

# PARENT AND TEACHER GUIDE

## History Lesson

Themes Found in This Story:

- Missions history
- David Livingstone

### The Story:

*History Lesson:* Madala tells the children the story of David Livingstone.

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-DAHh-lah)

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

Francois, Philibert and Jeje: (frahn-SWAH, fee-lee-BEHR and JEH-jee)

They are Maro’s little brothers and sister. Francois and Philibert have French names—a common language in Madagascar. Jeje’s name is the last half of ‘Marojeje’, like her big sister’s name.

Kili: (KIH-lee)

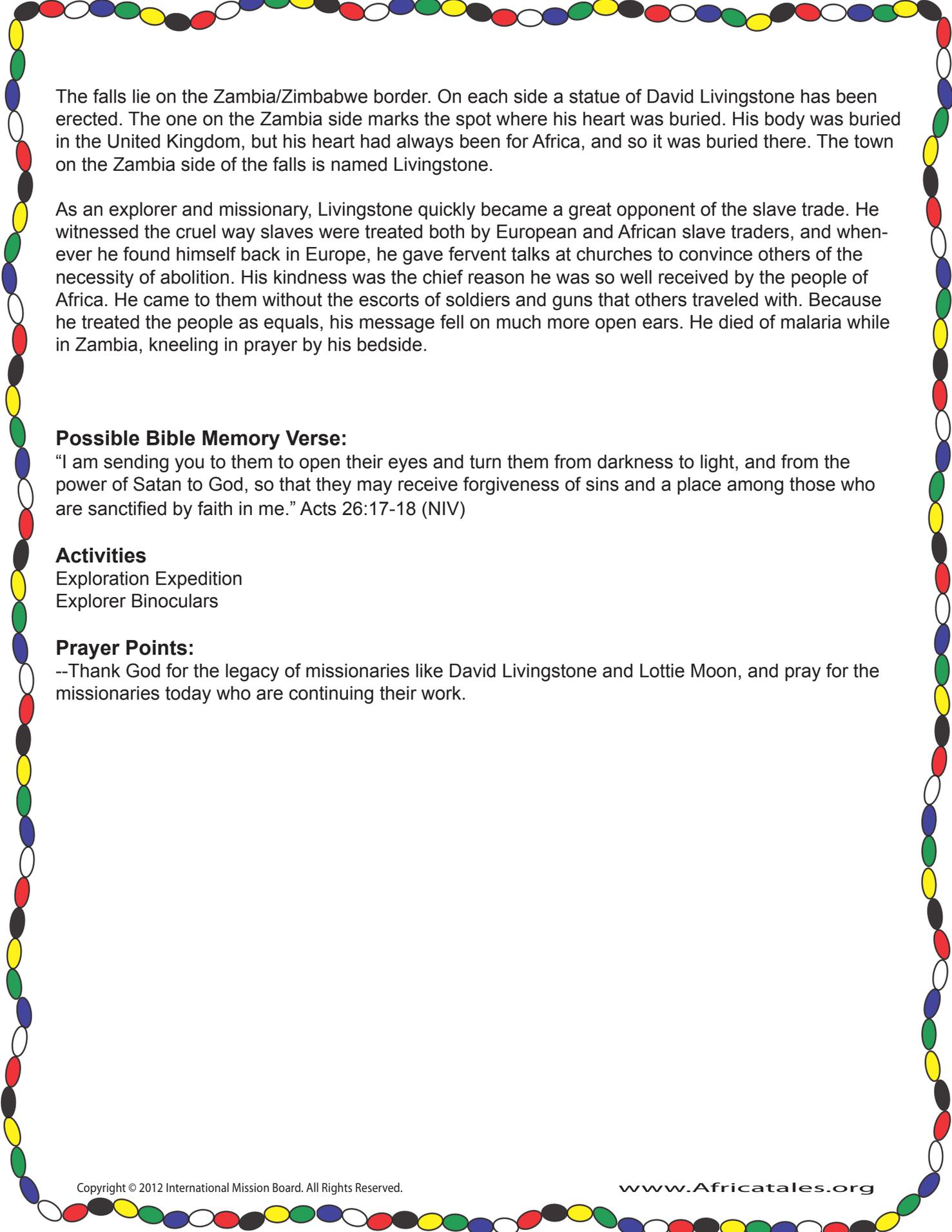
He is a baby Black Rhinoceros from Tanzania. His name is short for ‘Kilimanjaro’—the tallest mountain in Africa, which is found in Tanzania.

Tshameka and Reë: (tshah-MEH-kah and REE-ah)

They are twin lion cubs from South Africa, near Rustenburg and the World Cup stadium. Tshameka is the oldest—his name is the Tswana word for ‘play’. His sister Reë’s name is short for Reënboog, which is Afrikaans for ‘rainbow’—South Africa is also known as the ‘Rainbow Nation’.

### Background Information

David Livingstone was one of the early missionaries to Africa. He is still remembered with respect in many places—particularly in Zambia, where he spent much of his time in Africa. (Zambia also happens to be the country Madala is from.) He was the first European to discover Victoria Falls—the largest waterfall in Africa. The local name for it is Mosi O Tunya (“the smoke that thunders”), but he named it after Queen Victoria, Britain’s reigning monarch.



The falls lie on the Zambia/Zimbabwe border. On each side a statue of David Livingstone has been erected. The one on the Zambia side marks the spot where his heart was buried. His body was buried in the United Kingdom, but his heart had always been for Africa, and so it was buried there. The town on the Zambia side of the falls is named Livingstone.

As an explorer and missionary, Livingstone quickly became a great opponent of the slave trade. He witnessed the cruel way slaves were treated both by European and African slave traders, and whenever he found himself back in Europe, he gave fervent talks at churches to convince others of the necessity of abolition. His kindness was the chief reason he was so well received by the people of Africa. He came to them without the escorts of soldiers and guns that others traveled with. Because he treated the people as equals, his message fell on much more open ears. He died of malaria while in Zambia, kneeling in prayer by his bedside.

**Possible Bible Memory Verse:**

“I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.” Acts 26:17-18 (NIV)

**Activities**

Exploration Expedition  
Explorer Binoculars

**Prayer Points:**

--Thank God for the legacy of missionaries like David Livingstone and Lottie Moon, and pray for the missionaries today who are continuing their work.