Benedict Menkoah

We can show God’s love by being nice to others

MINI-MISSION LESSON FOR PRESCHOOL TO ELEMENTARY:

THEME:
We show God’s love when we are nice to other people.

OVERVIEW:
- Read the story.
- Ask: "How are kids mean to other kids?"
- Ask: "What can you do about it?"
- Explain how being nice shows God's love to other people.
- Color the pictures.

BIBLE VERSE:
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.
John 13:35 (NIV)

RESOURCES:
Benedict Menkoah story
Coloring pages

MATERIALS NEEDED:
Colors

MONROVIA, LIBERIA

Benedict Menkoah lives in Africa in a country called Liberia. He is one tough little boy! When he was born, his feet were turned inward so far that his toes faced each other. This is called club feet.

But Benedict didn’t let his problem stop him. He learned to walk on the curled-under tops of his feet. And he even played soccer! He would run and fall, get up, and run and fall again. He also loved to climb trees. It was nice and quiet there – high above the kids who laughed at him and called him names.

One day a big white ship came to his town. People called it the Mercy Ship. It was filled with people who volunteered to help people who needed special medical help. And Mercy Ships helped Benedict! He got a free surgery onboard the ship, which was named the Africa Mercy. The surgery made his right foot straight. And a few months later, Benedict had another surgery to straighten his left foot. Then he had to learn to walk all over again. So, by God’s grace and with help from Mercy Ships volunteers, Benedict is back on the soccer field!
Photo after Benedict had first surgery: