

DAY 2



Welcome back!

It's time to jump back into learning about how God PRUNES us because He loves us, and because He has a mission for us.

Who remembers what pruning means?

[Time for kids to answer]

Good job!

Today we're also going to talk more about the mission God has us on. Who remembers who we are trying to help on this mission?

[Time for kids to answer]

Yes, we're working together to help orphans! An orphan is a kid who doesn't have a mom and dad, and we're learning about orphans from where?

[Time for kids to answer]

Yes, Liberia!

Last time we learned many wonderful things about Liberia. But we also learned that because of a lack of jobs and money, many parents aren't able to care for their children. One way parents try to help their children have a better life is to send them to live in an orphanage. An orphanage is a place where children can live when their parents cannot take care of them, but it's also a place where children without moms and dads can live.

Today we met Evans who attended REAP's camp. Evans enjoys playing ping pong and hanging out with his friends.

What kind of games do you like to play?

[Time for kids to answer]

Who can remember what skill Evans learned at camp?

[Time for kids to answer]

That's right! Farming! Evans learned about farming from several teachers who showed him how to plant seeds and understand the weather and how it impacts a crop.

But most importantly, he learned how he cannot control the weather, nor how the planting will go, nor the crop. Only God brings the growth.

It's just like in our lives — only God allows us to grow and learn.

In Luke 8:14-15 it says, "The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches, and pleasures, and they do not mature. But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the Word, retain it, and by persevering, produce a crop."

As we see kids like Martha-Lyn and Evans learn new skills and learn about God, we are reminded that we are a part of this mission. Not everyone may be able to travel to Liberia to help at REAP's camp, but we all can pray. Let's pray that more and more children can go to camp and not only learn skills, but learn about God's Word (the Bible) and let it take root in their hearts as they grow in their faith to trust in Jesus.

As we pray, we can also serve together. One way we can serve children in Liberia is through sending a child to camp. It costs \$350 to send one child to camp — that's a lot for one person to raise. But together with your friends and family, you can help!

What are some ways you can help raise money for orphans in Liberia?

[Time for kids to answer]

Can we circle up like we did yesterday? Let's pray for the orphans in Liberia!

Lead in prayer

Day 2 Activity Options

1) Individual Option – Parable of the Sower Coloring Page

- a. Provide crayons for the children and print/photocopy this coloring page below that represents the Parable of the Sower we read about in Luke during this lesson. Allow the children to get creative and share about what each soil and plant represents.

2) Group Option – Pray for Liberia (Big Flags)

- a. Form a few small groups and put a volunteer with each one. Using a large white poster board with a pre-drawn design of the Liberian flag on it, let the kids in each small group work together to paint or color the red and blue parts onto the flag. You may want to have a picture of the flag handy, or write "red" and "blue" in pencil where they are supposed to color those portions. Hang each small group's flag up as decorations for the rest of the week.



For the Parents!

Take a closer look at what we learned today!