

# April Extra Activities

## For Threes and Fours

### Safari Animals

Supplies: toy safari animals in a gift bag

Invite preschoolers to take turns choosing an animal from the bag. As each animal is chosen, ask preschoolers to name and move like the animal. Say: Many of these animals live in Uganda.

### Watercolor Hearts

Supplies: watercolor paper, Bible, permanent marker, watercolor paints, brushes, scissors

**In advance**, use a permanent marker to draw large heart shapes on watercolor paper. Add the Bible thought to the middle of each heart.

Lead preschoolers to paint the heart shapes with watercolor paints. Say: The Bible tells us to love our father and mother.

Help preschoolers cut out dry hearts to give to their parents.

**Open the Bible and read:** Love your father and mother (see Ex. 20:12).

### Soccer with a Twist

Supplies: plastic orange, two large boxes

Use boxes turned on their sides to form soccer goals. Encourage preschoolers to play soccer by using the plastic orange as the ball. Say: Some children in Uganda do not have soccer balls, so they play soccer with an orange.

Pray together for children in Uganda to learn about Jesus.

### Water Relay

Supplies: four small buckets, two new sponges, water, towels

**In advance**, fill two buckets with water. Place them on one side of an outdoor area. Place the two empty buckets on the opposite side.

Divide preschoolers into two teams. Encourage preschoolers to stand behind the water-filled buckets. Say "Go!" so the first preschoolers in line can dip their sponges in water, carry them to the empty buckets, squeeze them out, and return to give the sponges to the next preschoolers in line. Repeat until all have had a turn. Check how much water preschoolers have transferred. Say: Uganda has many rivers.

**Caution:** Supervise carefully. Wipe up spills with towels.

## For Kindergarten

### Gaga Ball

Supplies: electronic tablet, foam ball, painters' tape

**In advance**, search online to see the shape of a gaga ball pit. Use painters' tape to make an octagonal gaga ball pit outline on the floor to fit your space.

Encourage preschoolers to stand with one foot on the tape. Lead preschoolers to play the game by tossing the foam ball at each other. Players must stay inside the ball pit. If a preschooler is hit by the ball, he is out. Once everyone is out, begin again. Say: Children in Uganda love to play gaga ball.

### Shadow Pictures

Supplies: toy safari animals, pencils, markers, copy paper

Sit outside in a sunny area. Let preschoolers select an animal, position their paper so the shadow of the animal is cast on their paper, and trace the shadow on their paper. Say: Many of these animals can be found in Uganda.

### Hot Potato Game

Supplies: bean bag

Sit in a circle. Ask one volunteer to stand outside the circle to say "stop." Everyone else must pass the bean bag around the circle until they hear "stop." The child left holding the bean bag trades places with the child who is outside the circle and becomes the next player to call "stop." Say: The Singerman children play Hot Potato with their Ugandan friends.

### Family Helpers

Supplies: Bible, people figures in a gift bag, blocks

Lead preschoolers to close their eyes and choose two or three people figures. As they build a home for their pretend family, read the Bible thought aloud. Encourage preschoolers to pretend the family members are helping at home. Say: We are helpers in our families!

**Open the Bible and read:** We are helpers (see 2 Cor. 1:24).