

Daylight Kenya Six Week Lesson Plan

Lesson #1 Meet Eunice and Magdalene

During the next six weeks we are going to learn about Daylight School in Kenya. Many of the children there grew up in the Rift Valley Desert. They had to walk a long ways to get water and there weren't schools there.

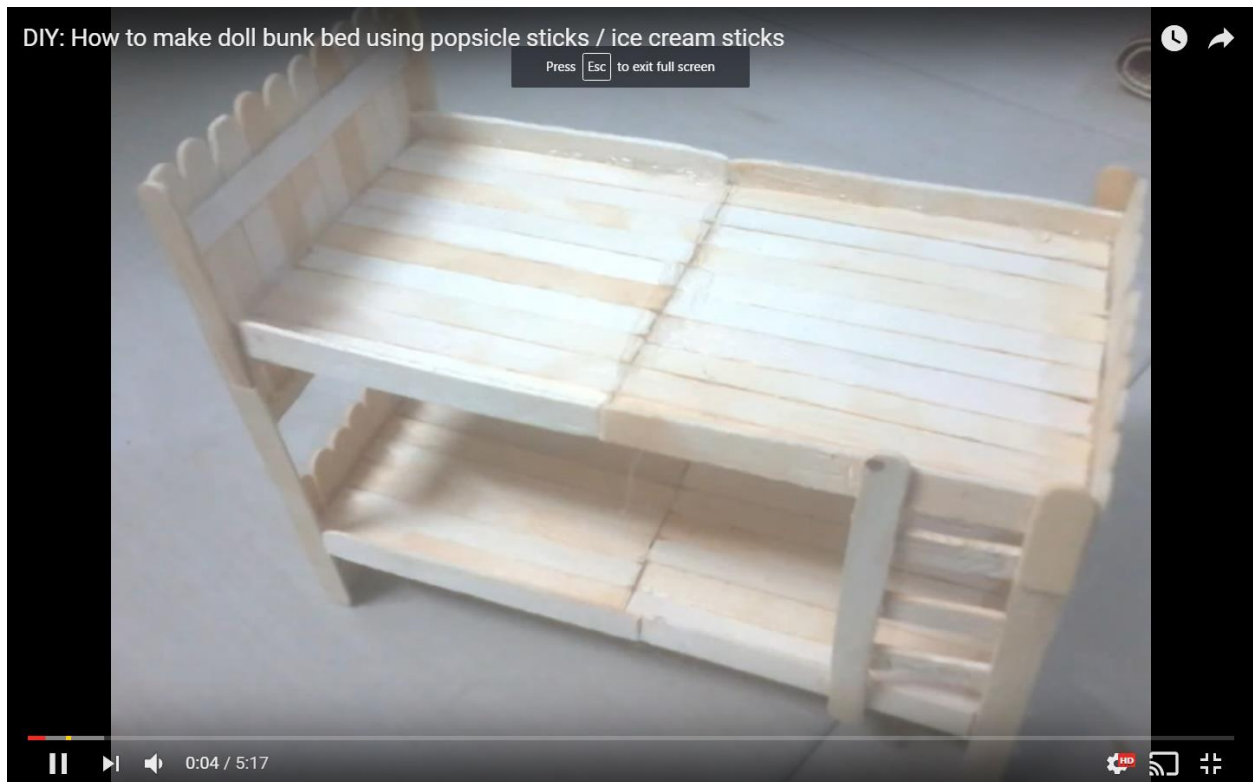
Kenya is on the East side of Africa and the location of our school (in red) is on the very edge of the desert.



Daylight is a school that helps kids from the desert go to school. Some kids have to live at the school because their families have died or they live very far away from the school.

We will be learning about the kids in Kenya and giving money to help the kids get new mattresses, sheets, and blankets for the bunk beds.

We are going to make a bunk bed out of Popsicle sticks for us to collect the money each week.



Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zoEBju43cZY>

You can also put a piece of mesh over it to represent the mosquito nets the kids have.



Today we meet Eunice and Magdalene



Eunice is in 6th grade at Daylight and she is curious about everything. She loves learning about how cow's milk gives people energy in science class. She studies hard in Swahili class because she believes "learning our national language will help people from different tribes become one Kenyan people." She wants to combine her talents to be a nurse so she can help people. And she is already well on her way.

When Eunice says she wants to be a nurse her friend Magdalene smiles. "Last month I got really sick with chest pain and had to go to the doctor. And Eunice agreed to come with me because I was scared. And as I was sitting in the hospital, she put her hand on my chest and asked me how I was feeling." Magdalene pauses and smiles wide. "My friend Eunice will be a very good nurse."

Eunice and Magdalene want to say 'THANK YOU, ASANTI SANA – in their language Swahili - for helping him buy a new mattress, a sheet, and a blanket for their beds!

Lesson #2 Meet Pembe

During these six weeks we are going to learn about Daylight School in Kenya.

Many of the children there grew up in the Rift Valley Desert. They had to walk a long ways to get water and there weren't schools there.

Daylight is a school that helps kids from the desert go to school.

We will be learning about the kids in Kenya and giving money to help the kids get new mattresses, sheets, and blankets for the bunk beds.

Who has collected some money for bedding so far?

Today we meet Pembe. Pembe is one of Daylight's shining stars! He is an inspiration to all the children and staff because he has overcome every obstacle life has thrown at him. His parents and siblings



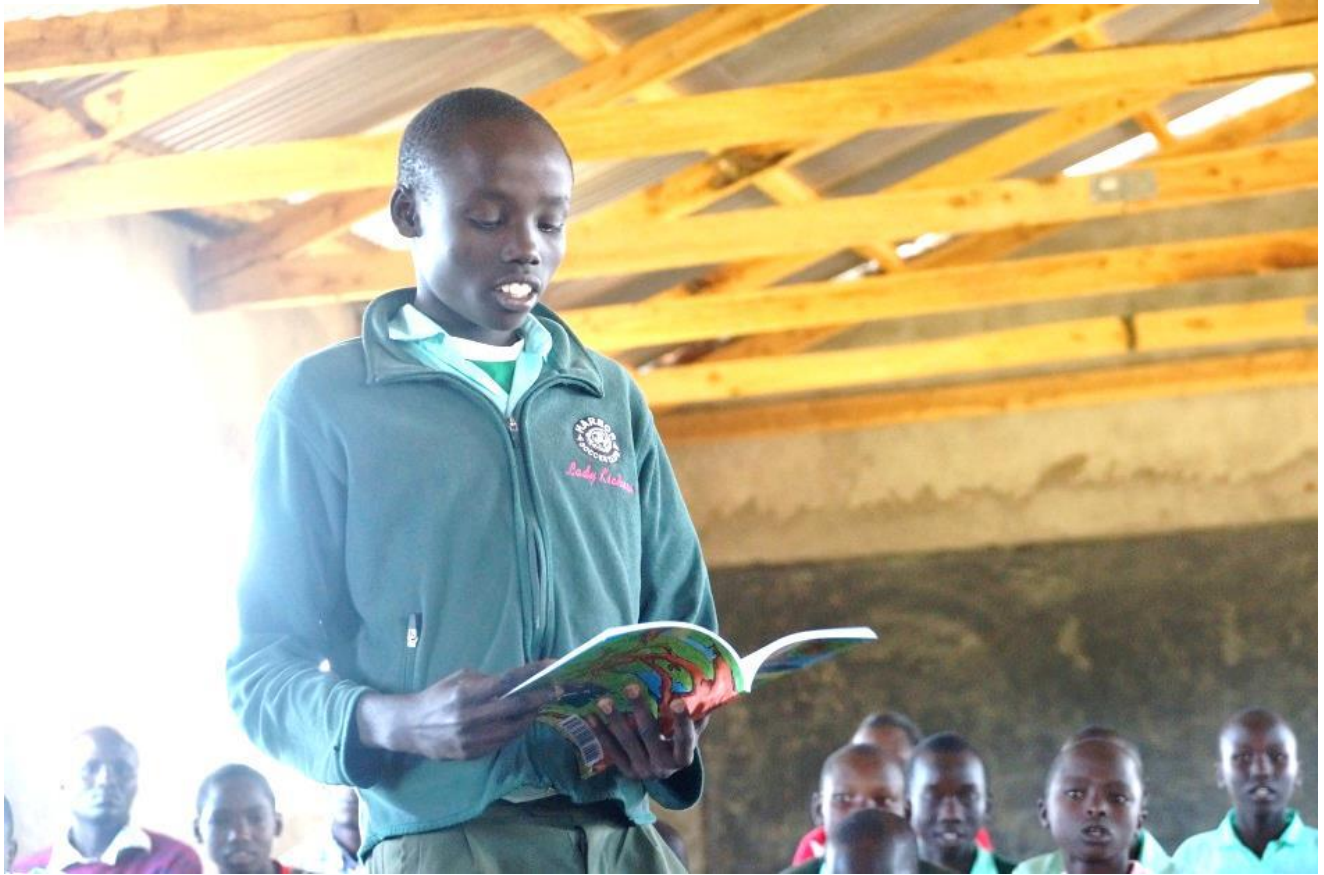
still live in the desert village, but he was unable to live out there due to an accident as an infant that took his left foot. Unable to herd cows like his brothers, he was sent to live in the dormitories with the hope he would learn job skills.

Pembe has never allowed his disability to hold him back. He plays futbol (soccer) along with the other children. He walks shoulder to shoulder with his classmates.

But this fall Pembe began to mention that his ankle was hurting. That he was having leg pain. So Daylight rallied the funds and Pembe was fitted for a prosthetic foot.

He is excited and wants to say 'THANK YOU, ASANTI SANA for helping him buy a new mattress, a sheet and a blanket for his bed!

Lesson #3 Meet Sharon



As you can imagine it is hard to live in the desert. There is very little water, not much food, and the temperatures can be very hot during the day and bitter cold at night. We are learning about Daylight School in Kenya. Many of the children there grew up in the Rift Valley Desert. They had to walk a long ways to get water and there weren't schools there.

Daylight is a school that helps kids from the desert go to school. Some kids have to live at the school because their families have died or they live very far away from the school.

We will be learning about the kids in Kenya and giving money to help the kids get new mattresses, sheets, and blankets for the bunk beds.

Today we are reading a story Sharon an 8th grader at Daylight wrote for a book called Under the Mukusu Tree. It is about the importance of helping dig a well in the desert village. She uses animals to tell her story.

The Proud Ostrich by Sharon

Long ago, there was a great famine in the land. There was not a drop of rain for many months. Day after day, the sun shone and there was not a cloud in the sky. There were a few crops on the banks of tiny streams, but the rest of the land was dry and bare. Fires spread far and wide and there were many dust storms. Birds could not sing any longer as they were so hungry. The wild animals thought they would all die unless rain fell in the next few days.

But day after day, the sky was clear. Water was so scarce that the lions even began to drink the morning dew from the grass. The hyenas and jackals also drank the dew, as did the moles and the fox. They prayed that someday soon, there would be enough for all them to drink. However, it appeared as if their prayers would not be answered.

The animals decided to have a meeting to see if they could think of a way to save their lives. The ostrich joined in, as well. It was agreed that he was more like an animal than a bird.

All the animals joined in except those who were sick. There were all kinds, big and small, young and old, flesh-eaters and grass-eaters. It was sad to see them so unhappy and sickly. They were all as thin as pieces of thread.

When Lion, their king, arrived, they all stood up. "Without water, we shall die," they cried.

"We have come to this place to talk about a very important matter. It is a matter of life or death," said Lion. "I suggest we dig a deep well near the fig tree across the Kagare Valley. Perhaps we can find enough water there to wet our tongues. The sooner we start, the better. There is no time to waste."

For a time, no one spoke, not even the brave leopard or the cheeky hare. Only the aged tortoise said, quietly, that the lion's idea was very wise.

The moles, the anteaters and the other small creatures were frightened when they thought how deep the hole would need to be before they could reach water. But, no one could think of a better idea. Lion decided they should all start to dig the well the next day. Once Lion makes a decision, it is final!

At dawn, Giraffe blew the horn very loudly, so no one could say he had not heard it. Jackals, hyena, moles, anteaters, tortoise, rats, ostrich, zebra, and many other animals arrived. They all came with spades and shovels and started to work. Though they were all very weak, because they had had neither food nor water for so long, they worked as hard as they could. They wanted to finish the well in one day.

Suddenly, hare noticed that ostrich was not working. Instead, ostrich flapped his wings about in a proud way. This made the other animals very cross.

"You take the shovel, next," Hare said to Ostrich.

"I can't dirty my pretty feathers," said Ostrich. "I can't get all muddy. I came here to wait until the other animals found water for me to drink."

When the other animals heard this, they chased Ostrich away.

“I don’t want to drink your muddy water,” said Ostrich. “I shall fly far away, to a country where the rains never fail.”

Digging the well was hard and dangerous. Five rats, one gorilla, three moles and two tortoises died while they were working. But, finally, they reached water.

All the animals jumped up and down and danced when they saw the water. They were mad with joy. They all drank and some washed themselves, while ducks swam about happily.

“We’ll guard the well,” Lion said. “We won’t let lazy Ostrich drink our water.”

One day, Hippopotamus was on guard duty at the well when Ostrich came along, singing merrily;

“Water, water, but not for me,
Ostrich, Ostrich is not to be
Hi-ho-hi-ho-hoo;
Hi-ho-hi-ho-hoo.”

“You can’t have even a sip of water from the well,” said Hippo. “You refused to join us in digging the well.”

“Please don’t think I didn’t want to work,” said Ostrich. “I just don’t want to make my beautiful feathers dirty. You should always be proud to see me with clean feathers. If you were a bird like me, you would know how good it is to be clean. I am not really an animal like you.”

Hippo was very kind, and when Ostrich gave him some feathers, he said Ostrich could drink as much water as he liked.

When ostrich had drunk his fill, he went away singing;

“Ostrich did not raise a toe,
Ostrich has his stomach full,
Yap, yap, yap;
Yap, yap, yap.”

The next day, Ostrich came again to the well to drink some water. As he came near the well, he sang;

“Water, water, but not for me,
Ostrich, Ostrich is not to be
Hi-ho-hi-ho-hoo;
Hi-ho-hi-ho-hoo.”

But this time, Donkey was on duty and not Hippo. Donkey was very angry when he heard Ostrich and was not going to let him drink water from the well.

Just as Ostrich bent down to drink, Donkey gave him a hard kick. Ostrich ran away and has not been seen since.

Sharon is excited and wants to say 'THANK YOU, ASANTI SANA for helping Daylight buy new mattresses, sheets and blankets for all the children!

Lesson #4 Meet Rael



As you can imagine it is hard to live in the desert. There is very little water, not much food, and the temperatures can be very hot during the day and bitter cold at night. We are going to learn about Daylight School in Kenya. Many of the children there grew up in the Rift Valley Desert. They had to walk a long ways to get water and there weren't schools there.

Daylight is a school that helps kids from the desert go to school. Some kids have to live at the school because their families have died or they live very far away from the school.

We are learning about the kids in Kenya and giving money to help the kids get new mattresses, sheets, and blankets for the bunk beds.

Meet Rael.

Rael is usually at the center of any activity. Like the time Jen (blue) introduced the idea of blowing kisses to Rael (purple) and the rest of the pre-school kids. Which they found really funny. Because blowing kisses is funny, if you think about it.

Rael became part of the Daylight family when her parents passed away last year. She was living in a desert village in Uganda and when a villager contacted Daylight about her situation. So Michael Kimpur and the Daylight Outreach team drove to her village and brought her to stay in the Daylight Dorm. Rael is now in Kindergarten and she really loves being at Daylight. She stays on a top bunk and each night she asks for someone to lift her into her bed.

Because being on top is where Rael wants to be. Despite her age, she is a natural leader with her classmates in songs and games. And we look forward to watching her grow into an amazing leader!

Rael is excited and wants to say THANK YOU, ASANTI SANA for helping her buy a new mattress, a sheet and a blanket for her bed!

Lesson #5 Meet Grace



As you can imagine it is hard to live in the desert. There is very little water, not much food, and the temperatures can be very hot during the day and bitter cold at night. We are learning about Daylight School in Kenya. Many of the children there grew up in the Rift Valley Desert. They had to walk a long ways to get water and there weren't schools there.

Daylight is a school that helps kids from the desert go to school. Some kids have to live at the school because their families have died or they live very far away from the school.

We are learning about the kids in Kenya and giving money to help the kids get new mattresses, sheets, and blankets for the bunk beds.

Meet Grace.

Grace grew up walking miles each day to fetch water for her family who were living in Michael Kimpur's home village a days drive into the desert. When her parents died, she was sent to live with her uncle who was arranging a marriage for her. But plans for her

marriage were interrupted when she got a serious ear infection. Daylight Board member Lauren and Michael Kimpur met her on a trip to the desert and brought Grace to Daylight to get better. But while she was recovering Grace fell in love with education.

Now instead being a second or third wife for a village man she spends her days studying Math and English, and playing soccer goalie with the boys – a fact that she is very proud of as girls and boys often play separate games. She wants to be a Swahili teacher, which is no small feat because she learned Swahili in school.

Grace is excited and wants to say THANK YOU, ASANTI SANA for helping her buy a new mattress, a sheet and a blanket for her bed!



Lesson #6 Send a Letter to Daylight!

For the last six weeks we learned about Daylight School in Kenya. Many of the children there grew up in the Rift Valley Desert. They had to walk a long ways to get water and there weren't schools there.

Daylight is a school that helps kids from the desert go to school. Some kids have to live at the school because their families have died or they live very far away from the school.

We learned about the kids in Kenya and collected money to help the kids get new mattresses, sheets, and blankets for their bunk beds.

Let's collect our money for bunk beds and then draw a big letter to the Daylight students. Then we can take a picture and this picture will be sent to the kids at Daylight!



*Please post this image on your community's social media with a link to daylightcenter.org and then email it to nathan@daylightcenter.org