



Turn on the Tap Education Resources

Optional impact story



Story: Life in Kenya

NOTE: This activity should be done in conjunction with the Bible lesson [Living in Bible Days](#).

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Our daily usage of water is very low compared with use in North America. We have no running water and no flushing toilet, so we conserve quite a bit of water. In the morning, we brush our teeth using one cup of water, wash our faces with about two cups of water (we both use the same water), and are off to school.

At school there is also no running water. Tea is served at 11 a.m., then we go home for lunch. We drink water (or Kool-Aid) with lunch, then return to teach.

At night we cook with water (boiling noodles, rice, etc.) as well as boil water for bathing. We take the boiling water and add cold water until it is nice and warm, then splash-bathe using three buckets of water each. We collect the bath water and kitchen water in buckets to use it for watering our garden, so we reuse as much as possible.

Our community is much like us in terms of water usage. Our neighbors may go to the river to bathe or wash clothes. Water is scarce and it is safer to drink soda or tea rather than the river water. Everyone relies on rain water for watering crops and only the rich can afford to collect and store rain water for personal use.