

## ***CAMPFIRE HELPS***

### **Day One: Wahabu**

#### ***Akongo Burp rises Everyone***

This African story is from Kenya. It tells of the difference a girl made in the life of her school teacher because she shared the love of Jesus and changed the teacher's life.

Akongo was a very shy girl. When people spoke to her, she could barely answer them back. At school, she hardly ever said anything in class.

Akongo believed in Jesus and was a good Christian. She loved to attend the youth group discussion meetings that were held at her church every Saturday night.

One evening, the youth group leader spoke about the need for the youths to dedicate their lives to God. As she listened, Akongo decided that she wanted to dedicate her life to God. She prayed and asked God to give her the opportunity and the strength to make a difference in her neighborhood or school.

The next week at school, one of Akongo's teachers became fed up with the way things were being done. He walked into the classroom and said, "Oh, I have had it. I'm old and tired of teaching children who don't have any respect. If any of you can tell me what life is all about, and what the purpose of it is, go ahead."

Akongo raised her hand and said that she had found the answers to those questions in the life of Jesus. Everyone was shocked. Akongo hardly ever said anything in class.

The teacher did not believe in God, but he invited Akongo to stay after class and explain her beliefs to him. She told him what he should study to learn more about God and Jesus. Then she invited him to go with her family to a fellowship meeting at their church the next Friday night. He agreed.

That Friday, Akongo's teacher put his trust in Jesus. What Akongo had told him inspired him to see that God loved him and that Jesus provided a purpose for living. Today he is a good Christian and attends church regularly. Akongo believed in Jesus. She showed God that she believed in Jesus by dedicating her life to God and helping her teacher believe in Jesus, too. "*Akongo Surprises Everyone*" appears in Sunday School Lessons for the Church in Africa curriculum produced by the Community of Christ, Independence, Missouri, 1999, p. 44.

### **Day Two: Umoja     *We Are One in The Spirit***

This morning we made a symphony of sounds using our bodies as instruments. Have a group of campers stand in front and sing the song, "We Are One in the Spirit" HS 466, at a fairly fast tempo. Everyone else can accompany the singers using the sound they made this morning following the tune and rhythm of the song.

### **Day Three: Heri**

#### ***Serious Skit Idea***

Have a group of staff and campers create a skit or dramatic reading of the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12). Relate it to blessing others through Godly behavior.