

1. Beauty in Rwanda



Each lesson has a video clip about Rwanda, no more than 5 minutes long each. The last day has two clips. The second one is a short clip of music and pictures to watch at the end.

- **Words in bold are things the teacher can say.**
- *Words in italics are instructions/actions for the teacher.*
- Regular words are extra information the teacher can use if he/she wishes.

We're going to learn a little bit about the Gospel message (about creation, the Fall and the salvation Jesus offers) **and what sharing and living that message in Rwanda looks like.**

Watch the video clip for day 1 (4:08 min.)

Name some things you saw in the video that are different than where you live (possible answers could be dancing in worship and bicycle made out of wood).

Name some things you saw in the video that are the same where you live (possible answers could be paved roads, kids playing soccer, wearing tee shirts, children helping their parents).

God created all sorts of wonderful things in the land and culture of Rwanda. Let's remember the creation story in the Bible.

Read or have someone read Genesis 1:1.

What other things did God create in this Bible story? (the heavens and the earth, land and water, plants, stars, sun, and moon, fish, animals, Adam and Eve, etc. If they don't know the creation story, you can sum it up for them.)

What did God think about His creation? (Genesis 1:21, or 1:31 if you want to read a verse)

What was life like in the Garden of Eden? (you can ask about different realms of life like food, health, relationship between Adam and Eve, relationship with God, gardening/farming. Examples of answers could be that they had lots of good food in the garden, they took care of the earth and the animals, Adam and Eve loved each other, they loved God and didn't sin, the

garden was beautiful, they were healthy because there was no disease and no death, etc.)

In all these different ways, life was very good! (Genesis 1:31)

Name some good things God created in Rwanda (examples: beautiful hills, good music, joyful kids, people like hanging out together, etc.)

Name some good things God created where you live (try to have them think of relational things, spiritual things, and physical/environmental things. Examples could be a pastor who cares about us, we are free to worship God in church, the Bible, shoes, school, nature/creation, loving family, etc.)

Take some time to pray and thank God for all of these good and beautiful things.

2. Brokenness in Rwanda

Last time we talked about how when God created everything, it was all good and perfect. Is life perfect now? (no) There are a lot of difficult things in Rwanda too. Let's watch the video clip about Rwanda.

Watch video clip for day 2 (2:36 min.)

What are some the difficult things about life in Rwanda? (examples: malaria, not enough food, crop failure, hatred, fighting, poverty, worshipping spirits and not God)

The good life in the garden of Eden didn't last. Why not? (Adam and Eve disobeyed God and had to leave the garden. They broke their good relationship with God. We call it the Fall.)

Read Genesis 3:17-19.

What happened because of the Fall? (struggle, hard work, difficulties, death)

What do you think happened with their relationship with God? What about their relationship with each other? (they disobeyed God, they felt ashamed and guilty, they blamed each other)

Let's read a story about someone in Rwanda who was experiencing a very difficult situation but was still obedient to God.



Mama Mutesi is a woman who has experienced a lot of difficulty in her life. She had six children but four of them have died, and her husband was in prison for many years. Recently, her church spent about four months studying and teaching on giving, and she learned a lot. There came a time when she and her family were struggling to have

enough to eat and they had not had food in almost a week. Then someone came and gave them a bit of food! As they were excitedly cooking the meal, a widow with children came to their door, begging for some food. Mama Mutesi's family said, "don't give her our food!" Mama Mutesi told the woman she couldn't help. Then, the Lord spoke to her, telling her she was being selfish with the food He had provided for her. So, she went back and gave the widow half of the food she had received. She only had a little bit, but she was obedient to God to give out of what she had. Then, another person came to the door. This person gave her much more food! You can never out-give God! Mama Mutesi was thankful for all the ways God was teaching her, blessing her, and providing for her.

What are some difficult/hard/bad things where you live?

Take some time to pray for people (in Rwanda or where you live or both) in these difficult situations.

3. Redemption in Rwanda

So far we have talked about how God created everything perfectly, but because of sin, things became bad, broken, and difficult. Does this mean there's no hope? Let's watch the video clip about Rwanda.

Watch the video clip for day 3 (0:55 min.)

So, what is the solution for all this brokenness? (Jesus)

Read Matthew 9:35-36

According to these verses, what kinds of things did Jesus come to do?

What are some ways Jesus can answer the problems in Rwanda?

When we follow God, He asks us to work with Him, to help bring the Good News of His Kingdom.

Missionaries are people doing this in a different country or a different culture. Does anyone know who the EFM missionaries are in Rwanda?



David and Debby Thomas are from Oregon. Their kids are Breanna, Aren, Gwen, and Alandra (show picture).



Brad and Chelsea Carpenter are from Kansas. Their daughter is Sarai. (show picture)



Molly Black is from Texas. (show picture)

What do you think life is like as a missionary? (eating, dressing & talking differently, being far away from friends and family, learning other ways to think about the world, learning to love other places and people, etc.)

Being a missionary is just one way we can work with Jesus to bring the Good News of the Kingdom. Let's read a story about a man who realized that Jesus came to save him, and that He cared about his daily life, even his farm.



Ugiriwabo is the pastor of Musovu Friends Church. He has been a farmer all his life, but God has been calling him to take better care of God's crea-

tion, especially in his farming. He began using fertilizer and mulching his fields. He has also been planting one crop in each field as opposed to mixing crops like most Rwandans do. He has been praying while he is working in his field, asking God to bless his crops. His harvests have been so good that the local government has noticed and has asked him to be a leader for farming in the community. His harvests are providing for his family and helping other people! He is a great example of taking care of the land and seeds that God has given him!

Ugiriwabo is working with Jesus in his fields and helping others in their fields. What are some ways you could work with God to bring the Good News?

What are some specific ways you can tell others about Jesus, help others, take better care of the environment, be kinder to friends and family, etc.?

Take some time to pray, thanking God for Jesus, and asking Him how you can work with Him to bring the Good News to others.

4. Transformation in Rwanda

Last week we talked about how Jesus came to save us and redeem the brokenness in the world. Let's see how the EFM missionaries are working together with the Rwandan church leaders to help others learn about and follow Jesus in all areas of life.

Watch the video clip for day 4, part 1 (2:55 min.)

What is the name of the ministry that they are doing?

The missionaries are working with Rwandan church leaders.



David Bucura is the superintendent of the Friends Church in Rwanda.
(show picture).



Augustine is working on the D for D team with the David Thomas and Brad Carpenter.
(show picture).



Tertullian is also working on the D for D team with Dave and Brad.
(show picture)

What are some of the ways God can help with (and is helping!) the problems in Rwanda? (knowing God, forgiveness of sins, forgiveness between Hutus and Tutsis, producing better crops, managing money better, learning about prayer, learning how to ask God for help in problem-solving, etc.)

Let's hear a story about someone who is really letting Jesus transform her life!



Marita was a person who felt like she was worthless. Her husband had died, and she was trying to provide for her children. She only had one set of clothes and walked with a limp. She was very ashamed of who she was. She said,

“I was someone that should have been thrown away...I was dirty!” She said that when she saw people coming in her direction on a path, she would try to hide before they got to her so she wouldn't have to talk to them. But, when people in the church started telling her about Jesus, He started transforming her life! She learned about how he cared about her life, her children, and even her clothes. As she decided to accept Him into her heart and follow Him she has been learning new ideas of how she can provide for her children. She is raising animals and food to sell at the market. Now when she walks down the road she is smiling and confident because she knows Jesus loves her. She wants to tell everyone about Jesus. Now she says “I am a woman that Jesus has totally saved!”

What are some of the ways God is bringing salvation, hope, and solutions to problems where you live?

Take some time to pray to thank God for work He is doing in Rwanda and to thank Him for the work He is doing where you live.

Watch the video clip for day 4, part 2 (2:12 min.) to end your time.