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| **WATOTO CHURCH** | |
| **Watoto Church Story – HEROES 5-6** | |
| **DATE** | **2nd June 2024** |
| **TOPIC/TEXT** | **Watoto Church Story**  **Matthew 16:18** |
| **LESSON OVERVIEW** | * As a church we are celebrating 40 years of existence but it all started with a vision that God gave to our founders, Gary and Marilyn Skinner. * We will learn about the story of our church- Watoto Church. They will understand that Watoto Church was set apart by God to bring healing to the cities and the nations through us. |
| **TAKE AWAY** | God has allowed us to be a part of a great vision.  God works through us to change the lives of people. |
| **PREPARATION** | Read **Matthew 16:18** |
| **GAME** | **Musical Chairs** |
| **WORSHIP SONGS** | 1. Tusiimye 2. Fix Our Eyes 3. God of Covenant/Confident |
| **BIG WORD TIME** | **Lesson Recap and Introduction**  Hello Children, we have been learning about our responsibilities and last week we talked about how we need to be kind to one another. Do you remember the story of the Good Samaritan? How was he kind to the man who was beaten by the robbers?  (Turn to the person next to you and tell them what you remember.)  How about you, were you kind to everyone at home this week?  In this month of June, our church, Watoto Church will be celebrating 40 years. So, as we get ready for that day, today we are going to learn about the story of “Watoto Church” and how it began.  Let’s read **Matthew 16:18,** *“And I will build my church on this rock. The power of death will not be able to defeat my church.”*  Our church is called Watoto Church, and Jesus is the one who has built this church.  Let’s watch this video of how it all started. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fy4zp7GQmo4>  Way back, before you were born and maybe even some of your parents in 1984, God spoke to a man named Ps. Gary and told him to leave his country Canada which is in North America to plant an English-speaking church in Kampala, Uganda to speak hope and life to the nation.  And Ps. Gary obeyed the voice of God. And we learnt a few weeks ago that it is very important to be obedient. Ps. Gary and his family were obedient.  Ps. Gary had never been to Uganda, he didn’t even know that there was a city called Kampala, can you imagine? He had to get the world map to discover the place that God was telling him about and when he did. He shared this vision with his family; his wife and 3 children and they packed their bags and came all the way to Uganda to plant Watoto Church just as God had told him.  This lovely couple had faith that what God showed them would come to pass and we are seeing it now. Let’s get into our crews and discuss more. |
| **CREW TIME:**  ***Read***  **Matthew 16:18**  **TAKE AWAY** | Welcome to our crew (say the name of the crew).  Today we are talking about the fact that we belong to an amazing church called “Watoto Church”. Our church has a VISION that God gave to us.  Let’s recite it together.  We are an English-speaking Cell-Based, Community Church, Celebrating Christ; growing and multiplying as each one reaches one touching those around us with the love of Jesus bringing healing to the cities and the nations.  **ASK: *(Allow the children to respond)***   1. From the video we watched, what do you remember about “Our Story” as Watoto Church? 2. Do you remember any story in the Bible where God told a man to leave his country to a land God was going to show Him just like Ps. Gary?   Yes, that story is found in Genesis and this man was called Abraham.  God builds Watoto Church every day and the devil will never touch the church that Lord Himself has built. Because God has a purpose and a vision for Watoto Church and that is to bring healing to the cities and the nations through each and every one of us participation by telling others about Jesus and caring for the community where we live. |
| **CONCLUSION:** | Ps. Gary took his assignment very seriously and came to Uganda and planted the church out of obedience to God. How about you, what is God asking you to do today?  Altar Call. |
| **CHALLENGE** | Invite someone to Watoto Church. At least one person. |
| **MEMORY VERSE** | **Matthew 16:18** *“I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”* |