



James's Story

Kenya

● MATERIALS...

Paper, markers, crayons, or pencils.

● FACT...

The water filters used by the Evangelical Covenant Church of Kenya has two parts. The outer part is a plastic bucket. Inside the plastic bucket is a clay pot treated with silver, which is positively charged. Bacteria, which can make us sick, are negatively charged. When impure water goes through the clay pot, the positively charged silver destroys the germs and bacteria. The water in the bucket is clean. It is free from germs and bacteria and safe for drinking and cooking.

● STORY...

My name is James. I am seven. I live in Kitengela, Kenya. My friends and I go to church. One day I became sick with cholera because of drinking impure water. I threw up, I had diarrhea, and my stomach hurt. I was so sick that I had to go to a hospital. Even with medicine it took many days to feel well again. My family does not have a lot of money so going to the hospital is a great expense to us. Now I know to drink only purified water, which they have at the church for us. My friends and I like to drink water at Sunday school. We always look forward to drinking the pure sweet water. My family and I are

doing better now because the church also provided a water filter for our home. I'm thankful for Jesus and the church. I'm thankful to have pure water at church and at home.

● REFLECTION...

Find Kenya on the map. Kitengela is near Nairobi. Draw a picture of what you think the filter, the hospital, or church looks like. What are your thoughts about James's story? Do you have any questions about the story? Why is clean water important? What would it be like for you not to have clean water?

● RESPONSE...

Here are three ways we can help children like James. First we can pray. Let's thank God that James is okay and thank God for the Evangelical Covenant Church of Kenya and for their ministry of providing clean water. Second, we can give an offering so other's like James can also have clean pure water to drink. Third, we might consider challenging an adult class or group to match our offering so we can send twice as much to the church in Kenya.

