

# Kids for Kids

## Creative Ideas

Below are some creative ideas to weave the Rwandan theme through your entire time of VBS, camp, or other children's ministry. The purpose of these ideas is to help your kids engage personally and deeply in the stories and needs that they are hearing about from Rwanda, to help expand their awareness of other cultures and experiences, and to deepen their sense of partnering with other kids!

### 1. **Serve Rwandan food:**

Give everyone a taste of Rwanda by making traditional fried beans and rice! A good recipe for Rwandan fried beans can be found [HERE](#).

### 2. **Practice speaking Kinyarwanda words/phrases:**

Utilize this resource at <https://www.africanewlife.org/kinyarwanda> to teach a few Kinyarwanda words or phrases each day (just do your best!). Talk about what would change if the language we spoke to worship God in changed. How might our views of God be different?

### 3. **Host a lemonade or hot chocolate stand:**

Hold a lemonade or hot chocolate stand as a fundraiser for Africa New Life's Food and Care Program! Be creative with this one or keep it simple. Everyone loves lemonade stands! Choose a time and date to hold your lemonade or hot chocolate stand—you can make this a part of your big final celebration or even have the event a few days after the VBS is over. Explain to the kids throughout the week that the funds raised will help provide lunches for children in Rwanda. Make sure to share the time and date of your event on social media. This is a great way to get your whole congregation and community involved!

You can even create a fun competition with prizes! Choose two pastors, two VBS leaders, or two youth helpers, etc. Put out two jars for each person, and all week, tease that whichever jar is fullest will win a hilarious prize. The kids can pie the "winner" in the face, pour a bucket of slime over them, or anything the church wants or has the resources for. Learn

more about lemonade and hot chocolate stands at <https://www.africanewlife.org/lemons-and-cocoa>.

#### **4. Giant Jenga trivia:**

At the end of the week, pick two kids who think they paid the closest attention to play a game of Giant Jenga Trivia, using facts about Rwanda shared during the week and in the videos (you can make this easily out of two-by-fours). If they get the question wrong, they have to pull a block. To speed things up and have more fun, blindfold the contestants!



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