to eat, clean water to drink, a nice home, and other things. The African Christians they met were still happy even though they were poor. *Hold up the picture of the children singing.* They slept on dirt floors, but they still sang beautiful praise songs to God.

After their vacation was over, Chris and Lisa went back home to the United States. They had a very nice home, nice cars, and good jobs. But Lisa said when she went back home she was not satisfied. Compared to most of the people in Africa, Chris and Lisa were rich. Why wasn't Lisa satisfied with that?

Read Luke 12:34 again:

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (NKJV)

The Bible says that your greatest treasure is the thing that you love most. Lisa discovered that the thing she loved most was not her nice home, cars, and all the other things their money could buy. She discovered that her greatest treasure was Christ. She loved Him more than anything else and she wanted to serve Him. So she and Chris moved to Kenya, Africa and

started Real 4 Christ Ministries where they share the gospel through building schools and medical clinics, drilling water wells and feeding children who attend their schools.

When you trust the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, He should become your greatest treasure. However, treasuring Jesus is not automatic. Sadly, there are many Christians who treasure their comforts and things more than they treasure Jesus.

Read Luke 9:23:

"Then He said to them all, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.'" (NKJV)

Jesus lost His life for us when He took the punishment for our sins on the cross. After we are saved, we have the privilege of offering our lives to Him by serving Him. We don't serve Him to earn salvation; we serve Him to celebrate our salvation!

What is your greatest treasure or material possession? Are you willing to give that up to follow Jesus?

Read Luke 14:33:

"So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple." (NKJV)

Jesus says that to follow Him you have to be willing to give up everything. You have to love Jesus more than anything else. He must be your greatest treasure. Jesus is the treasure who lives inside of every Christian. Let Jesus live His life through you, and you'll become a blessing, a light and God's treasure in this fallen world of darkness. Treasure Jesus in your heart, and He will treasure you as one of His ambassadors and disciples.

Let's pray and ask God to help us make Jesus our greatest treasure.

Lead them in a prayer something like this:
Dear God, please help me love Jesus more than anything else in the whole world. Help me to be willing to give up everything I have to follow Jesus. Help me be willing to go anywhere in the world – even Africa! – to serve Him. Amen.

Go over the Memory Verse:

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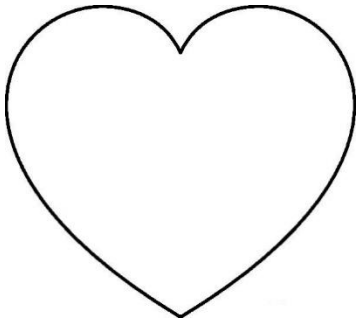
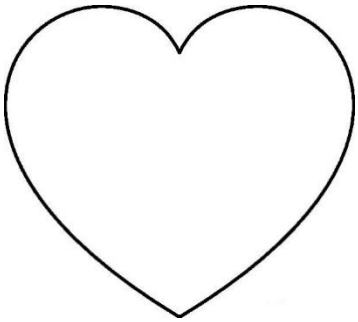
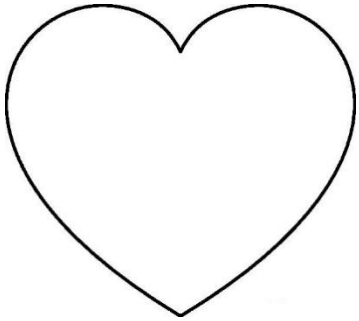
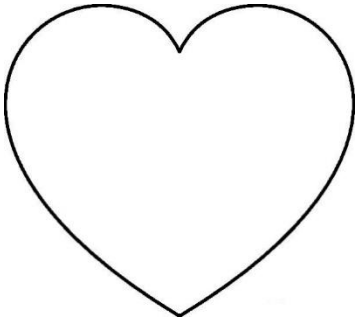
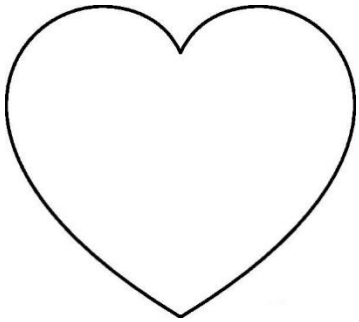
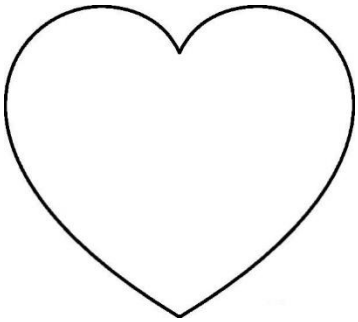
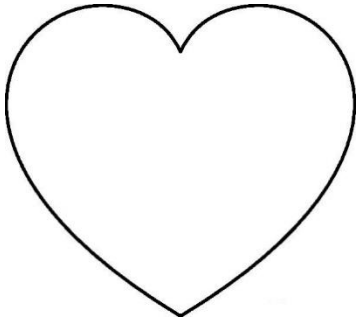
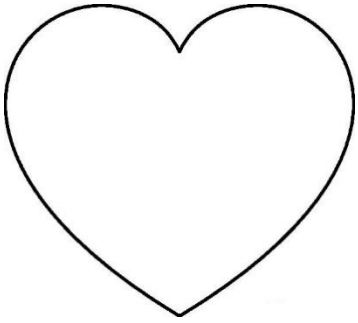

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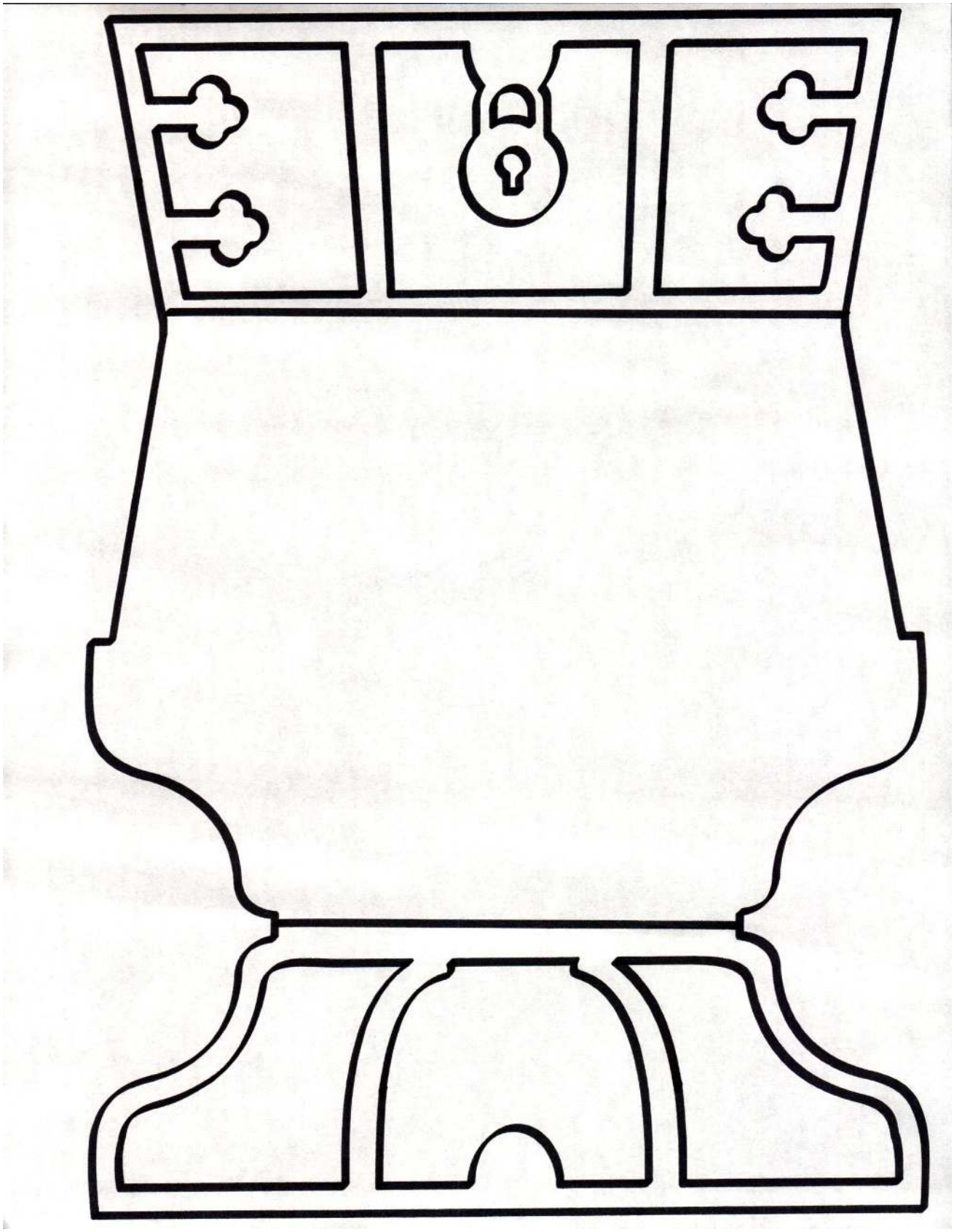

ADDITIONAL CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES

Luke 12:34 Coloring Page – http://www.akidsheart.com/bible/march/lk1234c.htm

Life's Greatest Treasure Coloring Page – http://starpoempickjuly.blogspot.com/2015/04/jesus-lifes-greatest-treasure-coloring.html

MISSION EXPLORERS AFRICA: THE MUSICAL

The song in the Lesson 11 video called Water of Life *comes* from Mission Explorers Africa: The Musical. *Kids Talk About God has created a children's musical based on the true story of an 11-year-old girl who travels to Africa to begin her global journey reporting on the work of real missionaries. Because this musical focuses on Africa, we asked one of Africa's top music arrangers and producers to record all eight songs in his Kenyan studio. The result is a genuine African sound that makes children want to dance and sing! For more information on how your church, Christian school, or local theater group can perform* Mission Explorers Africa: The Musical *or to listen to the soundtrack, visit kidstalkaboutgod.org/africa.*

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