

# PARENT AND TEACHER GUIDE

## Share and Share Alike

### Themes Found in This Story:

- Sharing with the needy
- No fear for the future

### The Story:

*Share and Share Alike*: In a time of drought, Jos is inspired to share his food with those who have none.

The parent/teacher may read the story aloud, or print the story for the children to read or follow along.

### Characters in This Story

Madala (mah-DAH-lah)

He is a chameleon from the country of Zambia. His name is the respectful way to say “old man” in the Chinyanga language.

Maro (MAH-roo)

She is a sifaka lemur from the country of Madagascar. Her name is short for “Marojejy”, a national park that is home to many types of lemurs. Sifaka lemurs are also called “dancing lemurs”

Jos (JAHS)

He is an Abyssinian roller, from the country of Nigeria. His name is also the name of a large city there.

Omulonga (oh-moo-LOHN-gah)

She is a Black-Footed Penguin from Namibia, and is an immigrant new to the area.

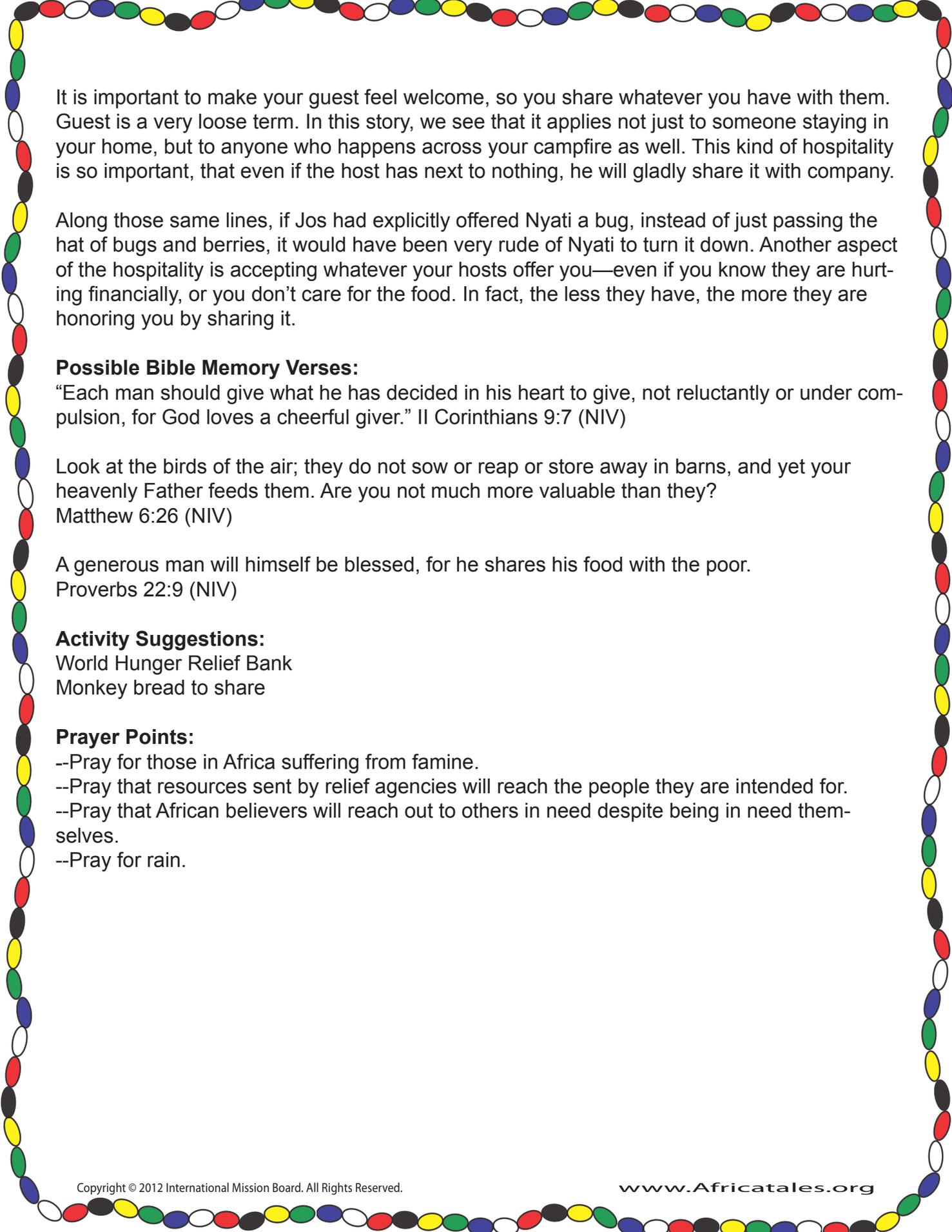
Nyati (NYAH-tee)

He is a cape buffalo from the country of Kenya. His name is a Swahili word which means “buffalo”.

### Background Information:

#### *Cultural Note:*

In African cultures, hospitality is very important. If you are to have a guest, whatever you are doing becomes secondary to the needs of your guest, whether they are expected or not.



It is important to make your guest feel welcome, so you share whatever you have with them. Guest is a very loose term. In this story, we see that it applies not just to someone staying in your home, but to anyone who happens across your campfire as well. This kind of hospitality is so important, that even if the host has next to nothing, he will gladly share it with company.

Along those same lines, if Jos had explicitly offered Nyati a bug, instead of just passing the hat of bugs and berries, it would have been very rude of Nyati to turn it down. Another aspect of the hospitality is accepting whatever your hosts offer you—even if you know they are hurting financially, or you don't care for the food. In fact, the less they have, the more they are honoring you by sharing it.

**Possible Bible Memory Verses:**

“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” II Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?  
Matthew 6:26 (NIV)

A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.  
Proverbs 22:9 (NIV)

**Activity Suggestions:**

World Hunger Relief Bank  
Monkey bread to share

**Prayer Points:**

- Pray for those in Africa suffering from famine.
- Pray that resources sent by relief agencies will reach the people they are intended for.
- Pray that African believers will reach out to others in need despite being in need themselves.
- Pray for rain.