

## PWRDF 2008 Family Calendar

October 6-10 yrs Activity: Monkeys and the Fish

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# How the Monkeys Saved the Fish -- A Tanzanian folktale

The rainy season had been strong and the river had broken its banks. There were floods everywhere and the animals were all running up into the hills. The monkeys used their agility to climb up into the treetops, and looked down on the surface of the water where the fish were swimming and gracefully jumping out of the water.

One of the monkeys saw the fish and shouted to his companion, "Look down, my friend, look at those poor creatures. Do you see how they struggle in the water?" "Yes," said the other monkey. "What a pity! Probably they were late in escaping to the hills because they seem to have no legs. How can we save them?"

So the monkeys started catching the fish, but not without difficulty. One by one, they brought them out of the water and put them carefully on the dry land. After a short time there was a pile of fish lying on the grass motionless. One of the monkeys said, "Do you see? They were tired, but now they are resting. Had it not been for us, my friend, all those poor creatures without legs would have drowned."

The other monkey said, "They were trying to escape from us because they could not understand our good intentions. But when they wake up they will be very grateful because we have brought them salvation (or we have saved them)".