



Wane Jone Lenge Doko

The Boy Named John

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Wane dakeme kingimi makande pyoo, “Yaka pilyino”  
lelyamo.

This boy is using sign language to say, “Thank you.”

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Wane dakeme kingimi makande pyoo, “Plis” lelyamo.

This boy is using sign language to say, “Please.”



Wanaku dakeme kingimi makande pyoo, “Yakalumu” lelyamo.

This girl is using sign language to say, “Okay.”



Wane kenge Jone lenge doko baa waka mendepale.  
Jone baa mokome kaita napaenge.

John was a different kind of boy. He was not able to walk.



Endakali dupame lengemali pyoo, Jone baa pii nalenge.

John was not able to speak the way other people speak.



Wanaku dakeme kingimi makande pyoo, "Auu kaeyapae silyamo" lelyamo

This girl is using sign language to say, "Nice to meet you."



Wane dakeme kingimi makande pyoo, lasa lelyamo.

This boy is using sign language to say goodbye.



Jone baa pii nalao, kingimi makande pingi. Baame dopa pingi dokonya, kingimi makande pyoo pii lenge mana doko wane wanakupi waka dupame nyingima.

Instead of speaking words, John used sign language. Because he did that, the other children would also learn how to communicate by using sign language.



Kingimi makande pyoo pii lenge doko mana nyepala, wane wanakupi waka dupame kingimi makande pyoo, Jone-pipa yaka pii lengema. Wane wanakupi dupa pitaka mona setao katengema.

After learning how to communicate by using sign language, the other children were able to talk to John by using sign language. Now they are all friends.



Wane dakeme kingimi makande pyoo, “Gii angepa” lelyamo.

This boy is using sign language to say “Hello!”