



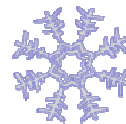
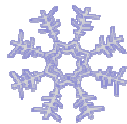
Dear Children!

No. 15

It's us again Jack & Joy , your African friends.

Well, the last four months Martin & Silke + David were not with us here in boiling hot Africa, but in freezing Europe. If we only hear the word snow our teeth start rattling, BRRRRR!!!

Martin & Silke told us, that sometimes in the Winter at your place, the lakes and rivers get so cold, that you can actually walk on them??? That seems hard to believe...They also told us, that you have some kind of a sport where you fix two wooden planks onto your shoes and shot down the mountains with it??? Crazy stuff!!! But you know what? On one of the camps Martin and Silke did something a bit similar with us. They called it „**Summer skiing**“, below you can see a picture of it:



When your snow finally has melted...maybe you can try it out yourself sometime..

Summer skiing...

(great for birthday parties & camps or path finders)

Here's what you need:

- 2 wooden planks (ca. 1m long & 10cm wide)
- 8 about 15cm lengths of rubber band
- a couple of small nails

Here's how it works:

Nail the lengths of rubber band to the planks, with a spacing of about 40 cm., so that "bows" materialise, into which you can put your feet. (they have to be fairly durable.)

Then you need 3 friends and a good technique to get going with your summer skis ☺.(Remember: "Vorsprung durch Technik"!!) ☺

If you make two sets you can compete with each other and have a race. Enjoy!



Skiing is like....listening to God's command:

When we play this game at our camp here, we also sit down at the end (you have to anyway after all the panting) and talk what we also have learned from it all (on to p of having fun).

Summer ski is about working together as a team, so that you can get ahead! Everyone has to work together, to lift your right and then your left foot, all at the same time. You can't just walk as you always do, but you have to wait or hurry up a bit to keep in step with the others.

The big word for it is called: to synchronise ☺ You usually need one person to give the commands and everyone else listens to that person. If everyone works together like that, the game is really fun and it works. It's also the same with others things in our life: working together, rather than against each other makes life much easier!

This is what Jesus talks about, when he says that we should love one another and carry each others burden.

Unfortunately it's not so easy -in the games as in life. We can mess up a lot and we can fall over and even injure ourselves. We can also be responsible for the fall and pain of others, if we do not listen to the command of Jesus. And do you know the command of Jesus? Where do we find out about it? Yes, in the word of God –and it is there that God tells us which way we should go! A good way, where we care for one another and keep in step with each other.

There is one verse for example where God tells us: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and all your mind and all your strength and love your fellow man as yourself" (Matthew 12:30-31) Just think for a moment, where, or with whom you can practice that, who can you help & love, at school or at home?

If we keep to the command of God, we will go well! We can live without hurting ourselves, or others. Do you know other commands of God? Check out the bible and E-mail some to us, we'd love to hear from you!! Or if you have a story of how God helped you to keep to his command, do write to us!! Here's our E-mail Address : waldvogesm@gmx.net

Back in Zimbabwe...

At last Martin & Silke + David came back to us, what a joy it was to see them!!! Especially David, he's so sweet!!! We always marvel at his white skin and blond hair... ☺!

Martin is teaching again at the schools and also at a home for 98 children who don't have any parents here in Marondera. Do pray for these dear children who don't have it as good as most of you, having loving people who look after them. Silke will do hand craft with the children there and teach them to bake.

Then they want to sell the things, so that The children will be able to buy some exercise books, cloths and other things with it. In this way they learn not to depend on others only for donations, but do something themselves. Sometime Martin & Silke + David take the children to go out so that they can have a good day.

More about the „Musha ve vana“, the „Village of the children“ in our next adventures of Africa.



For now we say „Cheerio “ and God bless, your Jack & Joy



Kids pray for the world:

- Thank you Jesus, that Martin & Silke had a good time in Europe and that David was able to get to know his grandparents a bit. Please give them the strength they need again in Africa.
- Please help me Lord that I will obey your command and follow you and the right way.