

# Mission Inspiration

## CONSTRUCTION OF A TUKUL ETHIOPIA



### What Is a Tukul?

In the village of Gubrye, Ethiopia, children gather in a special kind of building called a Tukul.

It's a round, traditional home made of natural materials like wood, mud, and straw. In Ethiopia, these homes are very common — and now, one Tukul has become a place of learning and love!

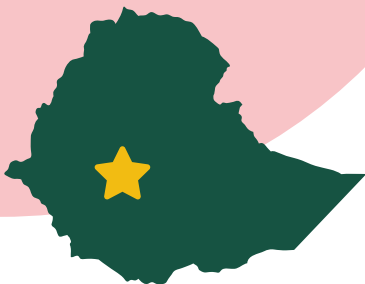


Every week, around 600 children come to this Tukul for:

- Catechism classes to learn about Jesus
- Reading and writing lessons
- Lessons about kindness and caring for others

It's more than a classroom — it's a safe and happy place in the village where children grow in their faith and friendship. Even though they don't have much, the children still make sacrifices for others. During their time together, they collect food and money to help the poorest children in their village — especially those who don't have enough to eat or can't go to school.

They are little missionaries, just like you!



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The Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) helps build and support places like the Tukul by providing funds to build safe spaces for learning, meals for the hungry children in the surrounding village, and by giving children a chance to learn about Jesus.

MCA helps children in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Oceania — and even though you're far away, your prayers and sacrifices help make it all possible! As MCA members, you are asked to:

- Pray for the children in Ethiopia and all children in the Missions
- Share your love by giving even small sacrifices.
- Be a missionary of hope wherever you are — in your classroom, home, and neighborhood



**“Children helping children” is the heart of the Missionary Childhood Association — and it’s how we follow Jesus, just like the kids in Ethiopia do in their Tukul.**

### MCA Prayer

Dear Jesus,  
Thank You for the children in Ethiopia,  
especially those who gather in the Tukul to learn about You.  
Bless their teachers, their families, and their friends.  
Give them joy as they grow in faith,  
and courage to share Your love with others.  
Help me to remember that I am a missionary too.  
Even from far away,  
I can pray, give, and care —  
just like the children do in Gubrye.  
May all children around the world  
have food to eat, a place to learn,  
and a heart full of love for You.  
Amen.

### Discussion Question

*Why is it important to have a safe place to learn and pray? What would it feel like if you couldn't go to school or church? How can we be missionaries to children far away, like those in Ethiopia?*

### Classroom Activity

*work together to construct mini tukuls with materials you can find in your classroom!*



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