

Global Missions Sunday – Saint John’s Lutheran, Lakeville  
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### **Sunday School Lesson on Tanzania**

Instructions and information is in regular print; scripted text is in **bold**.

#### 1. Small Group Opening (9:40-9:45 am)

Welcome everyone to Sunday School, and say: **Today is a special Sunday as it is Global Missions Sunday! With our offering, our church supports work in Tanzania; we help students like yourselves go to school and help with a medical center, a place where people who are sick can get help. Let’s color a sheet about Tanzania before we go to sing and learn more about Tanzania!**

(We used coloring sheets about Tanzania as a way to gather kids as they arrived and begin thinking about Tanzania. Here are a few we used: [flag](#), [animals](#), and [Mt. Kilimanjaro](#).

#### 2. Large Group Music Time and Guest Presenter Pastor Peter Harritts (9:45-10:15 am)

- Music songs included *Jesus Loves Me* and *Soon and Very Soon* (which was the closing song during worship.) Kids with their instruments made in Sunday School helped lead *Soon and Very Soon* during worship.
- Pastor Peter Harritts created an age appropriate PowerPoint to engage they children. He talked about familiar things like school, friends, soccer, housing, food, and water.

#### 3. Making Traditional Musical Shakers (10:15-10:30 am)



Traditional Shaker



Supplies to collect and organize before event:

1. Collect sticks at 1” in diameter.
2. Cut sticks 3-5” in length,
3. Order [bottle caps](#).
4. Pound holes into bottle caps.

Other supplies needed: 1.5” nails, hammers, sticks pre-cut, bottle caps pre-holed, and things to decorate the stick like sharpies, string, stickers, decorative tapes, pipcleaner.s

What to do:

1. Each child gets 2-3 bottle caps, 1 nail, and wooden stick.
2. With assistance of an adult, kids can hammer the nail through the hole in the bottle caps into the stick.
3. With a Sharpie or marker, write their name on the stick
4. Decorate with small stickers and decorative tapes.

Practice what to do for worship:

5. With Shakers, have kids sing the song *Soon and Very Soon*. Talk about where in the service they come forward to lead the closing song.

Close in prayer. Say: **Let's Pray! Repeat after me!**

**Dear God** (rattle shaker),

**Thank you for this world!** (rattle shaker)

**Thank you for Tanzania!** (rattle shaker)

**We are brothers and sisters in Christ!** (rattle shaker)

**We love you!** (rattle shaker)

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!** (rattle shaker)

**Amen!** (rattle shaker)

Connection to Worship

Use *Soon and Very Soon* as the closing worship song. Invite kids with their stick shakers forward to help lead the congregation with the song. Use other drums or instruments to sing with.

Noisy Offering in Worship during the Children's Sermon

1. Several weeks before Global Missions Sunday inform people to bring their change. People need to be reminded that their change is not a regular offering but a noisy offering. Let them know what you are supporting.
2. Invite kids forward during the Children's Sermon. Give a 2 minute intro on what they are going to do and what the change is for.
3. Use buckets to collect the change. Use the musician to play *Soon and Very Soon* on the piano as the kids collect the change.
4. Have a fun way to gather the change like metal pots or something like this:

Sarah See Change

