



# PARENT AND TEACHER GUIDE

## *Everybody Do your Share*

### Themes Found in This Story:

- Responsibility
- Children working with their families

### The Story:

*Everybody Do Your Share:* Suloliko and Reë help their mothers after school, and see their friends doing the same.

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

### Characters in This Story

Reë: (REE-ah)

Reë is a lion cub from South Africa. Her name is short for Reënboog, which is Afrikaans for “rainbow”. South Africa is also known as the “Rainbow Nation”.

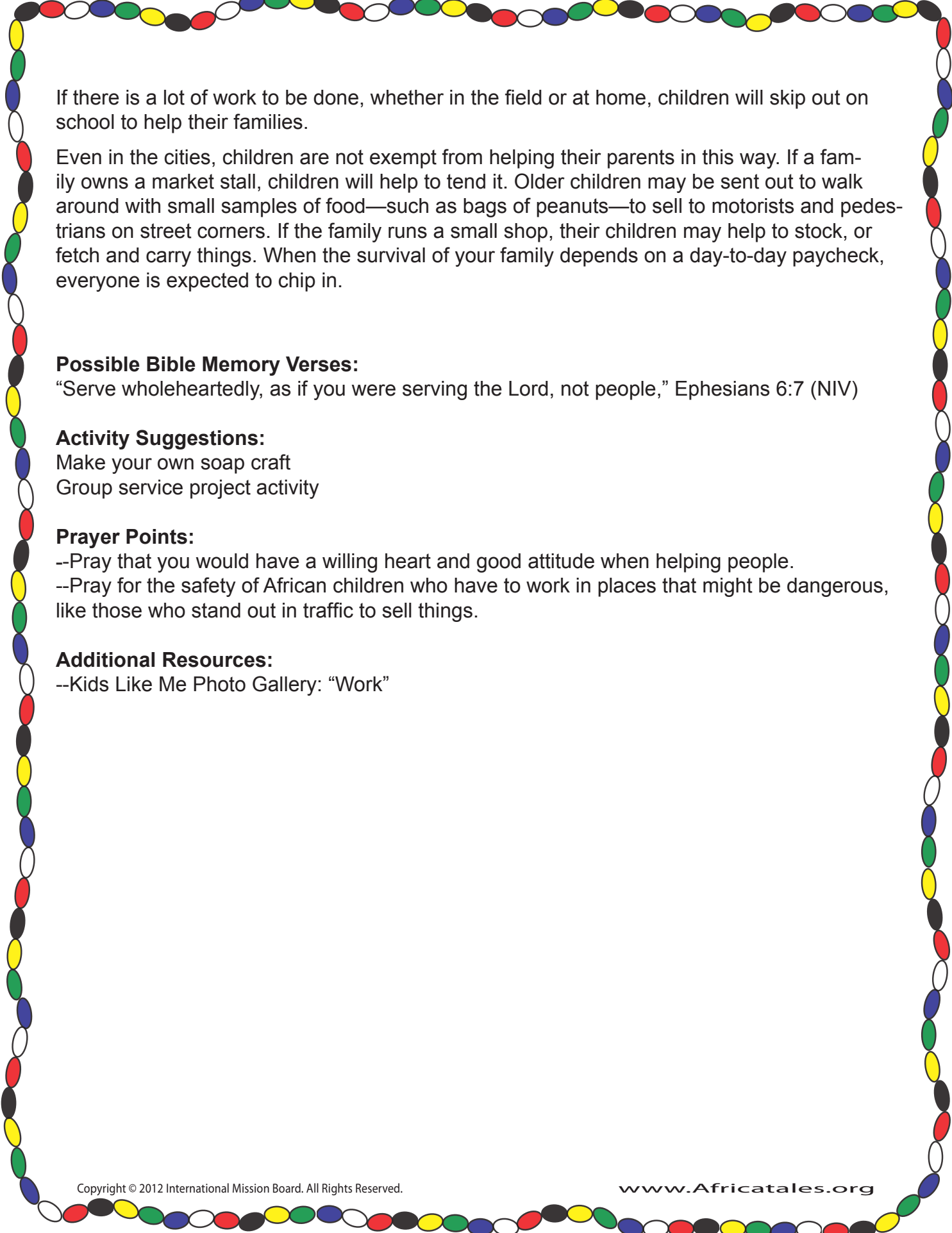
Suloliko: (soo-loh-LEE-koh)

She is a Zebra Duiker from Guinea. Her full name is ‘Suloliko Lamalaka’ which means ‘close to the king’ in the Guinean language of Kissi.

### Background Information:

From a young age, children in Africa are taught to be very responsible. They are given chores and jobs to do, and they are expected to do them well, if their families’ homes and businesses are to keep running smoothly.

When children are young, most of their work is done around the home. They help their mothers with laundry and cooking, washing dishes, carrying water or building fires. During harvest season in rural areas, they help shuck and pound corn, shell peanuts, or whatever tasks are required by the crop their family grows. As they get older, they are given more responsibilities. Boys will help their fathers in the fields, planting, tending and harvesting crops. Girls help their mothers at home with the chores and caring for the younger children. At harvest time, everyone goes out to help in the fields—the sooner a crop can be harvested, the sooner it can be prepared for market and sold.



If there is a lot of work to be done, whether in the field or at home, children will skip out on school to help their families.

Even in the cities, children are not exempt from helping their parents in this way. If a family owns a market stall, children will help to tend it. Older children may be sent out to walk around with small samples of food—such as bags of peanuts—to sell to motorists and pedestrians on street corners. If the family runs a small shop, their children may help to stock, or fetch and carry things. When the survival of your family depends on a day-to-day paycheck, everyone is expected to chip in.

**Possible Bible Memory Verses:**

“Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people,” Ephesians 6:7 (NIV)

**Activity Suggestions:**

Make your own soap craft  
Group service project activity

**Prayer Points:**

--Pray that you would have a willing heart and good attitude when helping people.  
--Pray for the safety of African children who have to work in places that might be dangerous, like those who stand out in traffic to sell things.

**Additional Resources:**

--Kids Like Me Photo Gallery: “Work”