

Friday, March 6th 2020
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
'Rise, take your mat and walk'
CHILDREN'S SERVICE
From the WDP Committee of Zimbabwe



(Please read the Leader's Notes about preparation well before the day of the service)

Leader: Welcome children! The people from the land of Zimbabwe welcome us. Zimbabwe means 'house of stones'. Kwaziwai! (kwuzWHY) This is how we say hello in the language of the Shona people in Zimbabwe. Can you say it after me? Kwaziwai! The Ndebele people say Salibonani (sah-li-bo-NA-nee). In English we say hello. Let's say them to one another.

Song: Jesus we are here; (x 3)
We are here for you

Saviour we are here; (x 3)
We are here for you

Master we are here; (x 3)
We are here for you

Spirit we are here; (x 3)
We are here for you

Prayer

Leader: Lord, we thank you for your gifts of life, peace, good health, protection and for your love. Thank you for being compassionate to us. Be with us as we learn from your word.

All: Help us to see, help us to understand. Help us to learn from you today. Above all, help us to grow in knowing you. Amen

Song Jesus loves me! this I know
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong;
I am weak but he is strong.

Chorus

Yes! Jesus loves me! (3)
The Bible tells me so

Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin;
Let His little child come in.

Chorus

Jesus loves me! He will stay
Close beside me all the way;
Then His little child will take
Up to heaven, for his dear sake.

Chorus

Bible Story

Jesus heals by the pool – John 5: 2-9a (Free Narrative)

Jesus performed another miracle in Bethesda, a pool by the sheep market which had five porches. Many people with different disabilities – the blind, lame and paralyzed – lay there waiting for movement of the water by an Angel. The first to step in after the stirring up of the water was healed.

One of the men, a lame man, who had been sick for thirty-eight years, was seen by Jesus, and Jesus knew he had been ill for a long time. Jesus asked him, “Do you want to be made well?” and the man answered, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take your mat and walk.” Immediately the man was made well and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Song: *O! O! O! how good is the Lord,
O! O! O! how good is the Lord,
O! O! O! how good is the Lord,
I never will forget what he has done for me.*

1 He gives me His blessing, how good is the Lord,
He gives me His blessing, how good is the Lord,
He gives me His blessing, how good is the Lord,
I never will forget what he has done for me.

O! O! O!

2 He gives me His healing, how good is the Lord,
He gives me His healing, how good is the Lord,
He gives me His healing, how good is the Lord,
I never will forget what He has done for me.

O! O! O!

3 He gives me His glory, how good is the Lord,
He gives me His glory, how good is the Lord,
He gives me His glory, how good is the Lord,
I never will forget what he has done for me.

O! O! O!

Bible Story Activity

(See Leader's notes)

Song: Jesus loves the little children,
(Sing twice) All the children of the world.
Every child in every land,
Jesus holds them in His hand.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

(If an offering is to be uplifted do it during the singing of this song)

Prayer

Leader: Jesus, you healed sick people,
and you speak kindly to us when we're down.
You help us to do what is kind and loving.
Thank you!

All: **Jesus, you bring us together,
helping people who are different to be friends.
Thank you!**

Leader: We thank you for our friendships
with other children, families and older people,
and we put our future in your hands.
In Jesus' name,

All: **Amen**

Activity

(See Leaders notes)

Song: If you believe and I believe
And we together pray,
The Holy Spirit will come down,
Zimbabwe will be blessed.
Zimbabwe will be blessed. (x 2)
The Holy Spirit will come down,
Zimbabwe will be blessed.

Prayer

Thank you, God of Joy for being compassionate to us and for healing us. Help us to depend on you for everything as we grow in reading your word and through prayer. We thank you for always meeting us and our parents as well as our country. Amen.

Please use the Leader's Notes. See also the Activity Sheet and the website: www.wdpscotland.org.uk

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