

EXPLORING God's Global Family

LESSON 1 **PART 2**
Burkina Faso
Spiritual Emphasis: Evangelism

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Finishing the Journey

Take It Deeper

Read or listen to Romans 12:6–8, Paul's discussion of spiritual gifts. Ask your child to put in his own words his understanding of God-given gifts. Discuss the following points:

- Why does God give His children different gifts and talents?
- Discuss the different gifts/talents your child exemplifies. Discuss the giftedness of other family members or friends. What is the difference between a spiritual gift and a talent? How does God want us to use our gifts and talents to share the good news about Jesus?
- How can the talents God has given you be helpful to others? Think of different athletes who have great talent. Do they use their gifts to glorify God? If they are Christians, do they share their love for Jesus Christ with people who don't know Him? In what ways?
- Research Christian athletes and/or the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). Why do Christian athletes have special opportunities to share their faith with others? How do technology and media help famous athletes spread the good news to faraway places? How can you be an "evangelist" at the park, playground, or when playing team sports?

Give It Away

Action Plan:

- Simplify your sports stuff! Challenge your child and/or family to sort through your family's sports and play equipment. Create two or three boxes and label: *Keep*, *Give Away*, and *Maybe Give Away*.

- Sort through athletic clothes, shoes, balls, games, etc. and donate items you don't need to a local charity. Some sports stores will donate used running or soccer shoes to places in Africa. Involve your child in the delivery of the donated items.



This week, challenge your child to be a “smile giver” to someone else. Children may not have a lot of money or a lot of sports talent they can give to others, but they can be encouragers and comforters and can show their humor to help others. Challenge your family to see how many times in one day they can make someone smile!

Paper Beads



Africans often use recycled items to make beautiful jewelry, like these beads made from recycled paper. Try making the beads and then string them together to make necklaces or bracelets.

Supplies

- ✓ 5 pages from old catalogs or magazines
- ✓ 1 bottle of glue or one glue stick
- ✓ 1 wooden skewer

Instructions

- ➊ Cut long triangle-shaped strips out of your catalog or magazine pages. The bottom of the strip should be wider than the top of the strip. Make the strips 1/2 inch wide at the base and about 10 inches long.
- ➋ Take one of the triangles you have made and roll it tightly around the skewer. Glue down the tip and remove the "bead." Continue rolling your triangles and leave them to dry.
- ➌ Ta-da! Your beads are now ready to be made into beautiful, colorful creations!