



You're invited!

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Leader: Let kids act out these scenes as you read.

- You're invited for dinner in an African home! What an honor! Dress nicely and get ready to go.
- When you arrive, remove your shoes at the door. Shake hands with each guest. Ladies, offer to help your host prepare the meal.
- Before you eat, you'll be offered a cup of coffee in a small cup without a handle. It's impolite not to take it. Sometimes the coffee is served with popcorn.
- When dinner begins, extend your hands over the basin on the table. Your host will pour water from a jug over your hands – you'll be eating with them!
- Your meal will likely be served on one large plate. The oldest person is first to take food from the plate. Use your right hand only – eating with the left is rude. Your meal might include meat served with cheese and cabbage or bread. The bread is served with a vegetable stew. You'll break off a bit of bread and use it like a scoop.
- Don't be surprised if your host takes a tasty bit of food and puts it in your mouth. Just smile and accept what you're given!
- When the meal ends, there will be more hand-washing and more coffee. Sniff the good-smelling coffee first, then sip it slowly. Offer to help tidy up and thank your hosts for serving a wonderful meal.

