

# READ FIRST

## Scripture Poster Project Overview (Uganda)



### Dear Parents and Teachers,

In many countries, children speak one language at home and another language at school. SIL International's\* literacy workers, alongside Bible translators, are working with minority language groups to teach children and adults how to read and write the language that they speak at home.

The verses that the children will color will do two things. First, these verses will serve as an incentive for Ugandan children who are learning to read in the language they speak with their parents. When children reach an educational milestone, they will be rewarded with one of these Scripture posters. Second, hanging these Scripture verse posters on a wall in their home will instill a sense of accomplishment in new readers, cement God's Word in their hearts each time they read it, and allow them to share God's Word with family and guests who visit them.

Preparation for this project takes two people about 30 minutes each, or one person about one hour.

This project is a great way for children to help children (and their families) by using a skill they possess right now--coloring! We hope that you and your children or children's group enjoy this project of beautifying homes and hearts with God's Word.

**Thank you for your willingness to give children in Uganda Scripture in the language they speak at home!**

**If you have any questions or problems related to this lesson, please contact the Wycliffe Children's Communications Team at: [childrens\\_resources\\_orlando@wycliffe.org](mailto:childrens_resources_orlando@wycliffe.org)**

\*SIL International is an organization that partners with Wycliffe, dedicated to training, language research, translation, and literacy.

At the end of this overview, we included photos of Ugandan children to put faces to this project. Children just like the ones in the pictures will receive the Scripture posters. You will also find bookmarks with pictures of Ugandan children in their literacy classes. Pass out the bookmarks to your children as they finish their poster project, and encourage them to pray for their posters' impact in Uganda. Encourage your children to keep their bookmarks in their Bibles or reading books for school. They can pray each time they see the bookmark.

You could make this a one-session project or even two or three, depending on how you put together the various parts we have provided. Select the components that work the best for your children.

Here are some possible combinations suitable to different ages:

Option #1: One 60-90 minute session for combined grades K-5 or younger elementary age children

The Locked Bible*	3 minutes
Literacy for Life	10 minutes
Introducing Uganda	15 minutes
Send the Word - Uganda	25 minutes

Option #2: One 60-90 minute session for combined grades K-5 or for older children who can read

The Locked Bible*	3 minutes
Literacy Changes Lives	20 minutes
Introducing Uganda	15 minutes
Send the Word - Uganda	25 minutes

Option #3: Three 20-30 minute sessions for combined grades K-5

For first session:

Introducing Uganda	5 minutes
Send the Word--Uganda	15 minutes
(Coloring time	5 minutes)**

For second session:

(Coloring time	5 minutes)**
The Locked Bible*	3 minutes
Literacy for Life	10 minutes

For third session (older children):

(Coloring time--if needed	5 minutes)**
Literacy Changes Lives	20- 25 minutes

Optional Lessons:

Iwana Reed Puppet Script	6-8 minutes
I Can Read Shape Script!	10 minutes

\* "The Locked Bible" is a great way to introduce the concept of literacy to children.

\*\*If you are spreading this project out over several sessions, you might decide to have the children color for a few minutes prior to the beginning of each session as soon as they enter the classroom or at the end. In that case, you can very lightly write the children's names on the back for identification.

You know your time constraints and your children. Even though we have given you possible ways to present this project, feel free to arrange the various pieces together in a way that uniquely suits you and your group.

If you are unable to use a computer for the “Introducing Uganda” PowerPoint slide show, don’t panic. Go low-tech and print out the pictures to show.

You will notice that there are two parts to “Send the Word - Uganda”. Part A, is the lesson and Part B contains the verses that you will print out for each child to color. Notice that Part B is to be printed on **8.5” x 14”** paper in order to make a nice, big poster for the Ugandan children.

Because the children will spend considerable time coloring the verse posters, and to make them as durable as possible, we have asked that the posters be laminated. Since this can be costly or inconvenient for some, here are a couple of tips:

- Check with a teacher’s supply store or a Christian bookstore to see if they have a laminating machine. If they do, the cost should be considerably less than going to an office supply store.
- If you do not have a teacher’s supply store near you, check out a local retail store for contact paper; both transparent and a clear laminating type are available for approximately \$6 a roll, as of this writing. You may want to adhere the contact paper only to the front side of the poster to maximize the roll.

We hope that through this project you and your children will grasp the need for Bible translation and literacy for those who still wait, see that children can be involved in missions *now* and enjoy a fun learning experience. May your children be the hands of Christ as they color and give God’s Word to children and families in Uganda.

Have some coloring fun!





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## Nyole

Ng'ango Yesu  
amulomaati, "Kale  
tiina, ohufugiirira  
huhwo  
huhunonisyeye."

(Mariko 10:52)

"And Jesus said to him, "Go  
your way. Your faith has  
healed you."  
(Mark 10:52 - NLT)



### Pray for the Nyole people:

- ✓ that they will learn to read in order to read God's Word
- ✓ that they will hear and receive God's Word in their hearts so they will know that Jesus has great power

### Pray for the translators:

- ✓ that God will give them health, stamina, perseverance and wisdom as they translate the Scriptures

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## Bwisi

Yesu aaghila ati,  
"onkwame."

(Maliko 1:17)

Jesus called out to them,  
"Come, be my disciples..."  
(Mark 1:17 - NLT)



### Pray for the Bwisi people:

- ✓ that they will learn to read in order to read God's Word
- ✓ that they will hear and receive God's Word in their hearts so they will follow Jesus

### Pray for the translators:

- ✓ that God will give them health, stamina, perseverance and wisdom as they translate the Scriptures

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## Gwere

Musinzenge  
oKibbumba buli  
kiseera.

(1 Basesolonika 5:17)

Keep on praying.  
(Mark 11:22 - NLT)



### Pray for the Gwere people:

- ✓ that they will learn to read in order to read God's Word
- ✓ that they will hear and receive God's Word in their hearts and put their faith in God

### Pray for the translators:

- ✓ that God will give them health, stamina, perseverance and wisdom as they translate the Scriptures

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