



 FILTER OF HOPE



KIDS' CLEAN WATER PROJECT



CHURCH EDITION



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WELCOME!

Thank you for choosing Kids' Clean Water Project by Filter of Hope! We are excited to help you launch this project with the children in your ministry. We are here to help. Please contact us at kidscleanwaterproject@filterofhope.org or (205) 310-4950 with any questions.

HAVE FUN!

KIDS' CLEAN WATER PROJECT

GOALS

To provide a meaningful and impactful project for your kids and church.

EDUCATION

Cultivate a heart in children for the needs of people in poverty

Educate your kids and family about the global water crisis using the curriculum, videos, and games provided

Help your children and children all over the world understand the Gospel.

Give children verbal and visual proof that they can make a difference.

There are so many problems in the world and our children can feel powerless to do anything about them. This problem is something they can help change.

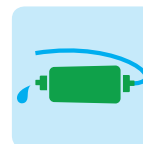
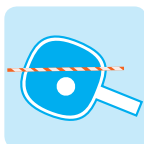
FUN

Provide fun using the provided games and craft ideas related to water.

FUNDRAISING

Encourage kids to raise money to provide water filters for kids just like them.

For each \$10 raised, kids just like yours can have clean water for up to ten years. Your kids can do chores around the house, sell their art projects online, and more to raise money.



LAUNCH CHECKLIST

☐ DECIDE HOW TO IMPLEMENT THE PROJECT

The material is designed to be customizable. Depending on the time available for the project, there are different options. Use this project as a VBS missions project or use it on a Sunday for 4-5 consecutive weeks. Adapt the material to best fit your goals and program!

☐ GATHER YOUR MATERIALS

- ☐ Copy of the curriculum
- ☐ Copies of Take Home Sheets or emails from the pdfs provided for each day (1 per child)
- ☐ Silicone rubber bracelets for each child, provided by Filter of Hope*
- ☐ Dirt or cow manure to put in your water bucket, provided by Filter of Hope*
- ☐ Clear plastic cups for water filter demonstration
- ☐ Sample pot for pasta
- ☐ Strainer
- ☐ Marbles, legos, or something else that won't go through the holes of the strainer
- ☐ Demo kit provided by Filter of Hope*—including water filter, hand drill, cleaning syringe, bucket, manure, stir stick
- ☐ Optional: Order water bottles for each child from Filter of Hope for \$2 each, depending on quantity purchased*

**NOTE: Contact us at kidscleanwaterproject@filterofhope.org to request these items*

☐ CHOOSE WHERE TO SEND YOUR FILTERS

Your group can decide where the filters raised from your project's efforts will be distributed!

1. Send them with Filter of Hope to one of our partnering countries.
2. Send them to an area of need with a missionary or mission trip supported by your church.

READY TO LAUNCH!

Have you completed your Launch Checklist? If so, you are ready to present the Kids' Clean Water Project to your children! It's time to prepare 5 short sessions—one for each day of your project. Each session is designed to be a 15-minute presentation; however, we have also included games and other activities for you to create a lesson that best fits your goals and program. Have fun with this, and please adapt the material to your group's needs.

SESSION OVERVIEWS

SESSION 1: YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

INTRODUCE THE PROBLEM AND PROJECT TO YOUR KIDS

- Help kids understand that they can make a difference in the world
- Empower kids to make an impact on the Global Water Crisis.
- Help kids understand that they can how do something about the Global Water Crisis
- Introduce kids to the need for water filters for kids in poverty around the world
- Present a goal and end date to raise money to provide filters for kids in need around the world

SESSION 2: HELPING OTHERS IS FUN!

INTRODUCE THE SOLUTION—THE WATER FILTER—AND LEARN HOW IT WORKS

- Help kids understand how the filters work.
- Ask each child to commit to raising money for filters that will be used to provide clean water to other kids in need around the world. Remind them of the goal; we recommend at least \$10 per child; many can do much more.
- Brainstorm ideas for how they can get involved and raise money.
- Remind the kids of the group goal and the end date.

SESSION 3: JESUS WANTS TO BE YOUR FILTER

INTRODUCE THE GOSPEL USING THE FILTER—GIVE KIDS OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND

- Help kids to understand the Gospel through the illustration of the water filter. (It's a very clear and easy way to share the Gospel.)
- Provide kids an opportunity to receive Christ.
- Have kids commit to pray for the people who will be receiving the water filters and hearing the Gospel.

SESSION 4: WHO YOU ARE HELPING

INTRODUCE MARIA WHOSE LIFE WAS CHANGED THROUGH A FILTER

- Expose kids to the story of Maria and her family and how these water filters changed their lives.
- Remind kids of the fundraising goal and end date.

SESSION 5: WE HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE!

ENCOURAGE KIDS IN WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED

- Thank the students for their hard work and giving hearts as the fundraiser is completed.
- Pray and ask God to use the money to help others and share the Gospel with kids all over the world.
- Remind the kids they can make a difference in the world. Encourage them in what they've learned.

Session 1

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Introduce the problem and project it to your kids

PREPARATION • • • • •

- ☐ Demo bucket fully assembled, but empty—clear plastic bucket and filter (provided by Filter of Hope)
- ☐ Filter of Hope Kid's Clean Water Project video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V3FsQOcrSI0&t=2s>)
- ☐ Photos if desired (see digital resource kit)
- ☐ Take Home Sheet #1
- ☐ Filter of Hope Bracelets for each child—hand out on the way in
- ☐ Figure out a landmark or popular restaurant that everyone would know that is 3 miles from your location for use in the lesson.

MISSION OBJECTIVES • • • • •

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WATER KID SKIT SESSION 1 • • • • •

(We know that depending on your church, many VBS programs have main sessions each day of the program where it would be helpful to do a skit to illustrate the project. We have provided a short script built around the concept of a “Water Kid” character who is learning you don’t have to be big to make a big difference. This skit can be performed daily during your VBS program if you have the time and ability to perform.)

(Child is with older sibling. The sibling is holding a soccer ball and in athletic clothing, ready for soccer tryouts. The younger sibling has a backpack. They pull out their own soccer ball. The older brother laughs at them with his friends.)

Younger Sibling—Riley: I’m ready to join the team!

Older Sibling: What do you mean, little one? You are too young to be on this team!

(Team joins in and laughs again. Team walks away.)

Riley: (sighs and sits down on the floor) I can’t do ANYTHING. I’m too young. It’s just not fair.

Coach: (Walks over to child and sits beside them) Hey, Riley. What’s going on?

Riley: Everyone’s laughing at me! I’m too young. I can’t do anything important!

Coach: That is certainly not true, Riley! When I was your age, my dad used to say something to me when I felt this way: ‘You’re never too young to make a difference.’ Dad helped me realize that I could do something very important: Serve others! People have needs all around you. Look around, and see how you can make a difference. Wait a minute....I have an idea! I’ve been looking for someone to fill a very important position on

this soccer team.

Riley: (looks up at coach hesitantly, but hopefully) Really?

Coach: Yes, I'm looking for a Water Kid! I need someone to make sure everyone has enough to drink. Are you ready to make a difference on this soccer team?

Riley: (pauses to think) Okay, Coach! I'm ready to make a difference! I'll be your Water Kid!

DISCUSSION OF SKIT

Have you ever felt like Riley did at the beginning of the skit? It can be hard when we feel like we can't be a part of something or can't make a difference.

What was it that Riley was going to do for the team? Why is that important?

LESSON • • • • •

When you are thirsty, what do you do? (get water)

How do you get water? (sink, refrigerator, water bottle, etc)

EXPLANATION OF PROBLEM

Here in (Your city), it's pretty easy to get a nice cold drink of water, right? We don't even have to think about it.

Unfortunately, this is not the case for many people around the world. Most people don't have water in their houses. Many have to travel long ways to creeks, rivers, or lakes. The UN estimates that in Africa and Asia the average person travels more than 3 miles to get water. That would take most people more than an hour.

(Before the lesson, figure out how far that would be from your church and include that in the lesson. e.g. It would be like taking an hour to walk to Wendy's and back everyday, sometimes more than one time per day just to have water to drink.)

What's more, many times, even after they have walked an hour to get water, the water they get is dirty. Remember, it's from a creek or river or lake. And not only does it look dirty, but there are germs that you can't see in the water that make them sick and can even make them die.

Did you know that unsafe water kills more people every year than all forms of violence put together, including war? (UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon, May 23, 2010). Every minute of every day, someone in the world dies from a disease they got from drinking dirty water.

*But here is the cool thing—you can do something to help. **You can make a difference!***

(Show the Kids' Clean Water Project video if possible. This will set the stage for your program for the week, introduce your kids to the water crisis and show them the filter. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V3FsQOcrSI0>)

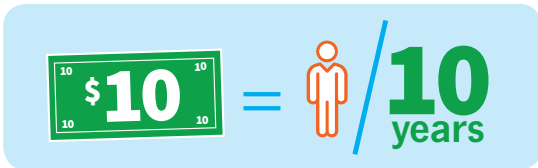


YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! • • • • •

Remember when I said that you can do something to help?

We are going to raise money for water filters just like this (show your kids the Filter of Hope filter already connected to the empty bucket). This filter will make their dirty water safe to drink and will remove all of the bacteria in the water that makes them sick.

It only costs \$40 and can provide a family with up to 250 gallons of clean drinking water a day for up to ten years! How old will you be in ten years? (Responses) Yes, even when you are (in high school, driving, etc.), these kids will still be using the filter you provided for them.



Here's the cool part—these are shared by the whole family and their neighbors. On average, each filter is used by 4 people. (You could ask older kids to do the math: Filter is \$40 and they are shared by 4 people. How much would it be for one person to have clean water?) **So, for every \$10 raised, one person will**

have clean water for 10 years. Who wants to help give clean water drinking water to a kid just like you?

Tomorrow we are going to learn more about how the filter work and you're going to be amazed! But for now, we want you to do something to raise money in order to help provide clean water to kids who need it, because **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

THE KID CHALLENGE—SESSION 1 • • • • •

Each night we are going to give you a challenge to do—a fun activity for you to try that will help you get a better idea of what it's like to live in a different part of the world and not have clean water.

We talked about how far most people have to walk to get water—more than three miles. They carry empty containers on the way there and containers full of water on the way back.

Tonight I'd like you to do a Water Walk Challenge. You'll need your parent's help/permission. See if you can get your whole family involved. Get container of water based on your size—water bottles, 2 liter bottles, milk jug, bucket. Carry it to the end of the block and back. Can you carry it further? How many times can you carry it back and forth? More details are on your Take Home Sheet.



Preschool
water bottles



Early elementary
2 liter bottle



Late elementary to middle school
Milk jug



High school to adult
Bucket or even two buckets

CLOSE • • • • •

Let me pray for us. Dear God. Thank you for the chance to help provide clean water for kids around the world just like us. I pray that You would help us to find ways for each of us to raise at least \$5 so that we can make a difference. Amen.

Be sure to come back tomorrow to learn more about how this little filter works and how You Can Make a Difference!

Repeat after me, "I can make a difference!"

Session 2

HELPING OTHERS IS FUN!

Introduce the problem and project it to your kids

PREPARATION

- ☐ Sample pot for pasta
- ☐ Strainer
- ☐ Marbles, legos, or something else that won't go through the holes of the strainer
- ☐ Bucket demo kit—including manure, stick to stir (paint stir stick works well)
- ☐ Two clear cups
- ☐ Ping pong ball
- ☐ Drinking straw
- ☐ Take Home Sheet #2 or email
- ☐ The Skeptic—on Day 5 we need someone who has been a skeptic about drinking the water from the filter. For the biggest effect, have that person—small group leader, pastor, etc.—start saying now that they **believe** that the filter works, but **they** aren't drinking it.

MISSION OBJECTIVES

- Help kids understand how the filters work.
- Ask each child to commit to raising money for filters that will be used to provide clean water to other kids in need around the world. Remind them of the goal; we recommend at least \$10 per child; many can do much more.
- Brainstorm ideas for how they can get involved and raise money.
- Remind the kids of the group goal and the end date.

RECAP FROM YESTERDAY

Hello boys and girls! Welcome back! Yesterday we talked about how many kids all over the world don't have access to clean water. They drink water that is dirty and makes them sick. Then we learned that this little water filter can help. (Gesture to filter.) We are so excited to share how the water filter works with you today.

But first, who remembered to complete the Kid Challenge last night? What did you do? (acknowledge responses after each question) Who else from your family joined in? What was it like? How do you think it would feel to be the one responsible for walking for an hour each way to provide water for your family?

We are very proud of you for being brave and giving the challenges a try!

BRAINSTORMING WAYS TO RAISE MONEY

Also, thank you to everyone who has started working to raise money for Filter of Hope water filters to give to people that have to drink dirty water. They get sick from drinking the unclean water, and we want to help them. Have any of you had a chance to raise money? Great job! Keep it up everyone!

What other ideas do you have? Those are great ideas!

On your **Take Home Sheet** (or email) today, there are some more ideas how you can raise money. Talk with your parents and decide which ones you are going to do.

Who remembers when the money is due? That's right, you have until _____ to turn in money. I know together we can help many families get clean water!

WATER KID SKIT SESSION 2 • • • • •

(Riley the Water Kid returns home from school with backpack on and water bottles in his arms)

Mom or Dad: Hey there! How was your day today?

Riley the Water Kid: Hey Mom/Dad! My day was great! It's only been 5 days of being a Water Kid, and I'm loving it!

Mom/Dad: Really? I thought you were sad that you were too young to play on the high school soccer team with your older brother/sister!

Riley the Water Kid: I was sad at first. I thought I was too young to do anything important. But coach helped me see that I can make a difference by doing this and helping others!

Mom/Dad: We are so proud of you!

Riley the Water Kid: What I didn't know is how much fun I would have while serving! Being a Water Kid and helping team is so much fun! It's a blast! I love being a part of the team. They even let me kick the soccer ball with them sometimes after practice.

Mom/Dad: You are right! Helping others is so much fun! Let's think of other ways we can have fun while helping others!

DISCUSSION OF SKIT

How do you think Riley's family might help others?

LESSON • • • • •

INTRODUCTION

How are we trying to help others this week? (We are helping others by giving them clean water.)

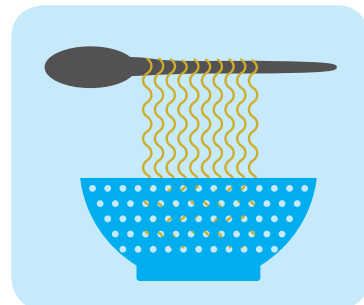
Yesterday we talked about how even though we can easily get clean, safe water, many people in the world have to walk a long way to get water. And when they get it, it is often dirty and can make them sick or even die.

Today we are going to look at how we can help with this little filter (hold up filter).

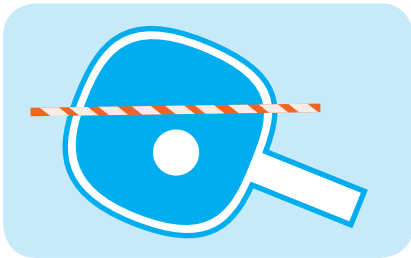
IT'S LIKE MAKING PASTA

How many of you have watched your mom or dad make pasta or even made it yourself? What were the steps? (Summarize.)

1. Put water in the pot—show pot
2. Boil the water
3. Pour into strainer (pretend to pour into strainer) what happens?
4. Pasta stays in strainer and water goes through.



These—(hold up marbles or legos or something that won't go through the holes)—represent the germs, bacteria, dirt, and the bad stuff in the water. **These germs can make people sick and even cause them to die.**



Putting *E coli*, the smallest bacteria through the hole in the filter would be like trying to push a ping pong ball through a straw.

Just like the strainer catches the pasta and the water goes through, this filter catches the dirt and all the germs and the clean water goes through. With the pasta, you want what the strainer catches. With the water filter, you want what it doesn't catch—pure, clean, safe water.

HOW THE FILTER WORKS

Let's see how it works with the filter.

This water is just water we got here at the church. **To make it like most people in the world drink, we are going to add some dirt.** But it's not just dirt in the water. Many times if there is just one river or stream to get water, it's not just people who use it. Animals use it too—to get a drink, to take a bath, and even to go to the bathroom.

We are actually adding manure to the water. Who can tell me what manure is? That's right, it's poop. (Stir in the manure.)

To use the filter, all we do is lower the filter down below the water. It just works by gravity. (Demonstrate the filter to show them how it works. Make sure you drink the clean water in front of the kids. The filters are EPA approved and the purified water exceeds all US Drinking Water Standards.) **This filter will clean 250 gallons of water every day for 10 years.**

(Have water demonstration questions? Contact us at kidscleanwaterproject@filterofhope.org or watch this demo video: <https://youtu.be/INbvHs2VLAs>.)

REVIEW

How is the water coming out clean again—how does it work?

Remember, our goal is to raise money for these filters so that we can give clean water to kids just like you who desperately need it.

THE KID CHALLENGE—SESSION 2 • • • • •

Tonight our challenge is about helping others, just like Riley did. Think about toy different types of people to help, Usually we think about helping those close to us--a friend, a parent, a neighbor, a teacher. How could you help someone like that? Choose something to do and do it. Be creative! There are lots of ways to help others.

We can also help people far away. **What about the people we have been talking about this week—people who don't have clean water? What can you do to help them?**

CLOSE • • • • •

I'm excited to hear about how much fun you all have trying to help people without clean water. Remember to plan out with your family what you're going to do to raise money and start working on it. **Repeat after me, "Helping others can be fun!"** Keep up the good work, and I will see you tomorrow!

Session 3

JESUS WANTS TO BE YOUR FILTER

Introduce the gospel using the filter—give kids an opportunity to respond

PREPARATION

- ☐ Demo bucket Filter of Hope water filter with dirty water from Day 2
- ☐ Clear plastic cups
- ☐ Take Home Sheet #3 or email
- ☐ The Skeptic—on Day 5 you will need someone who has been a skeptic about drinking the water from the filter. For the biggest effect, have that person—small group leader, pastor, etc.—start saying now that they believe that it filters, but they aren't drinking it.

MISSION OBJECTIVES

- **Help kids to understand the Gospel through the illustration of the water filter.** This is a very clear and easy way to share the Gospel directly with children.
- **Provide kids an opportunity to respond to the Gospel.**
- **Have kids to commit to praying for the people** who will be receiving the water filters and hearing the Gospel.

DO YOU THINK YOU COULD CHANGE THE WORLD?

Watch the video “How to Change the World”—the world is changed by ordinary people . For all ages.

What did you think? Do you think you could help change the world? That's what we are trying to do— help provide kids like you with water filters. How do you think you could do this? Do you think you could do things to raise money to give filters to families in need?



RECAP FROM YESTERDAY

*Good morning boys and girls! Welcome back, we are so excited to see you again today! **Who was able to try the Kid Challenge last night?** Who did you help? (choose a camper to respond) What did you do to help? How did they respond? How did it make you feel to have helped someone?*

***What about helping those who don't have clean water? Was anyone able to raise any money for water filters?** (choose a camper to answer) What did you do? It's not too late! You still have until _____ to bring in money to help kids just like you.*

LESSON

INTRODUCTION

It's been great to be with you this week. I'm so glad we can do something about the problem of clean water in the world! And it's fun to be involved in helping others.

LIVING WATER FOR EVERYONE

There are other ways to help change the world. Besides clean water, there's something even more important that families around the world need. Do know what that is?

One day Jesus met a woman who was getting water from a well. He told her that if she drank that water, she would get thirsty again, but if she drank the living water that Jesus could give her, she would never get thirsty. This lesson is all about the living water that makes us right with God and gives us eternal life.

JESUS IS OUR FILTER



GOD LOVES US

You see, God loves us so much. He created us, made us to be friends with Him. And God is perfect. He is pure and clean just like the water that comes out of the filter (point to clean water). And that's where the problem comes in.



THE PROBLEM OF SIN

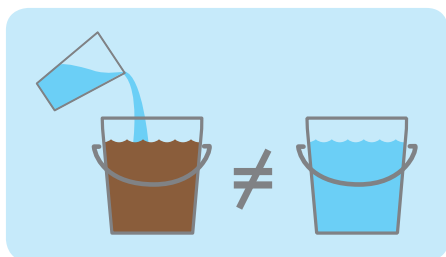
See, I am guessing you are just like me and try to be good and do the right things. But, no matter how hard we try, we still sometimes mess up. (give examples of what that may look like for them...take a brother's toy, say something mean to our friend, disobey our parents, etc).

We are all like that. None of us is perfect. **The Bible calls the bad things we do sin.** This sin make our heart dirty—kind of like this water (point to dirty water).

The Bible says it this way in Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death" or separation from God. Even though God wants to be friends with us, **our dirty hearts keep us separate from Him.**

Like our sin, this drinking water is dirty and can make us sick and maybe even die.

When water is dirty, can you take the dirt out yourself? Could you, say, pick the little pieces of dirt out and make the water clean? (pretend to pick dirt from water)



Could you make the water clean by adding clean water to the dirty water? How much water would you have to add to the dirty water to make it clean? (pretend to add clean water to dirty water)

That's right, you can never make this water clean on your own.

Just like we can't clean the dirty water ourselves, we can't clean our hearts ourselves. (pretend to pick dirt from water) We can't just do good things to make up for our mistakes. (pretend to add clean water to dirty water) We can't be kind to our friends or go to church to make our hearts clean. We can't make dirty water clean by adding clean water.



JESUS CAME TO BE OUR FILTER

How can this water become clean? (choose a camper respond) *That's right, the filter.* (filter water to demonstrate again) *The water runs through the filter and takes all of the dirt and yucky stuff out of the water.*

Look at the rest of Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through

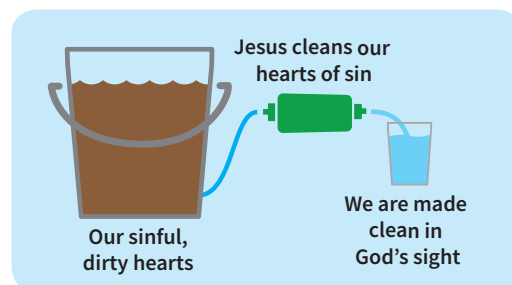
Christ Jesus our Lord.” **For us, Jesus is our filter. He took all of the bad stuff we have done, or ever will do upon Himself. He died on the cross so that He could clean our dirty hearts from sin and we could live forever with Him.**



JESUS CAN BE YOUR FILTER

Would you like Jesus to be your filter? Would you like Him to clean your heart so you can be friends with Him and live with Him forever? All you have to do is tell Him.

If you would like to talk with someone more about this, you can come up and talk to one of us, your small group leader, your children’s pastor, or your parents when you get home.



WATER KID SKIT LESSON 3 • • • • •

Mom or Dad: You’ve really encouraged us to look for ways to serve others around us. You know, this reminds me of how Jesus loves us and serves us!

Riley: Yeah, we learned at church last week that Jesus gives us the perfect example of how to serve others! We love others because He first loved us! I can even show the love of Jesus for others by giving them water at soccer practice!

Mom/Dad: At church, we heard about another way to serve others. It reminded us of you because it involves giving water to people!

Riley the Water Kid: Really?

Mom/Dad: Yeah! We can give clean water to kids all around the world through an organization called Filter of Hope! Many kids are drinking dirty water out of creeks, rivers, and lakes, while we just turn on the faucet and drink clean water without even thinking about it. This dirty water can make kids very sick!

Riley the Water Kid: We’ve got to do something to help! Let’s do a fundraiser to give clean water to these kids around the world. Hmm...I was thinking maybe I could do some art to sell or maybe email some friends and family to see if they want to help. Let’s go find it and get started!

(Mom/Dad and Riley walk away excited)

THE KID CHALLENGE—SESSION 3 • • • • •

Are you ready for tonight’s challenge? This one has two parts:

- 1. Tell someone about Jesus.** It could be a friend, a brother or sister, or just talk it over with your parents. Explain to them about our dirty hearts and how Jesus wants to be our filter and clean them.
- 2. Take a few minutes to pray for the people who will receive the filters** that will be provided by the money we raise. Pray that they would want to know Jesus and be friends with Him.

Who thinks they could do this?

CLOSE • • • • •

Let me pray for us. God, thank you so much for each boy and girl here today. Thank you that even though we all deserve to be separated from you because of our sin, you sent Jesus to die on the cross for us to clean our dirty hearts. I pray that You would help us tell someone tonight about You and how You want to be a filter for each and every one of us. I pray also for those people who will be receiving the filters we provide that you would open their hearts to You as well. Help us raise money to help as many people as possible. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Remember, _____ is the last day to bring in money for clean water, so don't forget to bring in the money you've collected. Already we have raised enough to provide _____ filters. Let's see if we can provide _____ more.

Session 4

WHO ARE YOU HELPING?

Introduce Maria whose life was changed through a filter

PREPARATION • • • • •

- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Picture of Maria & her family is available in the free Digital Resource Pack
- ☐ Take Home Sheet #4 (or email)
- ☐ The Skeptic—on Day 5 you will need someone who has been a skeptic about drinking the water from the filter. For the biggest effect, have that person—small group leader, pastor, etc.—continue saying that they believe that it filters, but they aren't drinking it.

MISSION OBJECTIVE • • • • •

- **Expose kids to the story of Maria and her family** and how these water filters changed their lives
- **Remind kids of the fundraising goal and end date.**

OPENING • • • • •

Welcome back! So excited to be with you again today.

How did last night's challenge go? Were you able to talk to anyone about Jesus? What about praying for the people who will get our filters?

Let's talk again about what our project is. Who remembers what we are raising money for? How has it been going? What have you done to raise money? Has it been fun?

LESSON - THE STORY OF MARIA • • • • •

INTRODUCTION

We've spent this week learning about how there are people in the world who don't have access to clean water. In fact, every day 3000 kids die from drinking dirty water. We also learned that Filter of Hope has a filter that can take out of the water all the germs and things that make people sick. After that, we talked about how our hearts are just like the dirty water and how Jesus wants to be our filter to clean our hearts.

Today we want to look at one specific family whose lives were changed by this water filter.

This is a story about a little girl named Maria. She and her family live in Havana, Cuba. She is 5 months old, but she has a problem. Her body doesn't work the way it should. She can't digest food the way you and I do. The doctors tried to help her, but their solution was only temporary.

There was a way to fix her problem permanently. However, the doctors said they could only do the surgery if Maria had clean water to drink. Without clean water, Maria would just get sick all over again.

Her parents were so sad. They wanted the doctors to help Maria, but the only way they could have clean

water was if they bought bottled water. They didn't make enough money to buy bottled water so Maria would not be able to have the surgery.

Then one day, a group of people with Filter of Hope stopped at their house. They were there offering a water filter that would make their water clean.

The group showed them how to install the filter, how to use it and how to clean it. They explained that this water would be even cleaner than the bottled water that they couldn't afford and would be safe for them and for Maria to drink.



The parents were so happy! They couldn't believe that Maria was going to be able to have her surgery. Maria's parents asked why would the group give such an incredible gift to them. Even if this kind of filter were available in Cuba, it would cost more than a month's salary—something they could never afford.

The group was able to tell them that it was because of God—because of how much God loved all of them. **Maria's parents were amazed that God would not only want to save their little girl from sickness, but that He also sent Jesus to make a way for their hearts to be clean and for them to be friends with Him.**

That is why we are working so hard to raise money this week! We want children like Maria to have clean water and be healthy. We want people like Maria's parents to know about Jesus and begin a friendship with Him.

WATER KID SKIT LESSON 4 • • • • •

But sometimes even though we are trying to work hard to help others, it doesn't seem to be working. Let's see what is happening with Water Boy.

(Water Kid sits at a lemonade stand discouraged)

Mom/Dad: How's your fundraiser going?

Riley: No one is coming to the lemonade stand for the Filter of Hope fundraiser! This stinks!

Mom/Dad: It's okay! God is still at work!

Riley: What do you mean?

Mom/Dad: God is in control. He is working even when we can't see it right away! We need to trust Him.

Riley: You're right. I'm gonna trust that God is working even when I can't see Him. I'm going to give God what I have and trust that He will use it!

(As mom/dad walks away, someone approaches the lemonade stand and we see Riley get a surprised, excited look.)

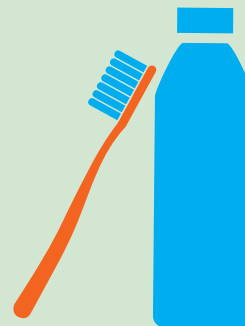
DISCUSSION OF SKIT

What was Riley's problem? How did he feel? What did he decide to do?

THE KID CHALLENGE—SESSION 4

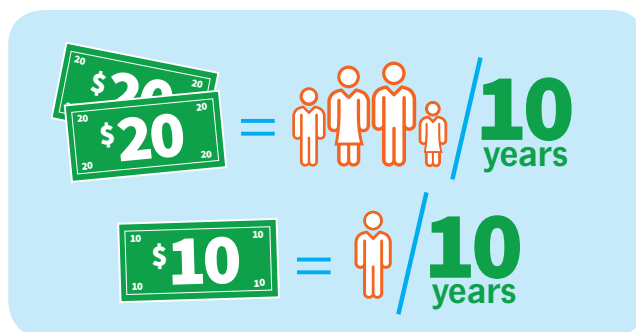
For tonight's Kid Challenge, we are going to do two things:

1. **First, you still may want to see God provide more money for you to give for water filters.** Ask Him to give you opportunities to do this.
2. **The second challenge goes back to the dirty water that people around the world are living with. We know their water is not safe to drink. If it's not safe to drink, then is it safe to brush your teeth with? We challenge you to brush your teeth with bottled water tonight.**



CLOSE • • • • •

Don't forget that next time we meet is the last time to give for water filters. Let's see how many lives we can be a part of changing and let's pray for them as well!



Session 5

WE HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE!

PREPARATION

- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Take Home Sheet #5—There is also an 8.5 x 11 sized version in the Digital Resource Guide.
- ☐ The Skeptic—we need someone who has been a skeptic about drinking the water from the filter.

MISSION OBJECTIVES

- **Thank the students for their hard work and giving hearts** as the fundraiser is completed.
- **Pray and ask God to use the money to help others** and share the Gospel with kids all over the world.
- **Remind the kids they can make a difference in the world.** Encourage them in what they've learned.

OPEN

Welcome back, boys and girls! ***I can't believe that this is our last day for our missions project. As of yesterday, we had raised enough money to provide _____ water filters. I am excited to see how many we end up with.***



Before we dive into our lesson today, ***who was able to complete one of the the kid challenges last night?***

How about the first one? Did anyone see God provide a way for you to be able to give money? (pause and acknowledge responses along the way). What happened?

What about the other challenge? Was anyone able to brush your teeth with bottled water? What was it like? Does anyone remember why did we did that challenge?

Great job taking on these challenges!

THE WATER AND THE FILTER TEST

(You'll find below a suggested list of questions. Choose the questions that you feel best fit your group.)

Today we are going to see just how much you have learned about what people call the Global Water Crisis. We are going to play a game where I will ask you questions and you will work together to try to come up with the right answer.

So you know how The Skeptic said that they would NEVER drink the water? Well, we've been talking and they said that if you guys can answer 10 questions right, The Skeptic will drink the water! Who thinks we can do it?

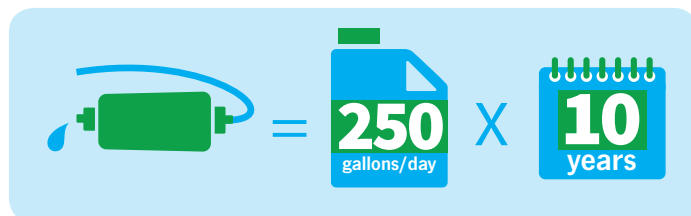
SESSION 1 QUESTIONS

- **What is the average distance that people in Africa and Asia have to walk to get water?** (more than 3 miles)
- **Name three places outside someone's house they may have to go to get water.** (streams, rivers, lakes, wells)
- **Name three things that make surface water—lakes, rivers, streams—dirty?** (people/animals bathing, people washing clothes, animals/animals going to the bathroom)
- **Why does the water they are drinking sometimes make them sick?** (bacteria and parasites that are in the water)
- **How many people in the world have to drink water that is contaminated with feces (poop)?** (2 billion)
- **True or False: Lack of access to clean drinking water prevents children from going to school.** (True: Many kids are responsible for collecting water for their family. This often takes time away from education and play, making it nearly impossible for them to ever break out of the cycle of poverty. Also, sometimes kids are too sick to go to school.)
- **True or False: Water-related sicknesses are the leading cause of human sickness and death worldwide.** (True: Over 3,000 children die each day from unsafe drinking water. UNDP. That is equivalent to a child dying every 30 seconds from a preventable water related disease. CDC)



SESSION 2 QUESTIONS

- **How many gallons a day will the water filter produce?** (250 gallons)
- **How long will the filter last?** (10 years)
- **How much does a filter cost?** (\$40)
- **How does the filter work?** (like a strainer—catches the dirt, bacteria, parasites, etc)
- **What size are the holes inside the filter?** (.1 micron)



SESSION 3 QUESTIONS

- **What makes our hearts dirty?** (our sin, our bad choices, etc.)
- **True or False: I can clean my heart myself by doing good things.** (False. I can't add enough clean water to dirty water to make it clean. It will always be dirty.)
- **How can our hearts become clean?** (Jesus wants to be our filter.)

WATER KID SKIT WRAP UP • • • • •

Older sibling: Hey Riley! Some of the kids on the soccer team drove past your lemonade stand the other day. They recognized you because you're the Water Kid for our team. They wanted to know what you were raising money for and I told them you were trying to give clean water to kids all over the world with Filter of Hope! They thought it was so cool and asked coach if the team could get involved!

Riley: Really? They did!? What did coach say?

Older sibling: Coach was all in! We are going to do some fundraisers as a team, and we want you to join us! Way to make a difference! Because you were willing to serve on our team and have a fundraiser for water

WATER GAMES

WATER SPONGE RELAY • • • • •

What You'll Need:

- ☐ One sponge for each child
- ☐ Two buckets or containers for water per team

Prep:

- ☐ For each team, fill one bucket with water and place at starting line. Place empty bucket a set distance away on opposite side of room or area.
- ☐ Divide the kids into teams.
- ☐ Each team stands in a single-file line behind a bucket filled with water
- ☐ Give the first child in each line a sponge.

Play:

When the leader says "Go," the first child in line will dip their sponge into the bucket and fill it with as much water as possible, then run to the opposite bucket to squeeze out their water. However, the sponge must be carried with one or two hands on the top of their heads. The next child in line repeats until everyone on the team has gone. The team that transfers the most water is the winner.



CUP TO CUP • • • • •

What You'll Need:

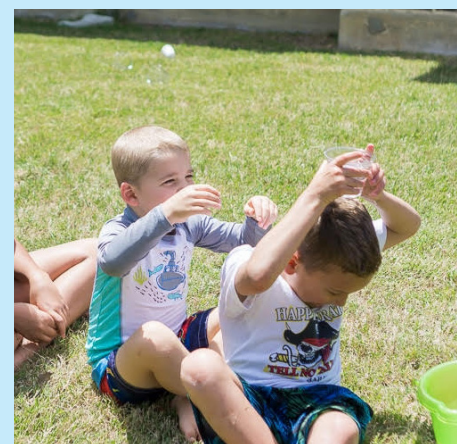
- ☐ Two buckets per team
- ☐ One cup per team

Prep:

- ☐ Put one full bucket of water at the start
- ☐ Divide into teams
- ☐ Have one player sit right behind the bucket.
- ☐ Have the rest of the team sit in a straight line right behind the first player.
- ☐ Have the last person in line turn and face the other way so the last two players are back to back instead of facing the same direction.
- ☐ Put another smaller bucket or a bucket with a marked halfway line in front of the last player.

Play:

Give the first player an empty cup. They must dip the cup in the full bucket of water and pass it backwards over their head to the next kid. The second kid must then pass it over to the third and so on until the final kid on the team dumps the water in the cup into the empty bucket. Then pass the empty cup of water back up to the front. The first team to fill their bucket wins.



WATER BALLOON "SKEEBALL" TOSS • • • • •

What You'll Need:

- ☐ Five Water Balloons per child
- ☐ Bucket/can to hold water balloons
- ☐ Five large plastic bowl—dollar store
- ☐ Waterproof point labels (use smaller numbers to make the math easier)

Prep:

- ☐ Set up bowls and point labels
- ☐ Divide into teams
- ☐ Line up teams single-file behind water balloon bucket

Play:

Each player gets 5 water balloons to toss and get as many points as possible. Team with the most points wins.



OBSTACLE COURSE • • • • •

What You'll Need:

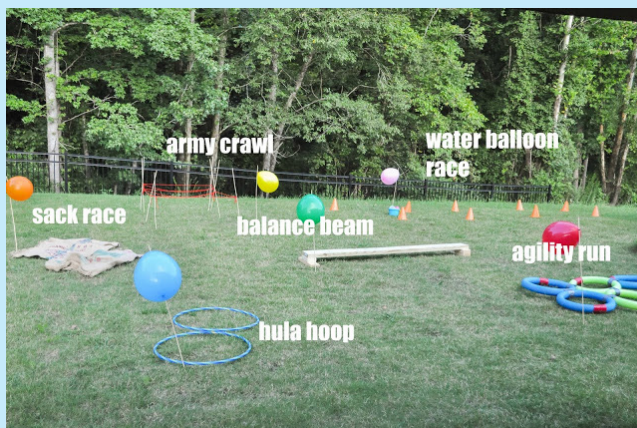
- ☐ The internet is packed with ideas for making an at-home obstacle course. Just add water to any of them. Objects for the course such as hula hoops, balls, obstacles to climb through, etc.
- ☐ One cup per child
- ☐ Two buckets per team

Prep:

- ☐ Set up obstacle course for kids to navigate
- ☐ Place bucket full of water for each team at start
- ☐ Place empty bucket at end of course for each team—you may want to label with team letter/number
- ☐ Divide the kids into teams and place in single-file line behind full bucket

How to Play:

The kids will go through an obstacle course while carrying a cup full of water trying not to spill any water. The team who fills their bucket with the most water wins!



WATER BALLOON RELAY • • • • •

What You'll Need:

- ☐ Lots of water balloons—at least two per child
- ☐ Bucket/can to hold water balloons per team
- ☐ Cone or other marker for turn-around point per team
- ☐ One wooden spoon per team

Prep:

- ☐ Divide into teams
- ☐ Line teams single-file behind water balloon bucket

Play:

The first player gets one water balloon and places it on wooden spoon. She must carefully move to the turn-around point and come back, keeping the balloon on the spoon. If the balloon falls off, she must go back to the start and restart until she can complete the trip without dropping the balloon. She passes off the spoon to the next player and the race continues as before. The first team to finish wins.



INSTALLING THE WATER FILTER

1. Take out the drill and place the tip of the drill 1 inch above the bottom of bucket. **Drill the hole.**
2. Once the hole has been drilled, **make sure the edges of the hole are clear of loose plastic.**
3. **Take out the water filter and blue hose from the package;** unscrew the plastic end of the hose.
4. Take plastic piece with screen and **show the family how the screen filters large dirt particles.**
5. There are two rubber washers. **Put first rubber washer on the plastic piece that is attached to the hose.** Screw the plastic piece onto the outside of the bucket so that the rubber washer lays flush with the bucket. **Put second rubber washer on the inside of the bucket** (around the plastic piece you already screwed in) so that it lays flush with the bucket.
6. Then, **screw on the plastic piece with filter** to the inside with hands on the inside of the bucket.
7. **Hook up hose to the filter and put the metal hanger on the filter**

*Make sure not to put hose on all the way up to the filter—it is difficult to take off when it is on too tight. When demonstrating the filter, tell recipient that the filter is ready for use and that you will test the water for them. Grab cups and drink the water FIRST, then offer recipient to taste the clean, filtered water. Fill up cup again with clean, filtered water. These guidelines do not have to be followed word-by-word, but are helpful in intertwining the Gospel story with filter. Tell the children that we think having clean water is important, but there is something even more important that we want to share with them and people all over the world.

In our lessons, we have separated the gospel and how the filter works into two sessions. You may incorporate it how it works best for you.

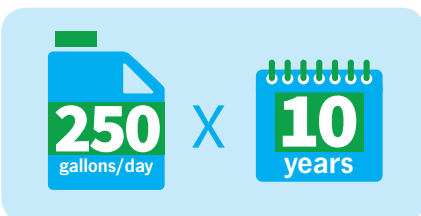
You can watch a video demonstrating how to install the water filter here: <https://bit.ly/3h7b9fm> (The installation instructions begin about halfway through the video.)



HELLO KIDS AND
PARENTS! • • • • •

We hope you had a wonderful first day! Our children's ministry is not just about our children, but also how they can serve others.

We are partnering with Filter of Hope to provide water filters for people around the world without access to clean drinking water. \$40 provides a family with one filter that can produce up to



250 gallons of clean drinking water a day for up to 10 years! And with an average of 4 people using each filter, just \$10 gives one person clean water for 10 years.

The people receiving the filters also hear the good news of Jesus, so we are asking the children not only collect and donate money, but to pray for those receiving the filters to receive Christ as well!

We are asking each child to serve at home or elsewhere to earn at least \$10 to contribute towards the purchase of filters. The money will be collected and counted and the last day, we will inform the children how many filters they helped to provide.

This is a great opportunity for our children to serve others and grow in their understanding of serving others for Christ. You can find out more about the organization and the people we are helping at filterofhope.org.

TODAY'S LESSON • • • • •

Today we talked about how far most people have to walk to get water—more than three miles. They carry empty containers on the way there and containers full of water on the way back. But once they get the water, it is often not safe to drink—it makes them sick and can even cause death.

KID CHALLENGE - THE WATER WALK • • • • •

Each night we are going to give you a challenge to do—a fun activity for you to try that will help you get a better idea of what it's like to live in a different part of the world and not have clean water.

Tonight we'd like you to do a Water Walk Challenge. You'll need your parent's help/permission. See if you can get your whole family involved. Get container of water based on your size—water bottles, 2 liter bottles, milk jug, bucket. Carry it to the end of the block and back.

Can you carry it further? How many times can you carry it back and forth?

After the walk, take some time to talk about some of these questions:

- How would you feel if it were your job to walk 1 hour, each way, to get water for your family?**
- How would it change your day if you had to spend 2 hours every day collecting water?** How would your family be affected if you were physically sick or hurt and could not walk to get water?
- How would you feel if while walking home one day, you fell and spilled all of your water?** Think: If you didn't bring water home that day, your entire family would have nothing to drink at all and your mom couldn't cook your meals. What would you have to do?



Preschool
water bottles



Early
elementary
2 liter bottle



Late elementary
to middle school
Milk jug



High school
to adult
Bucket or even
two buckets

WANT TO LEARN MORE? • • • • •



Watch this read aloud book together—*The Boy Who Changed the World*. <https://bit.ly/2ZF06ST>

Watch the story of a young girl getting water for her family. <https://bit.ly/30bGcAl>

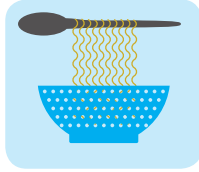


HELPING OTHERS IS FUN!

TODAY'S LESSON • • • • •

Today we learned about how the filters that we are raising money for from Filter of Hope work. You could even make pasta together for dinner.

We also talked about helping others and how much fun it can be.

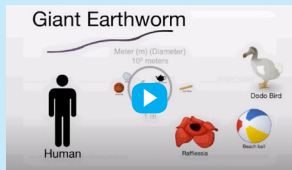


WANT TO LEARN MORE? • • • • •



Watch how the filter works in this video demonstration.

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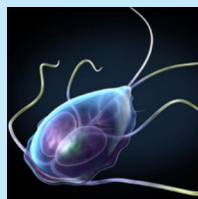
Or, watch “How Small is a Micron” for older kids. (The holes in the filter are .1 micron.)

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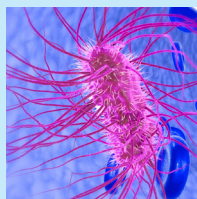
BONUS ACTIVITY—CONSTRUCTION PAPER “GERMS” • • • • •

Create your own version of the bacteria or parasites that cause kids to get sick and miss school.

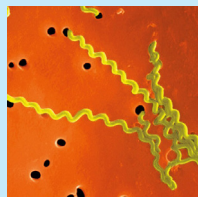
- On a piece of paper, choose one of the four bacteria here and design your own germ using any medium you desire. Try making a 3-D version.
- Take another piece of paper and cut a hole that is about one-tenth the size of the germ. This will represent the holes in the filter.
- Try to fit their germ through the “filter hole” without folding or bending it.
- Discuss the results. How does this illustrate the way the filter works?



Giardia



E. Coli



Salmonella



Leptospiridium

KID CHALLENGE - HELPING OTHERS

Today our challenge is about helping others. **Think about two different types of people to help.**

Usually we think about helping those close to us—a friend, a parent, a neighbor, a teacher. How could you help someone like that? Choose something and do it. Be creative—even from your home, you can still help others.

We could also help people far away. What about the people we have been talking about in this lesson—people who don't have clean water? What can you do to help them?

Again, we are asking each kid to raise at least \$10—enough to give one person clean water for ten years!

Answer some questions to help you think of the best fundraiser for YOU!

- What do you like to do for fun?
- How can you use these things to raise money for filters?
- Who do you know that might also want to get involved?
- Write some other fundraising ideas here!

Here are some ideas that people have used to raise money in the past:

- Lemonade or “LemonAID” stand
- Personal piggy bank
- Car wash
- Bake sale
- Homemade jewelry sale
- Selling old toys, clothing, baseball cards, etc.
- Household chores
- Yard work for a neighbor
- Babysitting or pet-sitting
- Door-to-door water crisis education
- Seeking local business support
- Eating in and donating what you would have spent out
- Contacting schools, coaches, and teachers
- Performing music, songs, cheers, dances to educate others
- Getting family members, cousins, neighbors, and friends involved
- Choosing not to get dessert, snack or toy to contribute instead

JESUS WANTS TO BE YOUR FILTER

TODAY'S LESSON • • •

Today we looked at how **Jesus wants to be the Filter for our hearts**. Discuss the following questions together:

- **Why do we need a filter for our hearts? How can Jesus be the Filter for our hearts?**
- **Did you receive Christ today into your heart? How did you do that? Is anything different now?** *(your sins are forgiven, you've become a child of God, you now have a relationship with God, God hears and answers your prayers, you have eternal life, you will want to please and follow God because He has forgiven you)*
- **Pray right now and thank God that Jesus is now your filter who cleans you of sin and you are a child of God!**

FILTER OF HOPE WORD FIND • • • • •

Find and circle the following words in the letters below.

**BUCKET • GIVE • JESUS • SERVE • FILTER • GOSPEL
LOVE • WATER • FUNDRAISER • HOPE • MISSION**

X	E	V	H	S	V	P	O	E	D	Q	V	I	N	F
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KID CHALLENGE - TELL AND PRAY

Tonight's challenge has two parts:

1. **Tell someone about Jesus.** It could be a friend, a brother or sister, or just talk it over with your parents. Explain to them about our dirty hearts and how Jesus wants to be our filter and clean them.
2. Take a few minutes to **pray for the people who will be receiving the filters** that will be bought with the money we raise. Pray that they would want to know Jesus and be friends with Him.

BONUS ACTIVITY • • • • •

Make a gospel bracelet with the gospel symbols below. Explain the symbols to a friend or family member.



God
loves us



Sin
separates us
from God

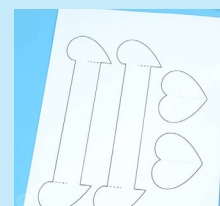


Jesus came
to be our
filter



Do you want
Jesus to be
your filter?

Want something more permanent? Look online for materials you could use instead of paper.



Cutout paper

Preschool to elementary
<https://bit.ly/2YhqEIG>



Woven paper

Upper elementary and up
<https://bit.ly/30pWsOn>

WANT TO LEARN MORE? • • • • •

Watch the read aloud or listen to the audio version of **The Priest with Dirty Clothes**. This story is an incredible picture of how Jesus took our sin upon Himself and made us clean—just like we describe with the filter.

Read aloud link: <https://bit.ly/2z4LjHs>

Listen to audio link: <https://bit.ly/3dAF9y0>



Our fundraiser is almost over! Our next meeting is the last chance to bring in donations. Thank you for all your hard work.



Certificate of Completion

Thank You!

YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE!

*Thank you for participating in the
Kids' Clean Water Project! Because of your help,
kids around the world will receive clean water
and the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

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