

ENCOURAGE: WEEK-4

Bible Verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:11 New Living Translation (NLT)

11 So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

DISCUSS:

Have you ever needed encouragement? When? (let them explain) Did someone encourage you? How? (again - let them explain - you may need to lead them with an example for younger kiddos - Did a teacher ever give you a word of encouragement at school?) How did that make you feel? Were you able to then go on? (Parents share a time you needed encouragement and received it and your feelings)

WATCH:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPxMOzN0Uq4>

Remember that these kids walk a long way every day for this dirty water? Do you remember what some of the effects are of drinking this dirty water? (in previous videos we have learned that they get very sick, they miss school, and many times they can be so sick that they die.) Do these kids look like they need some encouragement? How do you think WE could encourage them? How do you think that would make them feel?

WATCH:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0UpvSc-lkwU>

(Parents - if needed, help explain what took place in the video or watch it more than once and pause to explain. No need to get super technical here - just simply explain that with funds from 20 liters - provided from the Walk for Water and other donations - these communities are able to get filters that help clean the water. The people are building the filters, shaking the sand for the filters, etc.) How do you think the people in the video feel? Do they look happier than in the first video? Why do you think so? Do you think they feel encouraged? Do you think they can go on? (You can explain - Life where they live hasn't changed much - it's still difficult. - BUT - they feel encouraged - built up!)

Sometimes we build one another up, encourage with our words - and sometimes we encourage with our actions. Sometimes both. Ask your kids how they think they could encourage someone today. Who? And How? And decide together how can you encourage the families in Africa who are STILL living without access to clean water and sanitation like in the FIRST video we saw? (It's important that the kids understand that there are many yet to be helped)

PRAYER:

(of course you can pray how you feel led, or use this prayer to close). Precious Lord Jesus, you have given us words and actions. Give us the strength to use them to ENCOURAGE one another today, whether it is someone in our family, our friends, our neighbors next door or our neighbors very far from us like those we are learning about in Africa. (Have the kids now pray for those children - whatever comes to their hearts - prayers of kids are so precious and we often learn more of what they are thinking as they pray.) Amen.

