

MBF Kids: Lumi's World of Hope™

Children's Sermon Guide Reuben's Story of Hope



1 Invite the Children to the Front (1 minute)

Good morning, friends! Today we're going to hear a true story about a young boy named Reuben who lives in Malawi. Would you come sit with me up here so we can watch and learn together? (Allow children to come forward and be seated.)

2 Introduce the Story (1 minute)

Reuben is a five-year-old boy who loves to run, play soccer, and go to nursery school with his friends. But one day, Reuben hurt his leg and couldn't walk. Let's see what happened and how God used many people to help him.

3 Share the Story (3–5 minutes)

(Use the Reuben's Story of Hope book, showing the pictures as you read.)

Read the story with expression, pausing to ask simple questions:

- What is Reuben doing here?
- How do you think he feels?
- Who helped Reuben?
- Where did Reuben go to get the care he needed?
- How did God use doctors, nurses, and others to help Reuben?

4 Highlight the Key Truth (2 minutes)

Reuben received excellent medical care, and people cared for him with kindness. They not only helped his leg heal, they also showed him the love of Jesus.

When we help others and show God's love, we bring hope to children like Reuben. God cares for children like Reuben, and He can use all of us to help others, too!

5 Give a Simple Takeaway (1 minute)

Each little light we give out today is a reminder that we can shine God's love in the world. Just like people helped Reuben, we can be part of God's story by showing kindness, helping others, and praying for children around the world.



You Can Be a Light of Hope!

Like Reuben, children around the world need care, kindness, and the hope of Jesus. You can make a difference!



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Lead a Short Prayer (1 minute)

Let's pray together. You can repeat after me if you'd like:

*"Dear God,
Thank You for children like Reuben.
Thank You for doctors, nurses, and caregivers who help children heal.
Help us to be a light of hope by showing kindness, helping others,
and sharing Your love with people near and far.
Amen."*

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Give the Flashlights (1 minute)

As each child receives a flashlight, say something like:

*"This flashlight is a reminder that you can be a light of hope.
You can shine God's love at home, at school, and in your community.
And you can pray for children like Reuben around the world."*

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Dismiss the Children (1 minute)

Thank the children for being with you and send them back to their seats.

*"Thank you for joining me today and for learning about Reuben's story.
You can take your flashlight with you as a reminder to be a light of hope.
Now it's time to go back and sit with your families.
You can continue to shine God's love wherever you go!"*



Optional Closing Remark for the Congregation

Reuben's story reminds us that when we invest in Christian healthcare ministries worldwide, children receive not only excellent medical care, but also the hope of Jesus. Our children are being reminded today that they, too, can be part of God's work by showing kindness, praying for others, and being a light of hope in their own communities.