

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 Kinyarwandan words/phrases:**

Utilize this resource to teach one or two Kinyarwandan 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. **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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4. Rwandan-style relay race:

Hold a relay race implementing Rwandan elements.

**DISCLAIMER: The goal of this activity (as in everything we do) is to bring respect and dignity to the amazing people of Rwanda. While fun and engaging, this relay race is designed to facilitate serious discussion about what life is like in Rwanda, the hardships (such as walking long distances and carrying your only water for the day) as well as the unique and fun aspects (such as the creativity of children in turning busted tires into a game!). Representing another culture that is not your own could have unintended negative consequences if not handled appropriately – and children in particular love to laugh about what is different or foreign to them – so please be intentional and exceedingly careful in representing our Rwandan brothers and sisters well!*

- Carry a basket of potatoes on your head.
- Tire push. Simply roll a bicycle tire using only a stick. This sport of many rural Rwandan children is far harder than it looks! Check with your local bike shop if they'll donate busted tires and use strong sticks.
- Carrying water. Fill 2 buckets of water per person to carry by hand.
- Soccer (a favorite sport in Rwanda). Set up cones and have kids weave through them with the ball.

Thank you again for partnering with us and the children of Rwanda to transform lives!



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