

SAMARITAN'S PURSE WATER PROJECTS

Turning on the tap to safe water for communities. 

Samaritan's Purse Education Resources Activity

Water rationing game

NOTE: This activity should be done in conjunction with the Bible lesson, [Living in Bible Days](#).

Age Group Children in grades 3 – 6

Materials This activity requires:

- Bowls – one for every two children, large enough to hold two cups of water
- Cloth or paper towels
- Wash cloths – 1 per child
- Toothbrushes – 1 per child
- Toothpaste
- Liquid soap

Activity

1. Brushing teeth with one cup of water for two people.
2. Washing face – 2 people sharing two cups of water.

Teacher or parent should arrange the children around tables with two bowls for every two children. Towels or paper towels should be under both bowls.

For the first activity, one bowl should contain a cup of water, the other should be empty, and each child should have a toothbrush holding a dab of toothpaste. Have the children use the bowl with water to aid with brushing their teeth and spit the toothpaste into the empty second bowl.

For the second activity, one bowl should contain two cups of water, the other should be empty, and each child should have a dry wash cloth and access to liquid soap.

Have the children moisten their cloths, put soap on them, and clean their faces. They should rinse the cloths in the bowl with water, wring them out, then clean the soap off their faces.

Reflection Help the children make a connection between what they've just done and the water situation in places such as Africa. These activities are especially useful if you've read to the children the Optional Impact Story, *Life in Kenya*.