



# WORLD FOR KIDS

## FOCUS: Africa (South Africa)

### → SOUTH AFRICA

Located at the very bottom of the African continent, South Africa has enjoyed the best and the worst of experiences in this modern world.

Because of its many natural resources (diamonds, minerals, fertile land, game animals, etc.) it had successful business relationships with many people and nations. Many of the very first missionaries traveled to South Africa to lead people to know Jesus and follow him.

However, two very large problems have caused a great deal of trouble for the people of South Africa:

**APARTHEID:** These laws kept white people and black people separated. They were unfair. But it took many people many years and a great deal of sacrifice and fighting to see the laws changed. There are new laws in South Africa now.

**HIV/AIDS:** This terrible disease has infected many of the adults in South Africa. In some places, nearly all the adults have died, leaving many children as orphans. Some children must care for their own brothers and sisters as if they were parents. This is still a very big problem. Kids in South Africa need a lot of prayer and help.



Flag of South Africa

### → AFRICAN WORD POWER

Many different languages are spoken in Africa. Afrikaans is a blend of languages spoken in South Africa. See if you can correctly guess the English meanings of these Afrikaans words.

Draw a line matching each word to the correct definition (if you can!):

<u>WORD</u>	<u>DEFINITION</u>
biltong	<input type="checkbox"/> traffic light
braaiveis	<input type="checkbox"/> dried meat jerky (sometimes of ostrich)
rondavel	<input type="checkbox"/> barbecue
koppie	<input type="checkbox"/> grassland
bakkie	<input type="checkbox"/> a round African hut
veld	<input type="checkbox"/> rocky hill
robot	<input type="checkbox"/> pick up truck

*(find answers on back page)*

**Close to Jesus: the greatest place on earth!**

## ➔ AFRICA IN THE NEWS

Find a major newspaper (Sunday paper, if possible). Take out the front section. Page through it to see how many times you see the following BIG African problems mentioned in an article or picture about an African country:

War \_\_\_\_\_

HIV/AIDS \_\_\_\_\_

Malaria \_\_\_\_\_

Poverty \_\_\_\_\_

Terrorism \_\_\_\_\_

Refugees \_\_\_\_\_

Abuse of children \_\_\_\_\_

These problems are everyday problem in most African countries, but they don't always get reported in our newspapers. Pray that God will help people around the world see the needs and be willing to help.

## ➔ WHAT CAN KIDS DO?

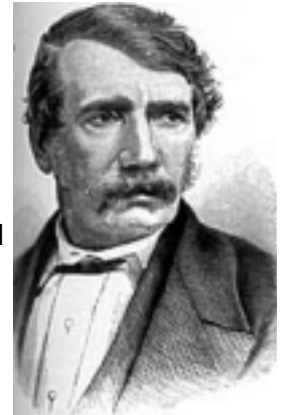
**S - Share What You Have** -- to help teachers and Christian workers help needy children and their families in Africa. Keep praying for them, too.

## ➔ DR. LIVINGSTONE,

### I PRESUME?

One of the first missionaries to Africa was David Livingstone. He was born over 150 years ago in Scotland. He loved to explore the countryside and the castles near his home.

As a young man, he left home to become a missionary in South Africa. Though he started out by helping people as a medical doctor, he soon began to take trips into the jungles. On every trip, he saw new things and met new people. He was amazed to find how large Africa was. He recorded all his notes and made some of the first maps of Africa for missionaries and others to use.



### ANSWERS TO AFRICAN WORD POWER

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braaiveis - barbecue

rondavel - a round African hut

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**Look up this Bible verse to fill in the blanks:**

**And do not \_\_\_\_\_ to do  
\_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ with  
\_\_\_\_\_ for with such  
sacrifices God is \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Hebrews 13:16b (NIV)**