

Become an American Leprosy Missions Pete Pal

SPECIAL MISSIONS PROJECT: Collect coins in your Pete banks to help kids around the world with leprosy.

Learn more: Use ALM's Pete the Pig activity pack for your Sunday School lessons



THE STORY OF WILBUR CHAPMAN

In 1913 a little boy named Wilbur Chapman wanted to help children with leprosy.

He took three silver dollars his friend Mr. Danner gave him and bought a little piglet that he named Pete.

Every day Wilbur fed Pete and took good care of him. Wilbur's friends and neighbors gave Pete scraps also.

Finally, when Pete was big and fat, Wilbur took him to the market and sold him for \$25. Wilbur sent the \$25 to Mr. Danner who worked at American Leprosy Missions.

"Please use this money to help a child with leprosy," Wilbur said.

Soon other children learned about Pete. They wanted to help children with leprosy too. But they couldn't raise a pig like Wilbur did.

They decided to save their coins in pig banks instead.

Today Sunday School children all over the country collect coins to cure kids with leprosy.

Sometimes they collect \$25 to start a child's treatment for leprosy. Sometimes they even collect \$300 to pay all treatment costs.

How to start: Make a bank, make a plan, set a goal

First you need something to collect your coins in:

Some children make pig banks from plastic bottles. They paste cloth ears on the pig and make feet out of corks. Some make their banks from oatmeal cartons and some make them out of coffee cans. Use your imagination.

(ALM regrets we can no longer provide Pete banks)

Next decide how you will collect coins. Here are some ideas:

- Sell lemonade or cookies (Maybe you can shape your cookies like pigs).
- Pass the bank around during Sunday School class and put quarters in to feed the pig.
- Put a pig bank on your dinner table. Drop a coin in at every meal.
- Pass the pig bank the next time your church has a spaghetti supper or other meal together.

Set a goal: The average cost to care for a child with leprosy is \$300. Maybe your class can cure one child this year. Ask other classes to help you.

Tell friends and family that you are collecting coins for cures. Invite people to visit ALM's website: www.leprosy.org.

Pray: Pray that people around the world with leprosy will be healed in body and spirit. Pray that God will use you for this special project.

Enjoy coloring and reading your Pete Activity Pack.



PETE THE PIG ACTIVITY PACK LESSON ONE

For Sunday School classes and others collecting coins to help people with leprosy



How Wilbur helped kids with leprosy

- Once a little boy named Wilbur bought a piglet he named Pete.
- Wilbur fed Pete and took good care of him.
- When Pete was big and fat, Wilbur took him to the market and sold him for \$25. Wilbur sent the \$25 to American Leprosy Missions.
- "Please use this money to help a child with leprosy," Wilbur said.
- Soon other children wanted to help kids with leprosy too.
- They couldn't raise a pig like Wilbur did so they decided to save their coins in pig banks instead.
- Today Sunday School children all over the country collect coins to cure kids with leprosy.
- We call these kids Pete Pals.
- Sometimes they collect \$25 to start a child's treatment. Sometimes they even collect \$300 to pay all treatment costs.
- Thanks for being a Pete Pal!

For Discussion

Why does Jesus want us to help others?

PRAYER

Dear Lord,
Thank you for teaching us to love and help others. Thank you for using our coins to help children with leprosy.

AMEN

What would Pete like to eat?
Draw a picture of his favorite food.



PETE THE PIG ACTIVITY PACK LESSON TWO

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■ Gita gets her medicine from a doctor's office in a van

● **G**ita lives in a tiny village in India.
● Her village does not have a doctor's office or a hospital. Nobody in her village drives a car.

● Today the leprosy doctor will arrive from a city far away. He'll park his van under a shady tree and take out his doctor kit.

● He'll examine Gita for leprosy.

● If the doctor discovers Gita has leprosy, he will give her special medicine called MDT.

● He will return to her village every month to see that she is getting better.

● When children cannot travel to a doctor or hospital, your coins help send the doctor to the children, even when they live far away.

● Have you ever heard of such things...a doctor's office in a van? Being examined outside under a tree?

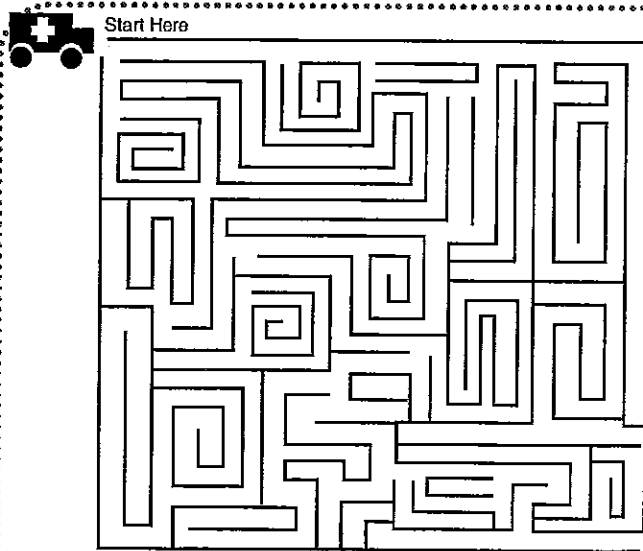
How do your Pete coins help children like Gita get better?

Where do you go when you are sick?

For Discussion

PRAYER

Dear Lord, Please use my gifts to help children like Gita get better. Thank you for the doctors who travel from far away to help kids with leprosy. Thank you for doctors who take care of me when I am sick. AMEN

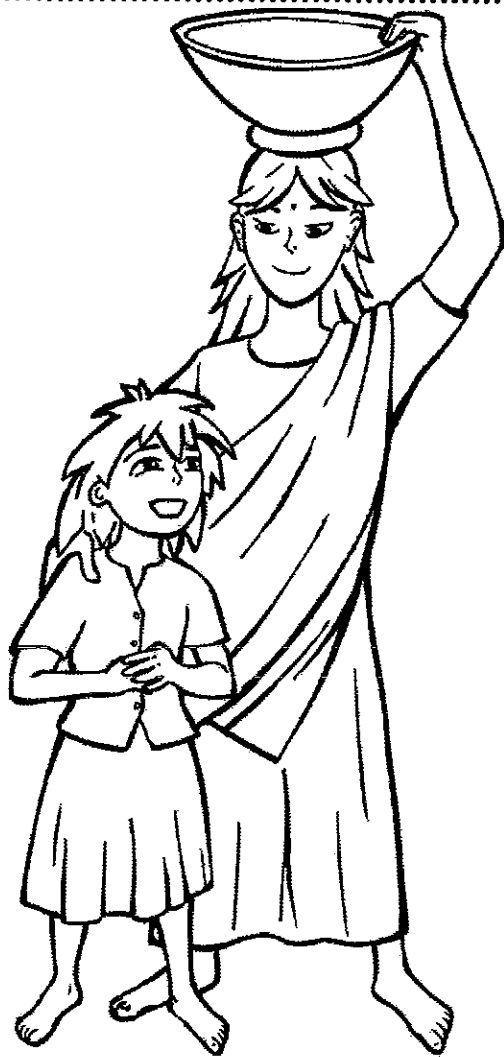


Help the doctor reach Gita's village



PETE THE PIG ACTIVITY PACK LESSON THREE

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Jesus said to help the poor

Mrs. Pradjit and her children live in a house that does not have sinks or water faucets. When she needs to wash her clothes or her pots and pans, she takes them to the river.

Her children do not own shoes or toys or bicycles. Their family does not have a car or a television or a telephone.

Mrs. Pradjit works planting and harvesting rice. She does not receive money when she works. She receives rice instead.

On the days that she works, she gets food.

On the days she is too sick to work, she does not get rice for her family.

In many parts of the world, people are very poor.

Your coins help poor people get better when they have leprosy.

What would Jesus do if he met someone who was sick...and the person had no money?

For Discussion

PRAYER

Thank you, God, for clean water, for clothes, for toys, and for all that we have. Help us to share with people who don't have these things.

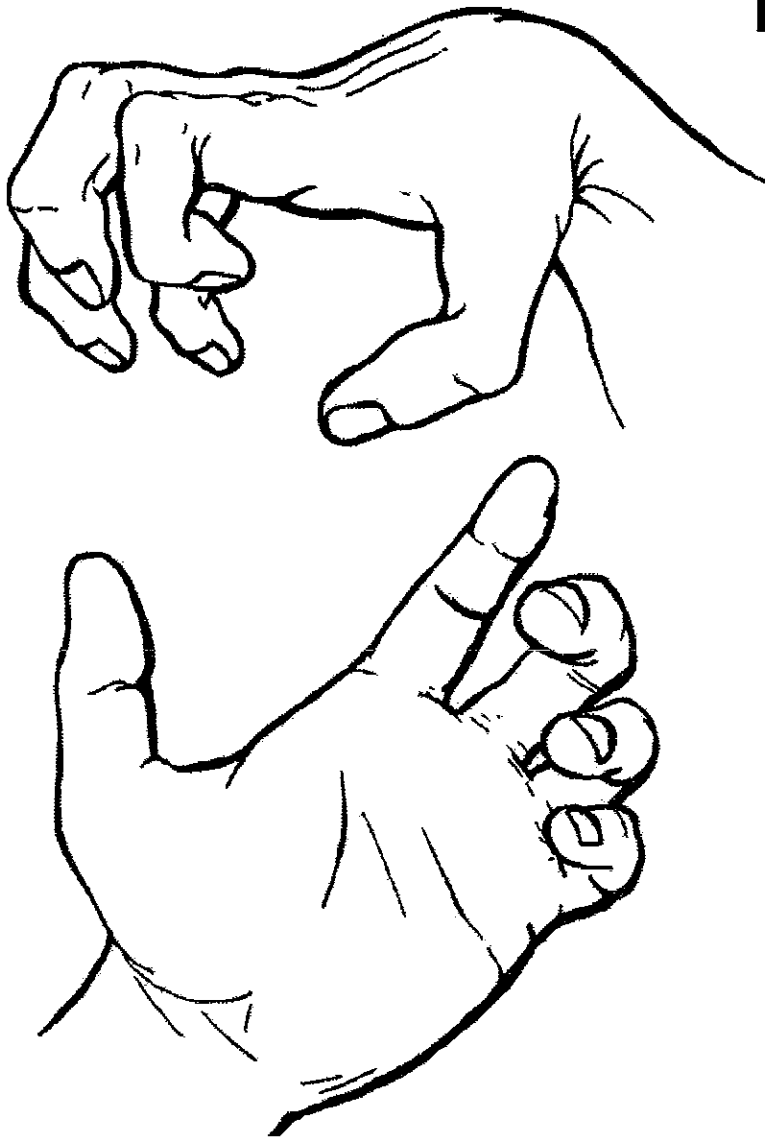
AMEN

Draw a picture of one of the ways you use water. What would you miss if you had no water in your house?



PETE THE PIG ACTIVITY PACK LESSON FOUR

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Leprosy made Kirose's hand look like a claw

Kirose lives in Ethiopia.

Leprosy damaged Kirose's hands.

Open your hand so it is flat in front of you with your palm facing up. Now bend your fingers towards you. Don't fold your whole hand; just bend the ends of your fingers until they look like a claw.

Leprosy gave Kirose a "clawed hand." Surgeons operated on Kirose's fingers so they would become straight again.

Your coins help American Leprosy Missions mend hands and feet that have been damaged by leprosy.

When Kirose's hand became clawed, he could not use it to hold a spoon or a pencil. He is thankful to the doctors who repaired his hand. What are some of the things you use your hands for?

For Discussion

How can you use your hands to help others?

PRAYER

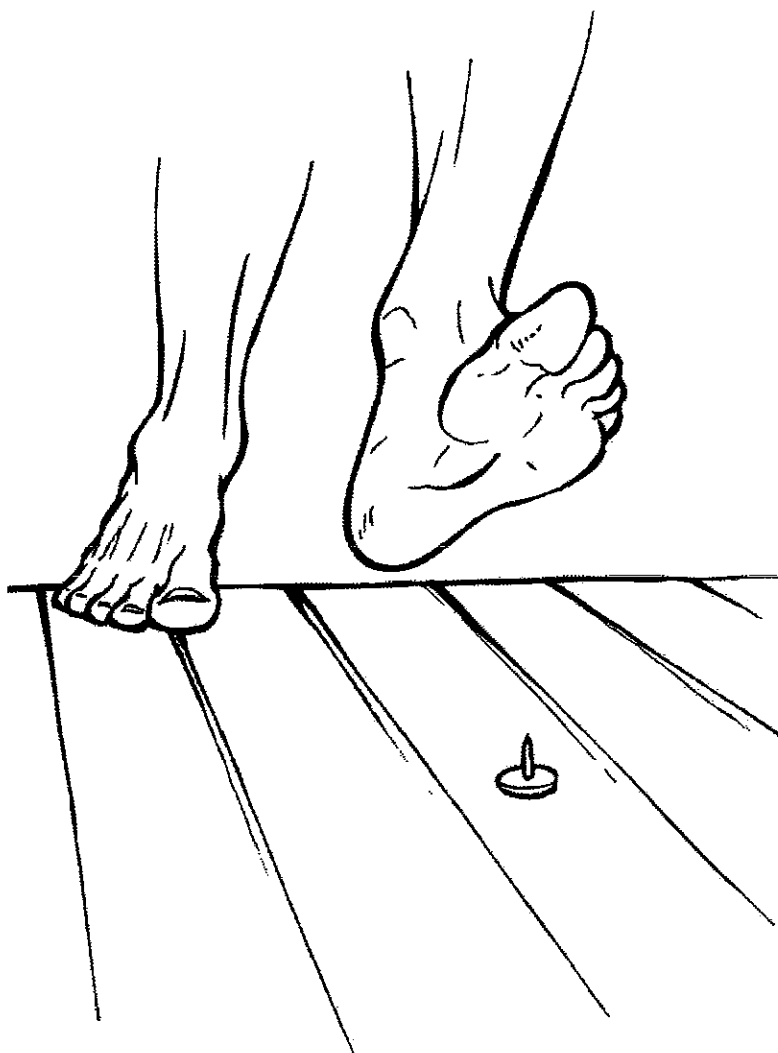
Dear Lord, Thank you for hands that can feel the fur of kittens and the coolness of water. Thank you for hands that can hold food and toys and flowers.
AMEN

Draw something you like to hold in your hand.



PETE THE PIG ACTIVITY PACK LESSON FIVE

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Nerves send important message to your brain

What happens if you burn your hand?

The nerves in your hand send a message to your brain: "Ouch! This is hot. This HURTS!!!"

When you step on a nail, the nerves in your foot send a message to your brain: "Oooooiiiiiii!!! Ouch, ouch, ouch!"

Leprosy damages nerves so you can't feel pain and injury. You don't pull your fingers away from fire or take a nail out of your foot because they don't hurt.

When you can't feel pain, you must learn to be very careful not to injure yourself.

God made our bodies very special. He even made nerves so we can feel pain. Why does he want us to feel pain?

For Discussion

PRAYER

Thank you, God, for the gift of pain. Thank you for nerves that tell us to pull our fingers away from danger. Thank you for nerves that warn us when our feet are injured. Thank you for our wonderful bodies. AMEN

Draw a picture of something that can hurt your hand.



PETE THE PIG ACTIVITY PACK LESSON SIX

For Sunday School classes and others collecting coins to help people with leprosy



How many words can you make from
the word
MISSIONARY?

**Dr. Kongawi is a missionary in
D.R. Congo**

A missionary is someone who
shares God's love with
others. Some missionaries work in
far-away countries.

Dr. Kongawi is a missionary in
Africa. He works in a country
called the Democratic Republic of
the Congo. He gives his patients
medicine so they will recover from
leprosy.

Sometimes he gives them
Bibles, also. He reads to them and
teaches them to pray for healing.

Dr. Kongawi wants his patients
to get better. He also wants them
to meet a wonderful new friend
named Jesus.

Your Pete coins buy Bibles
for people who want to learn
about Jesus.

**Does your church send missionaries
to other places to help people
learn about Jesus and God? Ask
your teacher to tell you
about your church mis-
sionaries.**

For Discussion

PRAYER

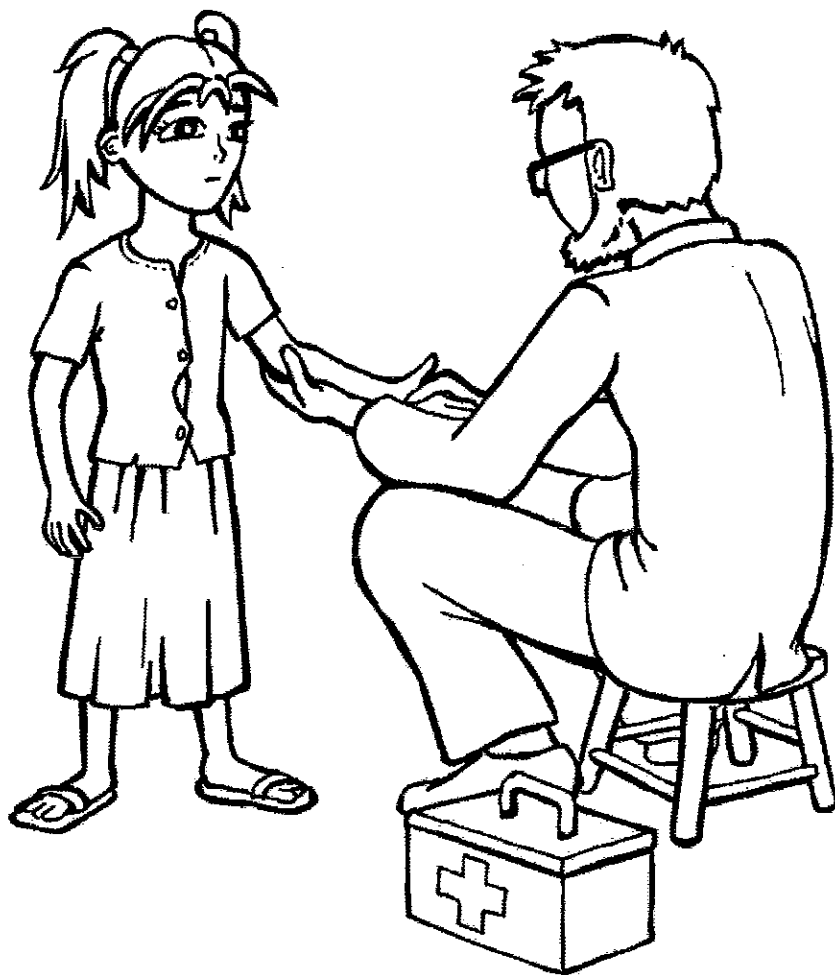
Thank you, God, for
missionaries. Thank you for people
who leave their own homes and trav-
el to distant places to tell people
about Jesus. Please be with our
church missionaries and protect
them. AMEN



PETE THE PIG ACTIVITY PACK LESSON SEVEN

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No shots for leprosy



● Shots, ugh! Nobody likes them,
 ● but we know they are for our
 ● own good. The doctor gives us shots so
 ● we won't get diseases like measles and
 ● mumps.

● There is no shot against leprosy.
 ● What do healthworkers do so children
 ● won't become injured and crippled
 ● from this disease?

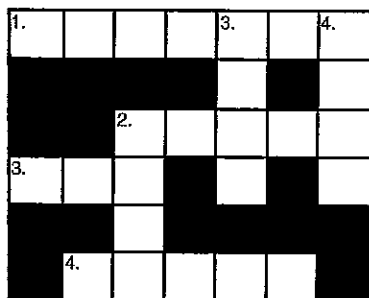
● Sometimes they visit every house
 ● in a village. They check each member
 ● of the family and look for small white
 ● patches of skin that show leprosy has
 ● started. Sometimes they go to schools
 ● and give each child a check-up.

● It's important for healthworkers
 ● to find leprosy patches early so they
 ● can give children medicine to cure
 ● their leprosy.

● The money you collect in your Pete
 ● banks helps health teams find kids
 ● with leprosy. Your gifts help cure
 ● these children so they will grow up
 ● strong and healthy.

How can doctors tell if a child has leprosy? Why is it very important for doctors to discover leprosy early?

For Discussion



ACROSS

1. What doctors look for when they examine kids for leprosy
2. A disease we get shots for
- 3 This helps us see
4. He did miracles and healed people.

DOWN

2. Wilbur's pig
3. Jesus says we should _____ others.
4. This keeps us from getting some diseases.

PRAYER

Thank you, God, for shots that keep us from getting diseases like measles and polio. Thank you for doctors who help us recover when we are sick. AMEN



PETE THE PIG ACTIVITY PACK LESSON EIGHT

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JESUS healed the sick

Jesus liked to help others. He liked to heal people who were sick.

He healed blind people and people who could not walk. He healed old ladies and young girls. Once he healed a man who could not speak. He healed people with leprosy.

Sometimes he even healed multitudes. That's a lot of people!

The Bible tells us, in Matthew 15:30, "Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them those who were lame, blind, mute, maimed and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet and He healed them."

Your Pete coins help doctors, nurses, and missionaries who want to be like Jesus and heal people. Your coins buy bandages, medicine, and other supplies to make sick people feel better.

Sometimes Jesus is called the Great Healer. Why is this? Read Matthew 15:31. Many different

kinds of people were healed. What did they do after Jesus healed them?

For Discussion

Fill in the blanks.

1. _____ is called The Great Healer.
2. Jesus healed people who were _____
3. Jesus healed CROWDS of people. Another word for crowds is _____

Fill in the blanks

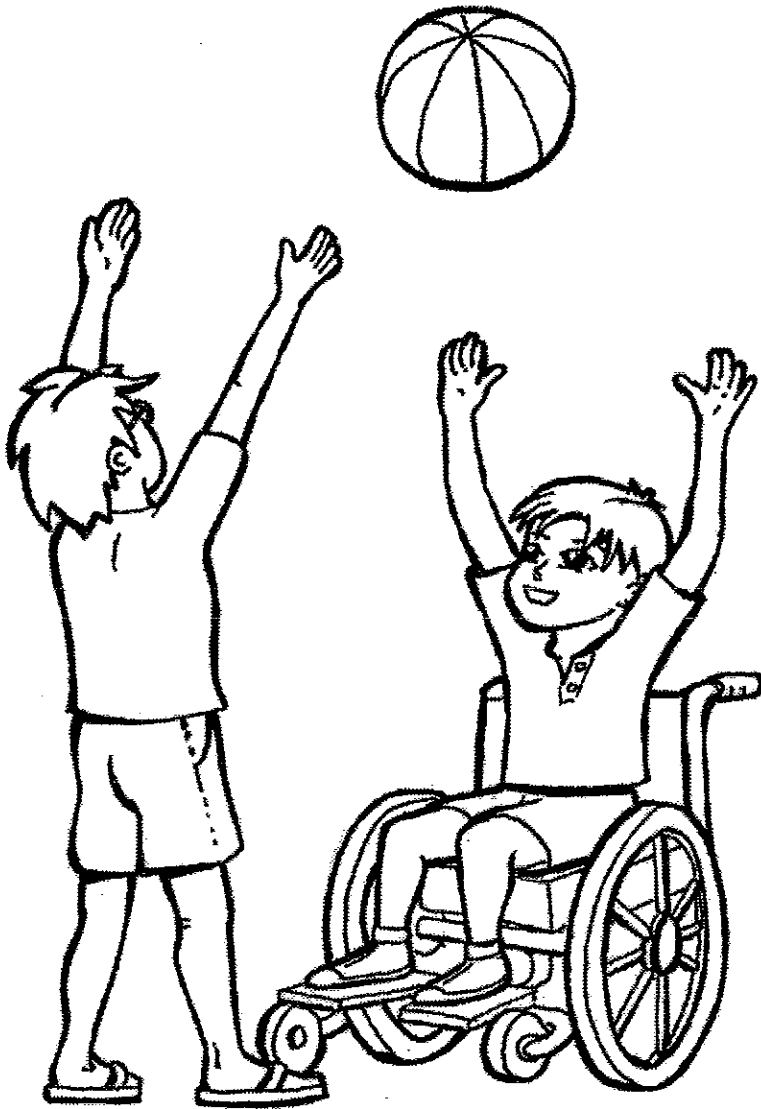
PRAYER

Dear Jesus, Thank you for all the healing you do. Thank you for using our Pete coins to heal people who are sick from leprosy. Help us remember that you want us to love people who are poor and sick. Help us to be like you.
AMEN



PETE THE PIG ACTIVITY PACK LESSON NINE

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JESUS says we should love one another

Some people with leprosy get bad sores on their feet. Others get crooked fingers.

They are sad because they can't walk very far. They can't use their fingers to button a shirt or open a present.

Their crooked fingers and bloody feet are not the worst part of their disease, though.

The worst thing is when other people run away from them.

They are sad when people call them bad names like "Leper." They are sad when other children say, "We don't want to play with you."

Jesus taught us to love everybody. He wants us to love sick people as well as healthy people. He wants us to love people even when their hands are crooked and their feet have sores.

Some children cannot walk or run very well. Some children don't speak very well. Some children are deaf and cannot hear you when you speak. How do you let them know that you will be their friend?

For Discussion

PRAYER

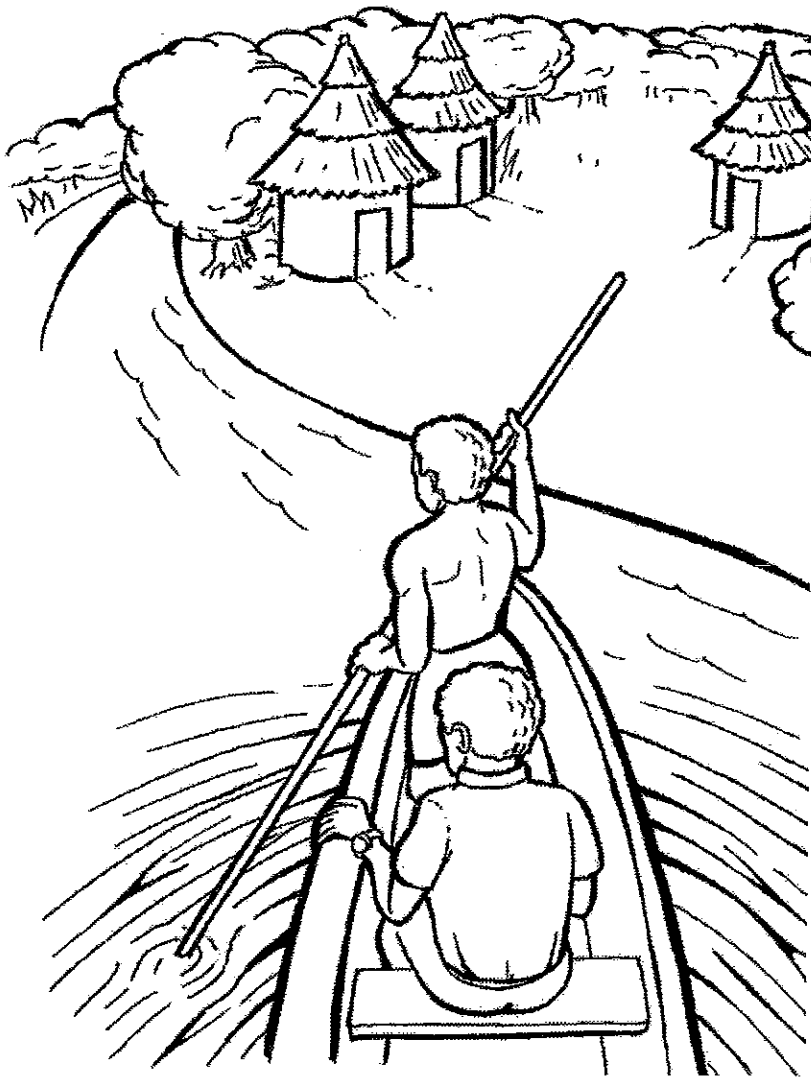
Dear God, Thank you for teaching us to love one another - even people who look different from us. Help us to remember that you love all the children of the world and help us to be kind to everyone we meet. AMEN

Draw a picture of something you do with a friend.



PETE THE PIG ACTIVITY PACK LESSON TEN

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Dr. Kongawi travels all day to visit Fifi

Dr. Kongawi decided to visit a little girl named Fifi. He drove six hours along a narrow road.

Then the road disappeared and became a little path through the jungle. Dr. Kongawi left his jeep and rode a motorbike for two hours.

Then he came to a river. He called to a man on the other side, "Come with your boat. Take me to see Fifi."

He traveled on the river for two hours.

Finally, Dr. Kongawi arrived in Fifi's village. He gave her medicine for her leprosy. He gave her a hug and made her feel very special.

Even though Fifi lives so very far away, Dr. Kongawi wants her to get better. He loves Fifi so much he will travel all day to reach her. He visits her every month.

Fifi must be very special, don't you think?

Why does Dr. Kongawi travel all day long just to visit one child? Do you think Jesus would travel so far for a little girl like Fifi? Would he travel all day for you?

For Discussion

Sing this song:

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know..
For the Bible tells me so
Little Ones to Him belong
We are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus Loves Me .Yes, Jesus Loves Me. Yes, Jesus
Loves Me
The Bible Tells Me So.

Sing it again and instead of saying, "Jesus Loves Me,"
Sing, "Jesus Loves Fifi."

If you d like, sing it again with someone else s name.

PRAYER

Thank you, Jesus,
for people like
Doctor Kongawi who will travel all
day just to visit one sick child.
Thank you for reminding us that
every child is special to you. Thank
you for letting us help children like
Fifi with our Pete coins. AMEN.

