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Focus on the importance of working in a team.

Blind counting

You will need: Nothing!

The aim of the game is to get the group to count together from 1 to 20. (If the group is younger you could make it 1 to 10 depending on how they get on.) Get the children to sit in a circle with their backs facing inwards so they can't see one another. Each child has to say at least one number out loud as the group count through from 1 to 20, but if two or more children say a number at the same time then the group begins again at 1.

Comment on how they improve as they keep trying – are they learning to listen to one another? Did everyone get to say a number?

Treasure hunt

You will need: To photocopy and cut up the MAF jigsaw so each team has one to put together.

Hide the pieces of puzzle around the room, ideally before the children arrive. Separate the children into teams and tell them that around the room are some pieces of jigsaw to find. BUT they must find them in the correct order, as all the pieces are numbered between 1 and 6, before they can put them together. The team that puts the puzzle together first wins.

This activity encourages the children to share information and communicate clearly with one another. Who found a piece that wasn't the right number? How did you tell others where it was? What was it like working as a team?



Story time

This is Liliana or Lily for short, she is seven years old.

Lily lives on the side of a mountain in East Timor with her grandmother. She uses a water bottle to water their garden but for months now nothing has grown. Lily's grandma measures out a small amount of food each day to make sure there is enough to last, but Lily is often sick due to her lack of food. In the UK, we have autumn, winter, spring and summer.



In East Timor, they have another season – the hunger season.

MAF works with World Vision to help children like Lily get the food that they desperately need.

Normally it takes five hours by car to reach the World Vision site in Bobonaro. An MAF flight gets the staff there in just 20 minutes.

Through MAF and World Vision working together, Lily and her grandmother have a hope for their future. A future without hunger.

Team MAF

Watch the Petey the Plane cartoon and ask the children to point out the people who do different 'special work' to help the poor and isolated. You may wish to watch it first and note down points where you could stop the film to discuss how this person helps MAF.

The film can be found at: www.maf-youth.org/video-gallery If you are unable to view it here, please email the MAF Youth office at youth@maf-uk.org or phone 0845 850 9505.

Who are the people your group can think of in their own lives that do different 'works' to make sure they are safe, happy, loved and cared for? Why is it important that we work together for God? What talents can we offer for God's work?.

Prayer time

Read this Bible verse to the group:

'He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love'

(Ephesians 4:15-16 NLT).

Prayer activity (see activity sheet)

Using the body illustration, give each child a 'body part' (or one between two) and ask them to write on it someone who works with or for MAF that they want to pray for. As each child prays, piece the person back together and pray blessings over MAF's work and the people we reach.

