

Zambesi Times

Issue 6



Remember me? My name is **Kondwani** and my green scaly friend is called **Chikondi**. We live in **Malawi** in Africa and today we are going to find out about my favourite place in the whole world... can you guess where it is?

That's easy for me because it is my favourite place too! But maybe we need to give a bit of a clue.....



OK. But lets not make it too easy..... I know these children enjoy puzzles; let me see if they can answer some questions..

To find our favourite place, solve Kondwane's puzzle below...

When Chikonde tells a funny joke I _ _ _ _ _

I need to breath this _ _ _ (although I can hold my breath for over 5 minutes!)

My name is _ _ _ _ _

This friend is even bigger than me , has enormous ears and sounds like a trumpet! _ _ _ _ _

I live here _ _ _ _ _

_ _ _ _ _ is my favourite continent

Chikonde's name means _ _ _ _ _ (clue: opposite of hate)

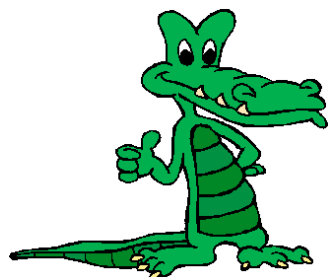
Chikonde gets upset if you call him an _ _ _ _ _ rather than a crocodile

We have two seasons here; dry season and _ _ _ _ _ season

I can eat about 40 kilos of greens a day, but if I ate lots more I would feel _ _ _ _

Now, if you've answered all those questions, take the first letter from each answer to find our favourite place

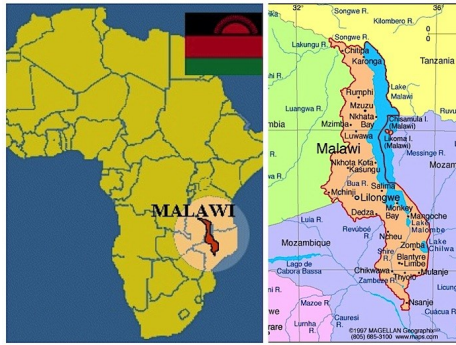
_ _ _ _ _



That wasn't too hard, was it?
To find out more about this amazing place and to enjoy some more puzzles, turn the page...

Oh, and here's a good joke:
What game should you never play with a Hippo?
Squash!

Lake Malawi



It is sometimes called **the calendar lake**:

365 miles long;

52 miles wide at its widest point

12 main rivers flow into the lake

It has more species of fish than any other lake in the world

It makes up almost 25% of Malawi

Do you like going to the seaside or the lake shore?

What kind of things do you get up to there?

Swimming? Snorkelling? Surfing? Building sand castles? Boat trips?

If you were a Malawian child living near Lake Malawi, you would enjoy going there for a swim – but it would be so much more important to you than just a place for fun.

You would probably be sent down to the shore every day with a bar of soap to have a bath and clean your teeth!

After a meal you might help mum carry the pots and pans down to the lake to do the washing up!

And another time, a load of clothes for washing!

You might not be able to afford a snorkel, or a boat trip, but there would be plenty to keep you occupied, since the lakeshore is the centre of the community, all year round.

Most of the men living nearby earn a living through catching fish overnight (some people think the twinkling of the lanterns on the fishermen's boats is what caused discoverer David Livingstone to call the lake "The Lake of Stars") and taking them to market in the morning. The nets get spread out on the beach to dry, and sometimes they need to be mended so that they are ready for going out in the evening. Some of the fish get dried in the sun, and smoked, and all this takes place by the lakeshore

The children love to watch the boats come in and go out, and look forward to the day when they can go fishing.

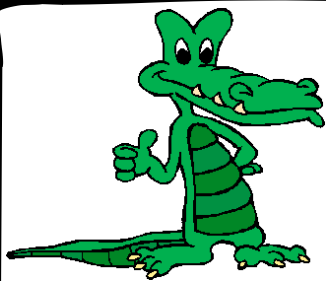


It was probably the same for Jesus when he was growing up. He spent his childhood on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, and this was his base during his three years of ministry. Like Lake Malawi, the Sea of Galilee is a fresh-water lake, but it is much smaller, and would have been the centre of the community back then too. Jesus' earthly father, Joseph the carpenter, probably helped maintain some of the fishing boats.

Most of Jesus's disciples came from towns around the lake, and some of them were fishermen.

I bet Jesus loved the lake and enjoyed swimming and fishing with his friends....but God had other plans for him





Time for a word search!
Thinking about lakes, here are
some words for you to try and find
below...

s	a	n	d	c	a	s	t	l	e	f	g	p
x	y	t	m	f	i	s	h	a	l	l	k	e
t	w	a	m	i	l	i	g	k	p	n	t	l
b	o	a	t	s	t	y	u	e	i	o	p	a
p	q	a	s	h	d	f	g	o	h	j	k	k
n	w	l	z	e	x	c	v	f	b	n	m	e
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h	x	c	x	n	z	x	t	r	y	h	s	a
i	x	c	t	h	y	u	o	s	d	f	s	w
n	o	o	n	g	t	b	b	o	a	b	t	i
g	s	e	a	o	f	g	a	l	i	l	e	e

- boats
- fish
- swim
- Lake Malawi
- beach
- washing
- Sea of Galilee
- Lake of stars
- fishermen
- sandcastle

Luke 19 v 10 tells us why Jesus came to earth - can you unscramble the letters to work out why?
to K E S E n d a S V A E h t e O L T S
to _ _ _ _ _

Everyone is separated from God because of our sin - all except Jesus who was the sinless Son of God. At the end of his 3 years of teaching, healing and showing God’s power around the Sea of Galilee, Jesus went up to Jerusalem where he was accused of sins he had not done, and was put to death on the Cross of Calvary.

This was his mission - dying in our place so that we can be saved from the punishment we deserve for the wrong things we have done.

Brought back to life, Jesus returned to his father in heaven, but during his time by the Sea of Galilee he had appointed others to spread this good news, to be “fishers of men”, and to write it all down so that we today can read all about it and know the way back to God.

Just like Jesus’ first disciples, Jesus calls all of us who believe in Him to “fish for people” – to tell others the Good News that Jesus can save them.
Are you “fishing for people”?
This is our mission



Hmm, “fishing for people” sounds like a big challenge



Another one of Lake Malawi's nicknames is "The Lake of Storms", because it is very susceptible to stormy weather. The fishing boats on lake Malawi are not very big – and yet the lake is huge, the 4th largest fresh water lake in the world by volume and the 9th largest by area. And at its deepest point it is over 700m deep!



Imagine what it must feel like to be out on the lake in one of those little boats when a storm blows up. Jesus' disciples understood the same fear, because the Sea of Galilee is also susceptible to sudden storms.

See if you can fill in the gaps in the story below to read what Matthew wrote about a storm that Jesus and his followers got caught up in on the Sea of Galilee...

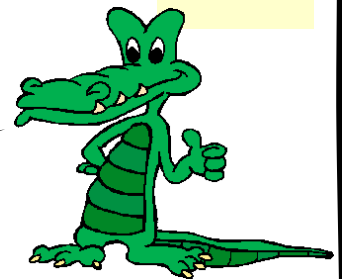
Then he got into the _ _ _ _ and his disciples followed him. Suddenly a furious _ _ _ _ came up on the _ _ _ _ , so that the _ _ _ _ swept over the boat. But _ _ _ _ was sleeping. The disciples went and _ _ _ _ him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to _ _ _ _ !" He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so _ _ _ _ ?" Then he got up and rebuked the _ _ _ _ and the waves, and it was completely _ _ _ _ . The men were _ _ _ _ and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves _ _ _ _ him!" (Matthew 8:23-27)

- storm
- Jesus
- afraid
- boat
- obey
- woke
- winds
- amazed
- lake
- waves
- drown
- calm

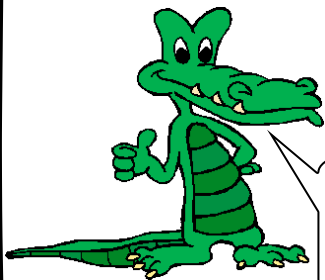


Wow! That's an amazing true story! It shows Jesus' power and authority - over even the wildest of storms.

Yes, and when Jesus returned to Heaven he told his followers that he still has that same power and authority - so they don't need to be afraid of being "fishers of people"



Can you help sail the boat through to the island?



...and here's another hippo joke...
What did the dog say to the Hippo?
Woof!!

