

A Dream of Farming

(Tammy and/or John come in dressed up in farm clothes- jeans, flannel shirt, straw hats, boots, carrying gardening tools.)

JOHN: Hi there everyone? I bet you cannot guess what we are up to today?? (Kids guess farming, garden, etc.) Have any of you ever been on a farm? (Kids raise hands)

TAMMY: Right!! We are going to be farmers and plant some good crops just like a lot of the Zoe kids are! So John, did you bring the seeds?

JOHN: Uh, no. I don't have any seeds...

TAMMY: Oh dear. I guess we cannot plant anything today (Looks sad) What can we do, kids? (Go buy seeds at the store!!)

JOHN: Great idea! We have money so we CAN do that...but most of the Zoe kids at first do not have any money to buy seeds, so they cannot even start to grow their own food. That is why Zoe teaches them about farming and then gets them started with money to buy seeds and farming tools like a hoe. It does not take much money to get started, and once they do they are good to go!!

HAND OUT JOURNALS AND PENS

TAMMY: Why don't we head out to Kenya and see how Duncan is living his dream of being a farmer!

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(REMIND KIDS TO CHECK OFF WHAT THEY SEE IN THE VIDEO)

JOHN:

What did you notice in the video about Duncan's life?

What is he growing on his farm? (potatoes and cabbages) Did he have any animals? (50 chickens, and some sheep) How did his sister and brother help the family? (sis- chickens, bro-sheep) How many chickens was he dreaming to have? (1000!!)

What was his second business? (A convenience shop/grocery store)

Let's visit Tariro and her brother Mujaji now in Zimbabwe. Their life was really hard before Zoe came. Let's see what they have done since Zoe helped them get started on farming.

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TAMMY: *What did Tariro need to start their farm? (Seeds, tools and training on what to do)*

What have they done since joining Zoe? (Learned farming, got a water well, planted and watered different garden areas, bought cows)

What animals did you see? (turkeys, chickens, goats, cows)

How did the animals help the younger children go to school? (Selling 6 chickens paid for three children to go to school)

Before Zoe they could only eat one meal every one or two days! They were always hungry! Do they have enough food to eat now?

JOHN: Let's think about how our offerings could help a young person in Zoe start a farm? It is only \$10 to buy maize seed or \$10 to buy bulbs that grow into banana trees!! We could do that!!

And when they have chickens, goats or a cow, the animals' manure (poop) can be put on the garden to help it grow better!

Who has brought offerings today to help more kids get help they need?

(COLLECT OFFERINGS AND HAVE KIDS TURN IN THEIR JOURNALS)

PRAYER: Dear God, thank you for the beautiful world you created and all the different plants that grow for food! Please bless the farms of the Zoe kids with good rains and sunshine so they have food to eat. Help us to share so they can have the seeds and tools they need. Amen