5. Pray together

- » Pray for the Yawo people of Mozambique, the Baptist Mission Australia team and for God to be at work all over the world. Give thanks for the rich Yawo culture and that God loves all people.
- » Then pray for each other and your week ahead.

Engage with Mission all Year

In conjunction with this resource, we encourage you to help your children connect with Baptist Mission Australia's work and teams all year. Our website has a lot of information and resources, or you can contact your State Leader to connect with intercultural team members in your state.

Head to <u>www.baptistmissionaustralia.org</u> to explore more.

Ideas for Connecting with Mission:

- » Explore a map and find out more about the country and people
- » Find an intercultural team member or ministry to partner with through prayer and giving
- » Pray for a particular team member (have fun choosing with this prayer wheel!: www.baptistmissionaustralia/PrayerWheel)
- » Highlight global mission and stories from our intercultural teams all year around

If you have any questions or comments about this resource or anything else, please get in touch! **Contact:** info@baptistmissionaustralia.org or 1800 329 165



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Children's Resource 2: Mozambique!

The focus of this resource is for kids to grow in their understanding of God's big world. Underlying God mending the world, is the fact that He loves the world!

In this session... you will play a game that kids play in Mozambique, learn some Yawo greetings, and find out about the daily life and culture of Yawo people in Mozambique.

Our hope is that as your kids engage in this session, they will grow in their interest and understanding of the world and God's global mission. (And we hope you have fun!)

Session Steps

1. Introduction

- » Start off by showing your group a map or globe of the world. Ask if anyone can point to a place they have visited. Then ask if anyone can point to Mozambique.
- » Ask if anyone knows anything about people in Mozambique. Share that even if you don't know anything specifically about people in Mozambique... there are still some things that you know, because there are some things that are shared by everyone. (e.g. We all enjoy having friends we can live life with and we all want the best for our families. And all of us are loved and known by God.)
- » Explain that today you are going to find out what it is like to be a child in Mozambique. But not just any child in Mozambique, a Yawo child. The Yawo people (rhymes with 'wow'), are a people group who live mainly in Mozambique, Malawi and Tanzania. They are connected by their culture and language.

2. Yawo Game: Fuliya Ja Mataka

» Watch a video explaining the game: https://vimeo.com/932710054/a2fab9df41

This has been filmed and narrated by Katelyn, one of our amazing team kids in Mozambique, Bek and Scott's daughter.

» Instructions:

- Divide into two teams. One team throws the ball, while the other team tries to complete an activity in the centre. The most common version is try to fill a bottle with sand. But you could fill a bucket with balls, or think of another activity to do in the centre.
- Two people on the throwing team stand on either end of the space. One person from the activity team stands in the middle. The throwers toss the ball between them three times to begin, then try to hit the person in the middle who is trying to do the activity.
- If the middle player is hit by the ball, they're out and the next player on the team comes in and continues

the activity. The throwing team does three free throws between them for each new player. This continues until the whole team is out, then the teams switch places.

- If the player in the middle catches a throw on the full (not the initial throws, but when they're being aimed at), they get to throw it as far as they can past the throwers, to give themselves more time for the activity. If the players at the end catch the ball that's been thrown, the player in the middle it out.
- Keep switching teams and keep playing as long as you want!

3. Learn Ciyawo: Greet each other

» Watch a video with some Ciyawo greetings that yawo people use: https://vimeo.com/935327329/436ec7f10a

This video features Josiah, one of our incredible team kids in Mozambique, and a Yawo friend of his.

- » Notice how when they shake hands, they hold their arm with their other hand? Bek in Mozambique adds more insight: "If you are passing someone or meeting them out, then you can greet while standing but you should stop walking and stand still."
 - Try to say the morning and afternoon greetings together as a group. Then, walk around the room and stop to greet each other, shakes hands the Yawo way.

4. Yawo life in photos

- » Get the group to sit down to look at photos. Explain that some Yawo people live in cities, but many live in villages. These photos show Yawo village life.
- » Show photos of Yawo life in Mozambique: https://www. baptistmissionaustralia.org/globalinteraction/media/i/ May%20Mission%20Month/Yawo-Mozambique-Photos_2.pdf
- » Share insights from captions and invite questions. Foster a sense of curiosity and empathy.

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