

JMA 2010 Session One - Sri Lanka

This session will be an introduction to Sri Lanka- the children will learn a little bit about the country, the people and the culture. You can use this to introduce the JMA projects too.

Resources: Holiday Brochures, Atlases, Map, flipchart.

Introduction:

Discussion - If for our Sunday School Outing this year we could go anywhere where would you choose to go? Give out brochures and let them look through them. List places suggested. Lets make a list of what our dream country would be like, what would it need to have? e.g. beaches, theme parks, hot, sunny etc. Tell the children that this year the JMA overseas project is helping churches in a country called Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka is a very beautiful country, one that people sometimes go on holiday to. Explain that today we are going to learn about Sri Lanka and the people who live there.

Game - Trip To Sri Lanka - variation on can't cross the red sea - line children up along one side of the room, one catcher stands in the middle, catcher says You can come on the aeroplane if you have the colour... (RED) all children wearing red walk across to the other side of the room. Once they are safely across, those not wearing red need to run over to them without being caught. If they are caught they join the catcher and help. The winner is the last child left uncaught.

Main Body of the Session

Sri Lanka - point out Sri Lanka on the map and use the factsheet to tell the children a little about it. Talk about how last year we sent half our JMA money to South Africa - this year it is going to Sri Lanka to help lots of different projects there (see project sheet)

Too Good not to Share: Split the children up into teams, ideally 4 is best, put each team in a corner of the room. In the middle of the room place an bowl with 2 sweets. Give 2 of the teams a bag of sweets. Explain to the children that they have to share their sweets with everyone. The 2 teams with sweets must run with one sweet at a time up to the bowl and put them in. The teams with no sweets must run up to the bowl and take a sweet out. Its just a relay race but with sweets. The game ends when everyone has a sweet. PLEASE MAKE SURE NO-ONE RUNS WHILST EATING! Talk about how in that game some of the children had something good and wanted to share it with others. There aren't a lot of Christians in Sri Lanka, but they know that being friends with Jesus is a good thing and they want to share it with others so they can know God too. JMA will help the church tell people.

Conclusion

Activity: Sri Lanka is a country famous for tea. Design a teapot and cup

Prayer: God thank you that we are all your children, no matter what country we are from. Thank you that you love us and that you want to be our friend. Help us to tell other people about you so that they can be your friends too. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.