

# Kwanzaa



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## Forward

Once again it is time for celebration. For seven days we celebrate the seven principals we know as the Nguzo Saba. Although we apply these principles throughout the year, we take time out during this time of the year to come together as a family and highlight each one of these principles. This book will serve as your guide for the entire celebration week of Kwanzaa. In it you find not only the nightly programs, but history, puzzle, and coloring activities.

Enjoy the celebration and share what you experience with others.

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## History of Kwanzaa

**Kwanzaa** is an African American and Pan-African holiday which celebrates family, community and culture. Celebrated from 26 December thru 1 January, its origins are in the first harvest celebrations of Africa from which it takes its name. The name Kwanzaa is derived from the phrase "matunda ya kwanza" which means "first fruits" in Swahili, a Pan-African language which is the most widely spoken African language.

The first-fruits celebrations are recorded in African history as far back as ancient Egypt and Nubia and appear in ancient and modern times in other classical African civilizations such as Ashantiland and Yorubaland. These celebrations are also found in ancient and modern times among societies as large as empires (the Zulu or kingdoms (Swaziland) or smaller societies and groups like the Matabele, Thonga and Lovedu, all of southeastern Africa.

Kwanzaa builds on the five fundamental activities of Continental African "first fruit" celebrations: ingathering; reverence; commemoration; recommitment; and celebration.

Rooted in this ancient history and culture, Kwanzaa develops as a flourishing branch of the African American life and struggle as a recreated and expanded ancient tradition. Thus, it bears special characteristics only an African American holiday but also a Pan-African one, For it draws from the cultures of various African peoples, and is celebrated by millions of Africans throughout the world African community. Moreover, these various African peoples celebrate Kwanzaa because it speaks not only to African Americans in a special way, but also to Africans as a whole, in its stress on history, values, family, community and culture.

Kwanzaa was established in 1966 in the midst of the Black Freedom Movement and thus reflects its concern for cultural grounded ness in thought and practice, and the unity and self-determination associated with this. It was conceived and established to serve several functions.

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## Biblical Perspective

|              |                                    |                                                                                                |
|--------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Umoja        | Unity                              | John 6:51; John 17:11; Romans 11:12; Philippians 1:9, 2:1-2                                    |
| Kujichagulia | Self-Determination                 | Deuteronomy 10:12-13; 1 Kings 4-7; 2 Kings 1:13                                                |
| Ujima        | Collective Work and Responsibility | Nehemiah 2:16-18; 1 Chronicles 26; Proverbs 24:12; Luke 12:42; Romans 12:8; 2 Corinthians 13:8 |
| Ujamaa       | Cooperative Economics              | 2 Kings 12:17-16; Acts 2:44-47                                                                 |
| Nia          | Purpose                            | Genesis 24;12; Psalms 57:2; Malachi 2:5Romans 9:17; 1 Corinthians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 2:4    |
| Kuumba       | Creativity                         | Exodus 31;                                                                                     |
| Imani        | Faith                              | Matthew 15:28; Matthew 17:20; Mark 11:22;                                                      |
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## The Symbols of Kwanzaa

1. The MKEKA is the straw mat and is symbolic of our tradition and history and therefore, the foundation on which we build.
2. The KINARA is the Candlestick holder. This is symbolic of our roots, our parent people -- continental Africans.
3. The MAZAO are the crops. These are symbolic of African harvest celebrations and of the rewards of productive and collective labor.
4. The MUHINDI is the corn, it is symbolic of our children and our future which they embody.
5. The KIKOMBE CHA UMOJA is the Unity Cup. This is symbolic of the foundational principle and practice of unity which makes all else possible.
6. The ZAWADI, are gifts that are usually handmade and are symbolic of the labor and love of parents and the commitments made and kept by the children.
7. The MISHUMAA SABA are the seven candle. These are symbolic of the Nguzo Saba, the Seven Principles, the matrix and minimum set of values which African people are urged to live by.

Each night we light the Umoja candle and use it to light the principle candle.

## Possible Nightly Activities

| Night   | Principle    | Activity               | Material                                           |
|---------|--------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Dec. 26 | Umoja        |                        |                                                    |
| Dec. 27 | Kujichagulia | Work on Tribe Identity | Beads, material, glue, color, scissors, tape, etc. |
| Dec. 28 | Ujima        | Build Model of village | Paper goods, tape, colors, glue, etc.              |
| Dec. 29 | Ujamaa       | Market                 | What you want to use to create your project.       |
| Dec. 30 | Nia          | Jeopardy               |                                                    |
| Dec. 31 | Kuumba       | Social Think Tank      | Your creative ideas                                |
| Jan. 1  | Imani        | Review and Fellowship  |                                                    |

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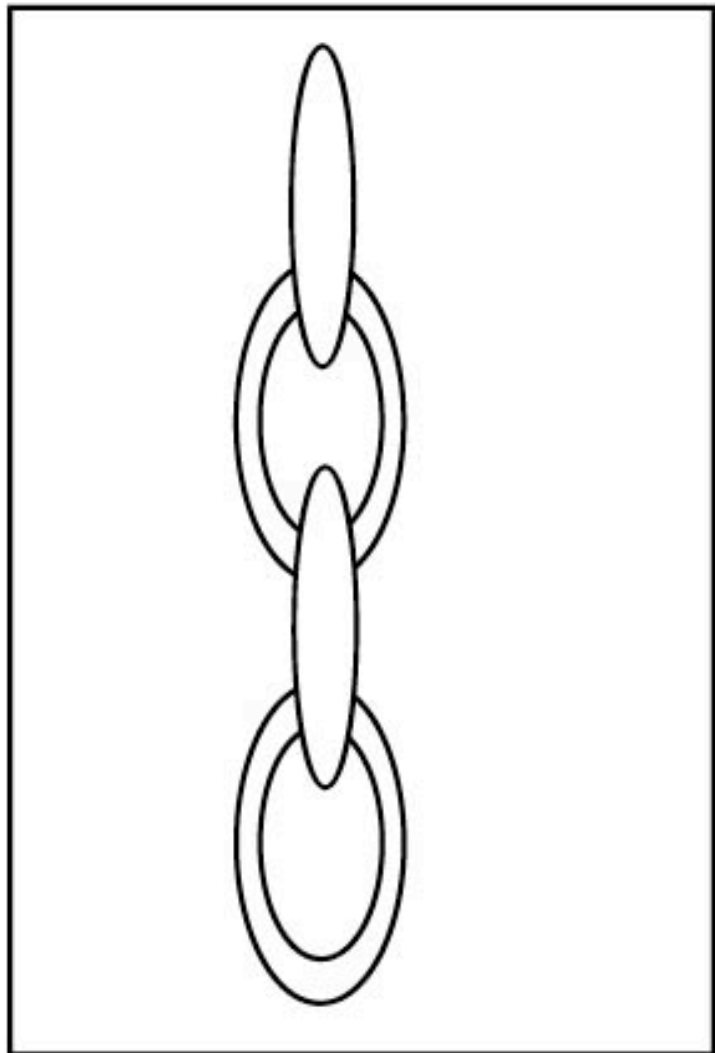
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## U m o j a Unity

**Facilitator:** Habari za Jioni - *Good Evening*  
Hamjambo - *How are all of you?*

**Community:** Hatujambo - *We are fine*

**Facilitator:** Today we celebrate –UMOJA: Unity  
Habari Gani? - *What's the News*

**Community:** Habari Umoja! - *The News is Unity*

**Facilitator:** Habari Gani?

**Community:** Habari Umoja!

**Facilitator:** To the elders of this great village - Shikamoo - *I touch your feet as a sign of respect.*

**Elder(s):** Marahabaa - *I acknowledge your respect.*

*(Elder: one having authority by virtue of age and experience; any of various officers of religious groups i.e deacons, ministers, Pastors)*

**Facilitator:** We will now do our call to worship.

**Community:** Call to Worship (Page 2)

**Facilitator:** Let us pray

**Prayer:** Sis. Mijolae Wright

**Praise:** *Celebrate*

**Facilitator:** This is the first night of our celebration so tonight we highlight the symbols and reason why we have come together. First we start with the History on Page 4.

Now we will have the lighting team present the symbols of Kwanzaa on page 5.

### Lighting Team:

**Facilitator:** **Tonight's Griot is Pastor Kristoffer Lands and he will read a story about tonight's principle.**

**Griot:**

**Facilitator:** Our presenter for the night is Cadet Catrina Gordon

**Presenter:** Habari Gani?

**Community:** Habari Umoja!

**Presenter:** **UMOJA is Unity.**

**Community:** We strive for and maintain UNITY in the family, community, nation and race.

**Presenter:** **How does the bible describe the UNITY that should exist between Servant Warrior Leaders of high moral character?**

**Community:** Unity for the Servant warrior leader is based on each person's connection with Christ.

**Presenter:** **Jesus' great desire for the servant warrior leader is that we become one. Philippians 2:4,5 says Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,**

**Community:** Servant warrior leader's are not intended to live out there faith in isolation.

**Presenter:** **In Christ, unity has been made possible.**

**Community:** But it has not yet been fully achieved.

**Presenter:** **The love commanded by Christ should create deep unity among Servant Warrior Leaders.**

**Philippians 1:9 says "And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge depth of insight."**

## U m o j a Unity

**Community:** Unity ought to be a distinctive mark among Servant Warrior Leaders. Philippians 2:1-2 says “If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in Spirit and purpose.

**Presenter:** **Why then do we begin with Unity?**

**Community:** Without unity we will be unable to accomplish anything.

**Presenter:** Habari Gani?

**Community:** Habari Umoja!

### **Offering:**

**Announcements:** Tomorrow’s principle is Kujichagulia, meaning self-Determination. Tomorrow you will be in your tribes and you will work on what makes you you. You are welcome to bring any materials that you need for tomorrow. You will be given string that represents the color of your tribe. With the string you can make necklaces or bracelets or anything creative that identifies your tribe. Bring beads, dried noodles, whatever you choose to dress up the bracelet or necklace. Let your imagination and creativity exceed the confines of tradition.

See the list of activities and materials needed to be prepared for the week on page 5

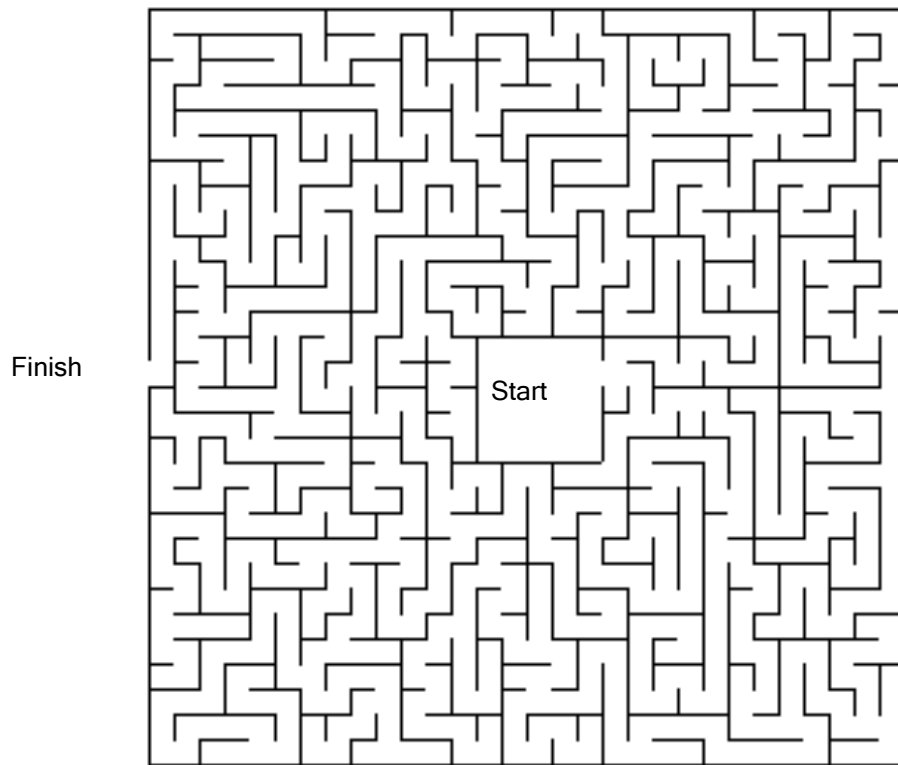
### **Community Prayer:**

**Harambee:**

**Victory Song**

Kwaheri (Goodbye)

## Think Outside the Box





## Kujichagulia Self-Determination

**Facilitator:** Habari za Jioni - *Good Evening*  
Hamjambo - *How are all of you?*  
**Community:** Hatujambo - *We are fine*

**Facilitator:** Today we celebrate – Kujichagulia - Self-Determination: To define and defend ourselves, name ourselves for ourselves and speak for ourselves instead of allowing others to do it!  
Habari Gani? - *What's the News*

**Community:** Habari Kujichagulia! - *The News is Self-Determination:* To define and defend ourselves, name ourselves for ourselves and speak for ourselves instead of allowing others to do it!

**Facilitator:** Habari Gani?

**Community:** Habari Kujichagulia!

**Facilitator:** To the elders of this great village - Shikamoo - *I touch your feet as a sign of respect.*

**Elder(s):** Marahabaa - *I acknowledge your respect.*

*(Elder: one having authority by virtue of age and experience; any of various officers of religious groups i.e deacons, ministers, Pastors)*

**Facilitator:** We will now do our call to worship.

**Community:** Call to Worship (Page 2)

**Facilitator:** Let us pray

**Prayer:** Cadet Hillel Lands

**Praise:** *Celebrate*

**Facilitator:** This is the second night of our celebration. Tonight we will have the lighting team present the symbols of Kwanzaa on page 5.

**Lighting Team:**

**Facilitator:** **Tonight's Griot is Rev. Michael Easley and he will read a story about tonight's principle.**

**Griot:**

**Facilitator:** Our presenter for the night is Cadet Mikel Easley

**Presenter:** Habari Gani?

**Community:** Habari Kujichagulia!

**Presenter:** **KUJICHAGULIA means self-determination**

**Community:** To define and defend ourselves, name ourselves for ourselves and speak for ourselves instead of allowing others to do it!

**Presenter:** **How then shall we define ourselves?**

**Community:** Our definition comes from God.

**Presenter:** **Who does he say we are?**

**Community:** I am a Servant Warrior Leader of High Moral Character. I am not common. I am not dumb. I am not stupid. I am not slow. I am not a fool. I am not a loser. I will not be defeated.

I have an eternal ordained purpose for living. No one can be me but me.

## Kujichagulia Self-Determination

I will do great things. I will do the right thing the right way for the right reason expecting the right results, to benefit others. I will succeed.

I can do what I set my mind to do. I can do all things by faith. I can read and I will read better. I can write and I will write better. I can speak and I will speak better. I can do mathematics and I will improve. I can think.

I am special. I am unique. I am beautifully and wonderfully made. I am precious

I am somebody/ I am victorious. I am Servant Warrior Leader of High Moral Character. I am Free.

**Facilitator:** Habari Gani?  
**Community:** Habari Kujichagulia!

**Facilitator:** Tonight we define and defend ourselves, name ourselves for ourselves and speak for ourselves instead of allowing others to do it! You have the task of creating and developing your name, chant, flag, song, dance, etc. You have the responsibility of identifying and assigning members of your tribes responsibilities.

### Roles and Responsibilities

**.Priest/Minister:** Encourages a right attitude within the tribe before God. Along with the other priest from the other nations will conduct the celebration, beginning on December 27.

**.Warriors:** Defends, protects, provides for the nation.

**.Wise Council:** Offers insight and foresight to the nation.

**.Artisans:** These are your skilled members. (Artist, doctors, carpenters, architects, writers, engineers, etc.)

**.Griot / Historian:** The story teller. The keeper of the history. Griot should be aware of community, national and international issues.

### **Nations at Work:**

#### **Offering:**

**Announcements:** Tomorrow we celebrate Ujima which is collective work and responsibility. For our activity we will build a model of our village. Bring paper products such as boxes, paper, paper rolls, tape, glue, colors etc. On December 31, Warrior will be in Concert. On January 1, 2006, Sis. Kiamesha Lands, Sis. Sylvia Addison and Bro. Israel Scott will be in concert.

#### **Community Prayer:**

#### **Victory Song**

#### **Harambee:**

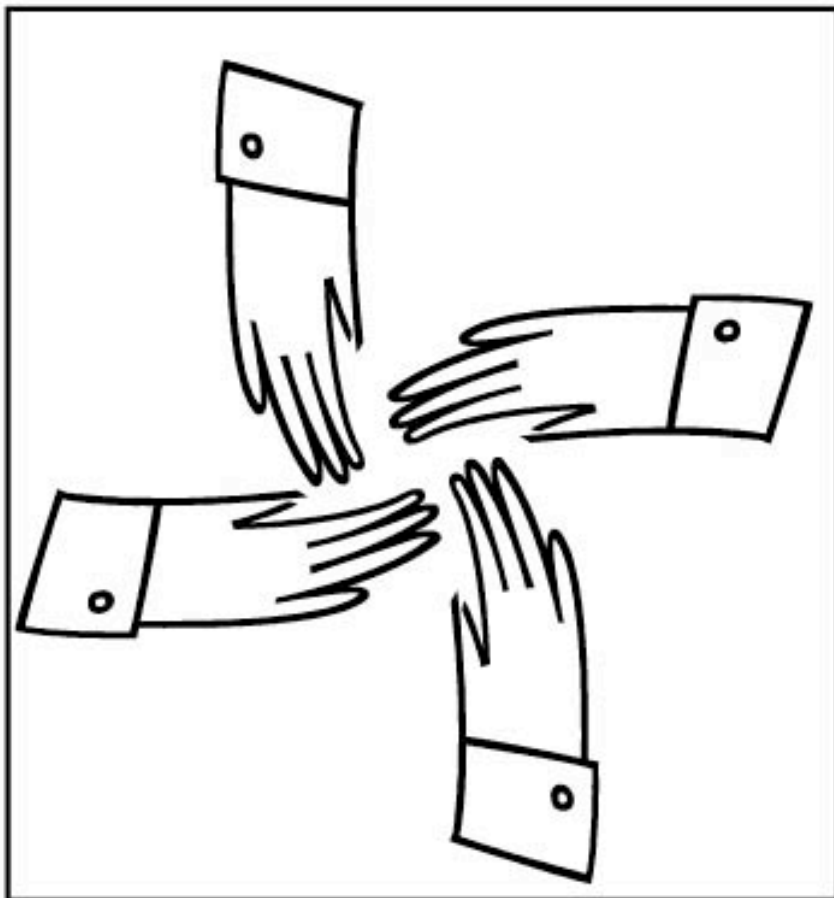
Kwaheri (Goodbye)

# Ujijima

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and

Responsibility



## Ujima Collective Work and Responsibility

**Facilitator:** Habari za Jioni - *Good Evening*  
Hamjambo - *How are all of you?*

**Community:** Hatujambo - *We are fine*

**Facilitator:** Today we celebrate – Ujima - COLLECTIVE WORK and RESPONSIBILITY - To build and maintain active and informed togetherness on matters of common interest and importance.  
Habari Gani? - *What's the News*

**Community:** Habari Ujima! - *The News is COLLECTIVE WORK and RESPONSIBILITY - To build and maintain active and informed togetherness on matters of common interest and importance.*

**Facilitator:** Habari Gani?

**Community:** Habari Ujima!

**Facilitator:** To the elders of this great village - Shikamoo - *I touch your feet as a sign of respect.*

**Elder(s):** Marahabaa - *I acknowledge your respect.*

*(Elder: one having authority by virtue of age and experience; any of various officers of religious groups i.e deacons, ministers, Pastors)*

**Facilitator:** We will now do our call to worship.

**Community:** Call to Worship (Page 2)

**Facilitator:** Let us pray

**Prayer:** Cadet Khalil Easley

**Praise:** *Celebrate*

**Facilitator:** This is the third night of our celebration. The lighting team will present the symbols of Kwanzaa on page 5.

**Lighting Team:**

**Facilitator:** **Tonight's Griot is Sis. Leslie Alexander and he will read a story about tonight's principle.**

**Griot:**

**Facilitator:** Our presenter for the night is Deacon Charles Henry

**Presenter:** **UJIMA is COLLECTIVE WORK and RESPONSIBILITY**

**Community:** To build and maintain active and informed togetherness on matters of common interest and importance.

**Presenter:** **How is working together an important part of the Servant Warrior Leader's life?**

**Community:** Collective work is a vital part of life in the body of Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:9 says we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

**Presenter:** **Collective work among Servant warrior Leaders requires everyone's contribution. Ephesians 4:12 says to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.**

**Community:** Collective work is the product of genuine love for one another. Philippians 2:3-4 says Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

**Presenter:** **Collective work makes our individual effort go much farther. 1 Peter 2:4-5 says as you come to Him, the living stone - rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to Him - you also, like living stones, are built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. What principles does God give regarding our work?**

## Ujima Collective Work and Responsibility

**Community:** God wants Servant Warrior Leaders to be characterized by diligence in their work. Genesis 31:42 says “If the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the fear of Isaac, had not been with me, you would surely have sent me away empty handed. But God has seen my hardship and the toil of my hands, and last night He rebuked you.”

**Presenter:** **God is the source of all our skills, and He wants us to use them to the best of our ability.**

**Community:** Our work, even if it isn't spiritual can still be done to God's glory, Exodus 36:1. God wants us to work hard and do our best, even with small and seemingly insignificant responsibilities, Ruth 2:7.

**Presenter:** **Wherever we go and whatever we do, our work ought to leave behind an impression that we are seeking to serve God rather than just people.**

**Community:** God gives each Servant Warrior Leader an assignment. All our work should be Christ centered, Ephesians 6:6-7.

**Facilitator:** Habari Gani?

**Community:** Habari Ujima!

**Facilitator:** Tonight you will work on designing, creating and developing a model of your village/city. Use what ever resources you have available to you. Each tribe will have about three minutes to present their village to rest of the nation.

**Tribes at work:**

**Offering:**

**Announcements:** Tomorrow we celebrate Ujamaa: Cooperative Economics. Tomorrow's activity is The Market. For your tribe to exist it has to support itself, by creating and developing a product that can be sold to other nations. Using your resources, create and develop a finished product. So bring what ever materials you need to make it during tomorrow night's celebration.

**Community Prayer:**

**Victory Song**

**Harambee:**

Kwaheri (Goodbye)

# Ujamaa

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# Cooperative Economics



## U j a m a a Cooperative Economics

**Facilitator:** Habari za Jioni - *Good Evening*  
Hamjambo - *How are all of you?*

**Community:** Hatujambo - *We are fine*

**Facilitator:** Today we celebrate – Ujamaa - COOPERATIVE ECONOMICS - To build and maintain the principle and practice of shared wealth and resources.  
Habari Gani? - *What's the News*

**Community:** Habari Ujamaa! - *The News is UJAMAA - COOPERATIVE ECONOMICS - To build and maintain the principle and practice of shared wealth and resources.*

**Facilitator:** Habari Gani?

**Community:** Habari Ujamaa!

**Facilitator:** To the elders of this great village - Shikamoo - *I touch your feet as a sign of respect.*

**Elder(s):** Marahabaa - *I acknowledge your respect.*

*(Elder: one having authority by virtue of age and experience; any of various officers of religious groups i.e deacons, ministers, Pastors)*

**Facilitator:** We will now do our call to worship.

**Community:** Call to Worship (Page 2)

**Facilitator:** Let us pray

**Prayer:** Cadet Debreanna Simms

**Praise:** *Celebrate*

**Facilitator:** This is the fourth night of our celebration. Tonight we will have the lighting team present the symbols of Kwanzaa on page 4.

**Lighting Team:**

**Facilitator:** **Tonight's Griot is Sis. Mona Daniels and he will read a story about tonight's principle.**

**Griot:**

**Facilitator:** Our presenter for the night is Deaconess Lisa Henry

**Presenter:** **UJAMAA means COOPERATIVE ECONOMICS**

**Community:** To build and maintain the principle and practice of shared wealth and resources.

**Presenter:** **How can wealth come between us and God?**

**Community:** Wealth can become the center of our life and take God's place. Jeremiah 9:23-24 - This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise man gloat in his wisdom, or the mighty man in his might, or the rich man in his riches. Let them boast in this alone: that they truly know me and understand that I am the LORD who is just and righteous, whose love is unfailing, and that I delight in these things. I, the LORD, have spoken!  
**Presenter:** **Wealth can easily become an idol. Matthew 19:21-22 - Jesus told him, "If you want to be perfect, go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." But when the young man heard this, he went sadly away because he had many possessions.**

**Community:** Wealth can tempt us to deny our dependence on God. Mark 10:24-25 – This amazed them. But Jesus said again, "Dear children, it is very hard to get into the Kingdom of God It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!"

**Presenter:** **What is true wealth?**

## Ujamaa Cooperative Economics

- Community:** True wealth is far more than material rewards. True wealth is what we gain when we give up what we have, to follow Christ.
- Presenter:** **True wealth is eternal. Matthew 19:27-28. Then Peter said to him, “We’ve given up everything to follow you. What will we get out of it?” And Jesus replied, “I assure you that when I, the Son of Man, sit upon my glorious throne in the Kingdom, you who have been my followers will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**
- Community:** True wealth is opposite of the wealth that the world values. True wealth is part of heaven – earthly wealth is not. True wealth is freely given for God’s kingdom. True wealth cannot rust, be lost, or be stolen. True wealth is possessing a relationship with the king.
- Presenter:** **Our concept of true wealth is defined by our focus. Luke 12:34 - Wherever your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will also be.**
- Community:** True wealth is having eternal life. John 8:12. Jesus said to the people, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t be stumbling through the darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”
- Presenter:** **How are we to think of the resources we have?**
- Community:** Our resources are given to us by God. Our resources are to be used responsibly. Luke 12:48-“ . . . Much is required from those to whom much is given, and much more is required from those to whom much more is given. God will call us to account for our use of His resources. Luke 19:15-“When he returned, the king called in the servants to whom he had given the money. He wanted to find out what they had done with the money and what their profits were.
- Presenter:** **True wealth is measured in part by how we use material wealth to benefit others.**
- Community:** Acts 2:44-47 - And all the believers met together constantly and shared everything they had. They sold their possessions and shared the proceeds with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity – all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved.
- Facilitator:** Habari Gani?
- Community:** Habari Ujamaa!
- Facilitator:** Tonight you will use the “raw” resources that you brought to create a finished product. However in making your product you will have to use the following item. Your team will have three to five minutes to market your product to the nation.

### Nations at Work / Present

#### Offering:

- Announcements:** Tomorrow we celebrate Nia: Purpose. Tomorrow’s activity is Jeopardy. Categories will be about black history, current as well as past. Remember Saturday December 31, Warrior will be in concert. Kwanzaa will begin at 6:00 p.m. January 1, 2006, Sis. Kiamesha Lands, Sis. Sylvia Addison and Bro. Israel Scott will be in concert. Kwanzaa will begin at 6:00 p.m.

#### Community Prayer:

#### Victory Song

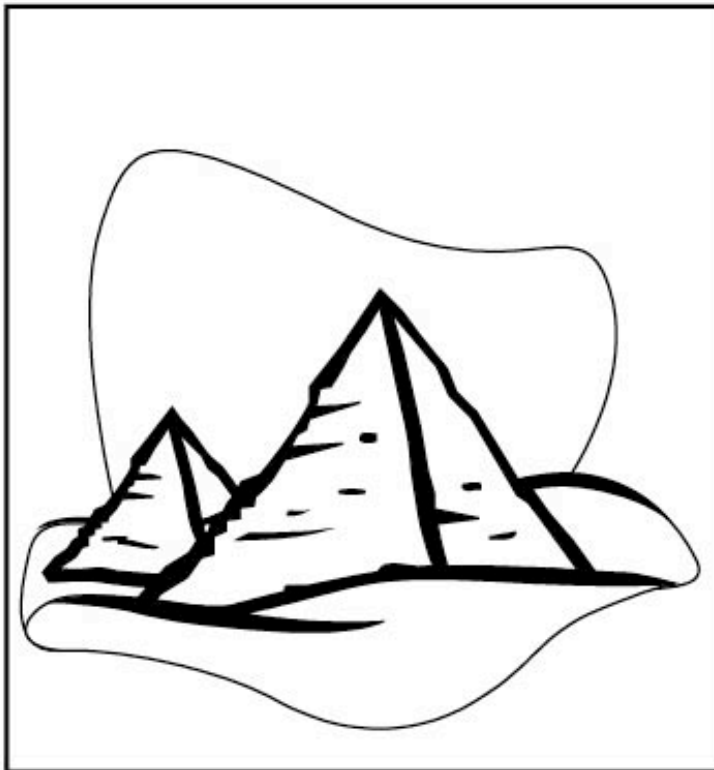
#### Harambee

| Black Facts       |                                                                                                                                                          |
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| December 26, 1908 | Jack Johnson becomes the first black heavyweight boxing champion of the world.                                                                           |
| December 27, 1941 | Pioneer of blood plasma research, Dr Charles Richard Drew, establishes a pioneer blood bank in New York City                                             |
| December 28, 1954 | Denzel Washington born                                                                                                                                   |
| December 29, 1854 | Texas admitted into the union as a slave state                                                                                                           |
| December 30, 2005 | Sigma Gamma Rho incorporated                                                                                                                             |
| December 31, 1862 | Residents of Rochester, N.Y., joined Frederick Douglass in a vigil in anticipation of the Emancipation Proclamation, which went into effect at midnight. |
| January 1, 1808   | International slave trade abolished                                                                                                                      |

# Nia

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## Purpose



## Nia Purpose

**Facilitator:** Habari za Jioni - *Good Evening*  
Hamjambo - *How are all of you?*

**Community:** Hatujambo - *We are fine*

**Facilitator:** Today we celebrate –NIA – Purpose: *To make our collective vocation the building and developing of community; become all that God desires us to be and leave inexhaustible inheritance to our posterity.*  
Habari Gani? - *What's the News*

**Community:** Habari Nia! - *The News is NIA – Purpose: To make our collective vocation the building and developing of community; become all that God desires us to be and leave inexhaustible inheritance to our posterity.*

**Facilitator:** Habari Gani?

**Community:** Habari Nia!

**Facilitator:** To the elders of this great village - Shikamoo - *I touch your feet as a sign of respect.*

**Elder(s):** Marahabaa - *I acknowledge your respect.*

*(Elder: one having authority by virtue of age and experience; any of various officers of religious groups i.e deacons, ministers, Pastors)*

**Facilitator:** We will now do our call to worship.

**Community:** Call to Worship (Page 2)

**Facilitator:** Let us pray

**Prayer:** Bro. David Wright

**Praise:** *Celebrate*

**Facilitator:** This is the fifth night of our celebration. Tonight we will have the lighting team present the symbols of Kwanzaa on page 4.

### Lighting Team:

**Facilitator:** **Tonight's Griot is Cadet Nia Henry Kristoffer Lands and he will read a story about tonight's principle.**

**Griot:**

**Facilitator:** Our presenter for the night is Sis. Tishana Lands

**Presenter:** **Nia means Purpose.**

**Community:** To make our collective vocation the building and developing of community; become all that God desires us to be and leave an inexhaustible inheritance to our posterity.

**Presenter:** **How can we find purpose in our life?**

**Community:** We find purpose in obedience to God. Numbers 9:23 - So they camped or traveled at the Lord's command, and they did whatever the LORD told them through Moses. We find purpose in trusting God. Proverbs 3:4-6; Matthew 6:33 - and he will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.

**Presenter:** **We find purpose in becoming like Christ. 2 Thessalonians 1:11; Romans 8:29 - For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn, with many brothers and sisters. How does God measure our intentions?**

**Community:** God knows our real intentions. Numbers 14:40. The intention to do evil is sin. Matthew 528 - But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust in his eye has already committed adultery with her in his heart. Good intentions become reality with Christ's help. Matthew 14:29-30 - "All right, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he looked

## Nia Purpose

around at the high waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted. God knows the real intentions of our heart. Matthew 21:31.

**Presenter:** **What kinds of investments are pleasing to God?**

**Community:** The best investments are made with eternity in mind. Psalms 49:10 - Those who are wise must finally die, just like the foolish and senseless, leaving all their wealth behind. We have a responsibility to invest God's resources wisely. Our investments must not be for selfish ends. Our investments must be centered on the kingdom of God. Matthew 25:14. Giving is one of the best investments. 2 Corinthians 9:11 - Yes, you will be enriched so that you can give even more generously. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will break out in thanksgiving to God.

**Facilitator:** Habari Gani?

**Community:** Nia!

**Facilitator:** Tonight's activity is Jeopardy. Each tribe will select a representative to represent them during the game. The tribe is allowed to assist.

## Nations Work / Present

### Offering:

**Announcements:** Tomorrow night we celebrate Kuumba: Creativity. Tomorrow's activity is about creative problem solving for real social issues within our communities. Come ready to share your ideas and present them as a tribe. Remember we will begin at 6:00 p.m. tomorrow. Warrior will be in concert tomorrow. January 1, 2006, Sis. Kiamesha Lands, Sis. Sylvia Addison, and Bro. Israel Scott will be in concert. No need to choose which one to come to, come to both.

### Community Prayer:

### Victory Song

### Harambee:

# Kwanzaa

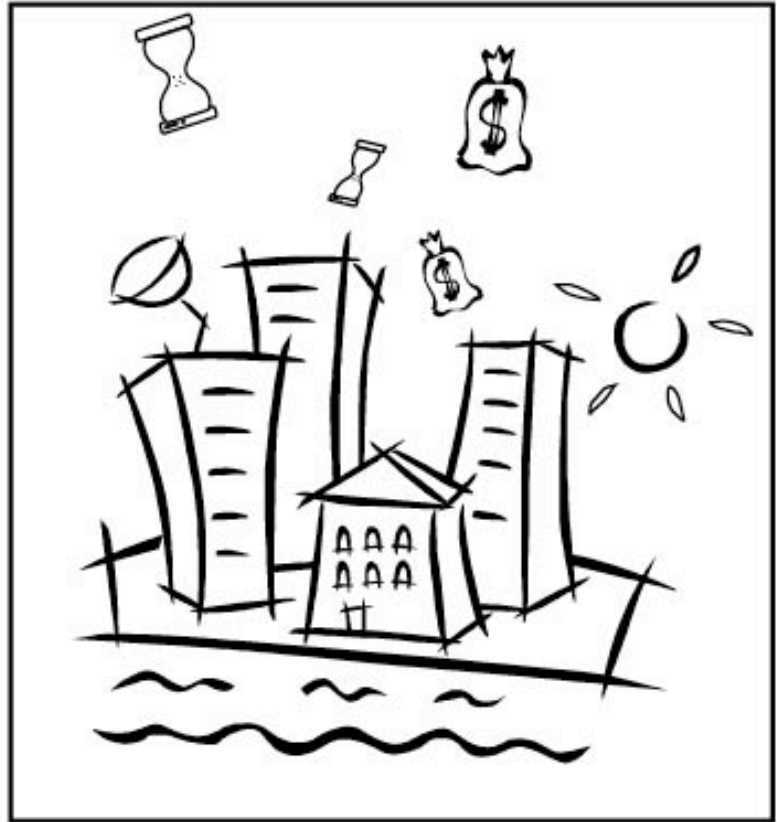
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## K u u m b a Creativity

**Facilitator:** Habari za Jioni - *Good Evening*  
Hamjambo - *How are all of you?*

**Community:** Hatujambo - *We are fine*

**Facilitator:** Today we celebrate –KUUMBA – Creativity: To always invest our gifts, skills, talents and time necessary to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.  
Habari Gani? - *What's the News*

**Community:** Habari Kuumba! - *The News is Creativity*: To always invest our gifts, skills, talents and time necessary to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.

**Facilitator:** Habari Gani?

**Community:** Habari Kuumba!

**Facilitator:** To the elders of this great village - Shikamoo - *I touch your feet as a sign of respect.*

**Elder(s):** Marahabaa - *I acknowledge your respect.*

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**Facilitator:** We will now do our call to worship.

**Community:** Call to Worship (Page 2)

**Facilitator:** Let us pray

**Prayer:** Cadet Ellisse Wright

**Praise:** *Celebrate*

**Facilitator:** This is the sixth night of our celebration. Tonight we will have the lighting team present the symbols of Kwanzaa on page 4.

**Lighting Team:**

**Facilitator:** **Tonight's Griot is Cadet Talib Lands and he will read a story about tonight's principle.**

**Griot:**

**Facilitator:** Our presenter for the night is Evang, Brooke Gordon

**Presenter:** **Habari KUUMBA!**

**Community:** KUUMBA means CREATIVITY! We commit to always invest our gifts, skills, talents and time necessary to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than when we inherited it.

**Presenter:** **What does the bible say about our gifts, skills and talents?**

**Community:** Skills are gifts from God. Exodus 31:2-5: "Look, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, grandson of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, intelligence, and skill in all kinds of crafts. He is able to create beautiful objects from gold, silver and bronze. He is skilled in cutting and setting gemstones and in carving wood. Yes, he is a master at every craft!" 1 Corinthians 12:4: Now there are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but it is the same Holy Spirit who is the source of them all.

**Presenter:** **Creativity is to be enjoyed and appreciated, but never worshiped. The wisest of people who worship idols are stupid and foolish. The things they worship are made of wood!**

**Community:** God has given everyone special abilities. Exodus 23:3 - Instruct all those who have special skills as tailors to make the garments that will set Aaron apart from everyone else, so he may serve as a priest.

**Presenter:** **What does God want us to do with the abilities he gives?**

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- Community:** Have a proper attitude towards our abilities. 1 Corinthians 13:3: If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would be of no value whatsoever.
- Presenter:** **What if you don't think God has given you any special abilities?**
- Community:** Everyone has special abilities. 1 Peter 4:10 - God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you.
- Presenter:** **The needs you see are opportunities to use your abilities.**
- Community:** Acts 6:3 says "Now look around among yourselves, brothers, and select seven men who are well respected and are full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom. We will put them in charge of this business."
- Presenter:** **How do individual choices affect our people?**
- Community:** Our actions affect others. Joshua 7:1, 11 - "... A man named Achan had stolen some of these things, so the LORD was very angry with the Israelites . . . " Israel has sinned and broken my covenant! They have stolen the things that I commanded to be set apart for me. And they have not only stolen them; they have also lied about it and hidden the things among their belongings. We must take personal responsibility for group error.
- Presenter:** **Will there be any excuses when we stand before God?**
- Community:** No, We will appear before God. Romans 14:12 - Yes, each of us will have to give a personal account to God. 2 Corinthians 5:10 - For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in our bodies.
- Presenters:** **Well, my brothers and sisters, let's summarize what I am saying.**
- Community:** When you meet, one will sing, another will teach, another will tell some special revelation God has given, one will speak in an unknown language, while another will interpret what is said. But everything that is done must be useful to all and build them up in the Lord. (1 Corinthians 14:26)
- Facilitator:** You will be given a real time social problem. Your tribe will look at some possible answers for either solving the problem or minimizing the effects. Your tribe will have three to five minutes to present your creative solution. Remember there are no wrong answers.
- Nations Present:**
- Offering:**
- Announcements:** Tonight The Warrior Gospel Band is in concert. So we will not dismiss, but move right in to the concert.  
Tomorrow we celebrate Imani: Faith. Tomorrow's activity is review and fellowship. Tomorrow, Sis. Kiamesha Lands, Sis. Sylvia Addison and Bro. Israel Scott will be in concert.
- Community Prayer:**
- Victory Song**
- Harambee:**

| Black Inventors  |                                            |      |
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| Virgie Ammons    | Fireplace Damper Acuating Tool             | 1974 |
| Henry Blair      | Seed Planter                               | 1834 |
| Philip Emeagwali | Hyperball nature-inspired computer network |      |
| John Lee Love    | Portable pencil sharpener "Love Sharpener" | 1897 |
| Ruth J Miro      | Personalized paper ring binder             |      |
| Richard Spikes   | Automatic Car Wash                         | 1913 |
| Rufus Stokes     | Air Purification Device                    |      |
| Kevin Woolfolk   | The Hamster Workout Wheel                  |      |

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## I m a n i Faith

**Facilitator:** Habari za Jioni - *Good Evening*  
Hamjambo - *How are all of you?*

**Community:** Hatujambo - *We are fine*

**Facilitator:** Today we celebrate –IMANI: Faith – To believe in the omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence of the creating God who is just righteous and a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.  
Habari Gani? - *What's the News*

**Community:** Habari Imani! - *The News is Faith – To believe in the omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence of the creating God who is just righteous and a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

**Facilitator:** Habari Gani?

**Community:** Habari Imani!

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**Community:** Call to Worship (Page 2)

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**Prayer:** Cadet jeff Samuels

**Praise:** *Celebrate*

**Facilitator:** This is the seventh and the last night of our celebration. Tonight we will have the lighting team present the symbols of Kwanzaa on page 4.

**Lighting Team:**

**Facilitator:** **Tonight's Griot is Cadet Omari Henry and he will read a story about tonight's principle.**

**Griot:**

**Facilitator:** Our presenter for the night is Cadet Imani Lands

**Presenter:** **IMANI means FAITH**

**Community:** We believe in the omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence of the creating God who is just and righteous and a rewarder of those who diligently seek him.

**Presenter:** **How can we know our faith is ineffective?**

**Community:** Ineffective faith attempts to anticipate God's plan. Genesis 16:3. Ineffective faith is marked by a lack of trust in God. Exodus 14:10-11 - As Pharaoh and his army approached, the people of Israel could see them in the distance, marching toward them. The people began to panic, and they cried out to the LORD for help. Then they turned against Moses and complained, "Why did you bring us out here to die in the wilderness? Weren't there enough graves for us in Egypt? Why did you make us leave? Ineffective faith is marked by an unchanged life. Matthew 3:8 - Prove by the way you live that you have really turned from your sins and turned to God.

**Presenter:** **Ineffective faith seldom goes beyond words. 1 Corinthians 4:19 - But I will come – and soon – if the Lord will let me, and then I'll find out whether these arrogant people are just big talkers or whether they really have God's power. How can we know our faith is weak?**

**Community:** Weak faith tends to lack endurance. Weak faith often falters. Matthew 14:28.

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**Presenter:** Even weak faith is part of the process of belief. Luke 24:12 - However, Peter ran to the tomb to look. Stooping, he peered in and saw the empty linen wrappings; then he went home again, wondering what had happened.

**Community:** Weak faith can become strong faith with God's help. Mark 9:24 - The father instantly replied, "I do believe, but help me not to doubt!" Those with weak faith need to recognize their limitations. Romans 14:1 - Accept Christians who are weak in faith, and don't argue with them about what they think is right or wrong.

**Presenter:** **How can we know our faith is effective?**

**Community:** Effective faith depends on God. Effective faith is more concerned its life than its size. Luke 17:5 - One day the apostles said to the Lord, "We need more faith; tell us how to get it." Effective faith rests on what Christ has done. Romans 5:1 - Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Effective faith grows under pressure. Effective faith becomes stronger through endurance, Hebrews 10:38 - And a righteous person will live by faith. But I will have no pleasure in anyone who turns away." Romans 5:3-5; Romans 8:12-15; Galatians 3:10-13.

**Presenter:** **Effective faith is hopeful anticipation.**

**Community:** Effective faith is quiet certainty. Hebrews 11:1; John 20:24-31 - What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot yet see. John 20:24-31 - But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life.

**Facilitator:** Tonight we have the opportunity to look back of the week and highlight those events that we learned the most from or enjoyed the most. You might even share what did not go as well and offer a possible solution to make it better next time.

**Offering:**

**Nations Present:**

**Announcements:**

**Community Prayer:**

**Victory Song**

**Harambee:**

# Celebrate

Bishop Dr. Sterling Lands, II

We've come to celebrate  
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We've come to celebrate CHRIST JESUS  
CHRIST! JESUS CHRIST! JESUS CHRIST! JESUS CHRIST!

Rejoice Everybody rejoice  
Rejoice Everybody rejoice  
Rejoice Everybody rejoice  
Rejoice Everybody rejoice

We've come to celebrate CHRIST JESUS  
CHRIST! JESUS CHRIST! JESUS CHRIST! JESUS CHRIST!

verse 2 Verse 3 verse 4  
We've come to praise His Name/ We've come to shout for joy/ We've come to clap our hands  
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We've come to praise His Name CHRIST  
JESUS CHRIST! JESUS CHRIST! JESUS CHRIST! JESUS CHRIST!

Rejoice Everybody rejoice  
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We've come to celebrate CHRIST  
JESUS CHRIST! JESUS CHRIST! JESUS CHRIST! JESUS CHRIST!

# Victory

Bishop Dr. Sterling Lands, II

This Land Is My Land, this Land Is Mine  
Give Me this Mountain, this Land Is Mine  
God Made a Promise, He'd Never Leave Me  
Give Me this Mountain, this Land Is Mine

Victory! Victory! Victory!

I Am a Warrior, I Am Victorious  
I'm Dressed for Battle, I Am Victorious  
I Have Surrendered, to God Almighty  
Give Me this Mountain, this Land Is Mine

Victory! Victory! Victory!

I Am a Winner, God Is My Captain  
Christ Is My Savior, God Is My Captain  
the Spirit Leads Me, He's Always with Me  
Give Me this Mountain, this Land Is Mine

Victory! Victory! Victory!

