



Section	Beavers/Cubs	Last Updated	15 th July 2011
Theme / Month		Length of Activity	40 mins
Programme Zone	Global		
Title	Discovering the slums of Nairobi		
Summary	Introduces beavers/Cubs to the living conditions of children in the Kibera slums, Nairobi, Kenya.		
Details	<p><u>Resources:</u> 2 (or more) Measuring tapes Long pieces of string Scissors</p> <p>Divide Beavers/Cubs into two groups: one group has (around) 5 members, the other has 7-10. Create more similarly sized groups if there are more members of your section.</p> <p><u>Activity:</u> Tell the group with 5 members to use the measuring tape (with help of a leader) to measure out and with the pieces of string mark a square measuring 3*3 metres.</p> <p>Tell the group with 7-10 members to measure out and mark a square measuring 10 * 7 metres.</p> <p>Tell the two groups that they have now measured up the footprint of their new houses. Ask them to step in to their respective homes and make themselves comfortable! The bigger house should also have a leader in it.</p> <p>Ask the beavers to in their houses pretend to act out the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Sit down for a meal-Find some peace and quiet to do homework-Go to sleep <p>Explain that the 3*3 metre house is the typical size of a house in the Kibera slum in Nairobi, Kenya. Kibera is a small area (2*2 miles) which is the home to around 1 million people, so very densely populated. 50,000 orphaned children live there. Typically, 5 children will share a house which is 3*3 metres. There is no electricity, 1 toilet/500 people and only 2 pipes of water in the whole area. Water has to be paid for.</p>		



The 10*7 metre house is the typical size of a house in the SOS Children's Village in Nairobi. Each house is the home of 7-10 orphaned children, and is headed by an SOS Mother who looks after them. There is a kitchen, bathroom and bedrooms.

Encourage Beavers/Cubs to reflect on the differences between living in the two houses, and what it might be like. Which one would they prefer?