

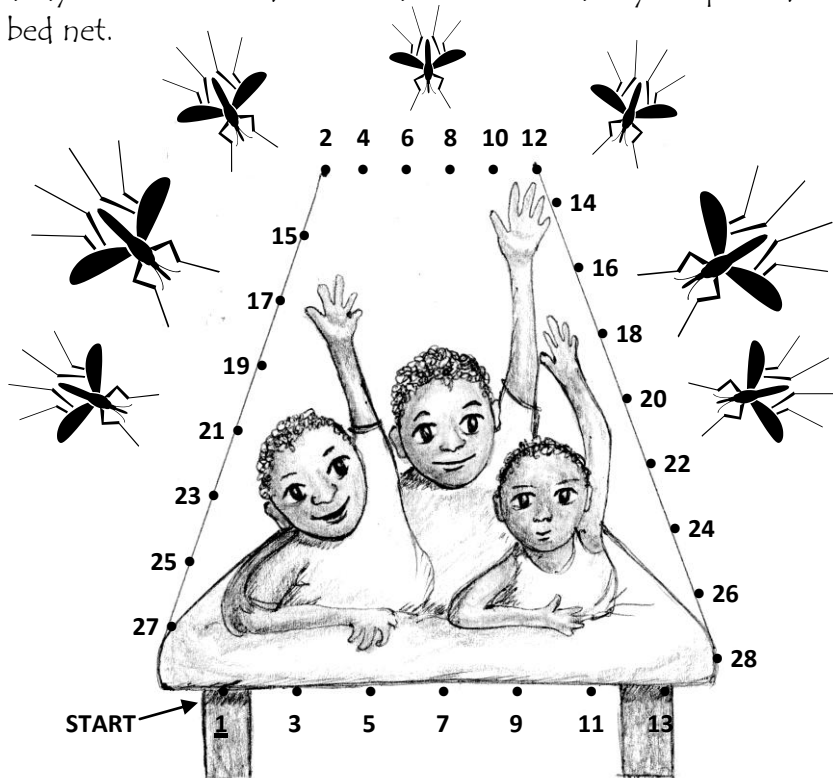
Mosquitoes and Malaria

Do you know what else lives in Nigeria and the United States?

Mosquitoes!

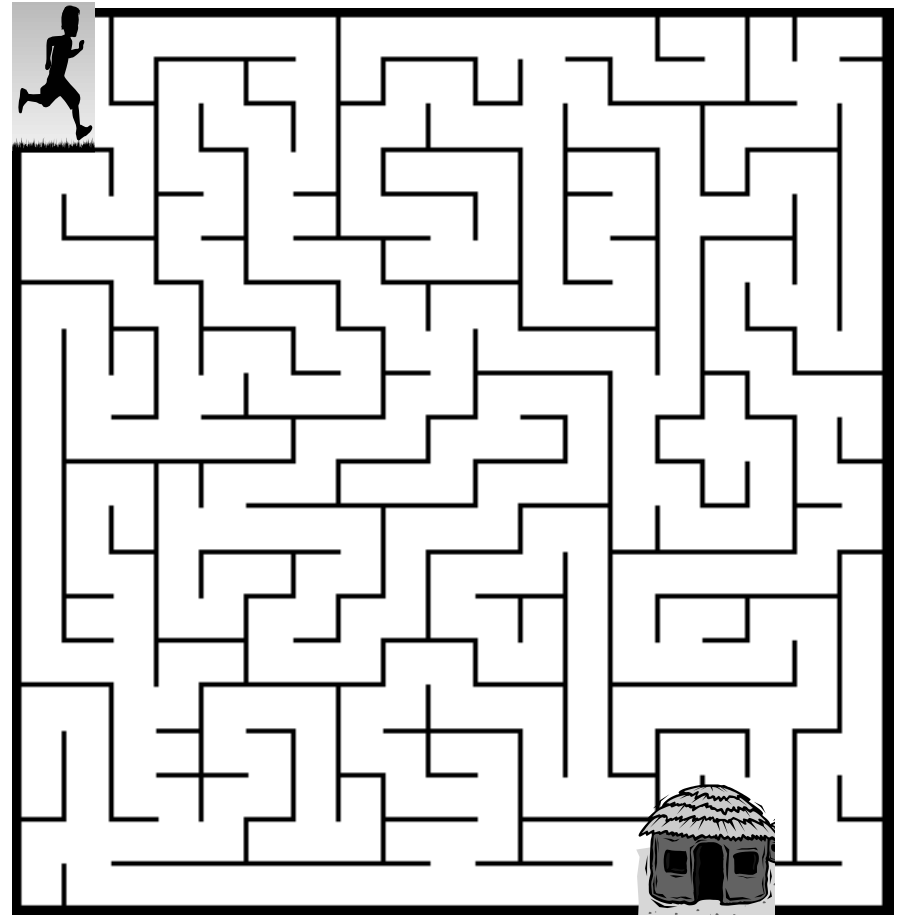
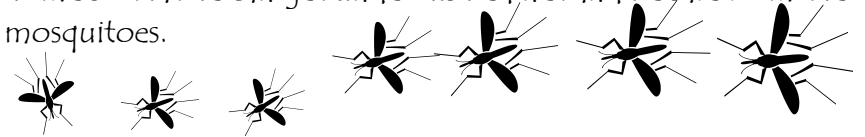
It doesn't matter if you live in the United States or in Nigeria, people and mosquitoes do NOT get along. Have you ever been bitten by a mosquito? How does it feel? It itches, doesn't it? Mosquito bites make Ngozi and Olufemi itch, too. But, there is something worse for people who live in Africa. Mosquitoes carry a terrible sickness called **malaria**. When Ngozi and Olufemi get a mosquito bite, they can also get very, very sick. Some children in Africa even die from malaria.

In Africa, the mosquitoes that carry malaria come out at night. Families can protect themselves from mosquito bites and malaria by sleeping under a **bed net** that keeps the mosquitoes away. Connect the dots so that Olufemi's family sleeps under a bed net.



Help Ngozi Find His Way Home

Ngozi was playing outside with his friends. When it started to get dark, the mosquitoes came out. Help Ngozi find his way home so that he can get under his bed net and be safe from the mosquitoes.



As Ngozi ran home, he remembered Jesus' promise. Write the letters in reverse order to find Jesus' promise to Ngozi and you!

syawla uoy htiw ma l

“ _____ ” Matthew 28:20

Why do we care about malaria?

We don't have malaria in the United States, so why should we care about it? Use the code to find out.

A C D E F I K M N O R S T U W Y
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

" 6 15 1 12 12 6 2 7 1 9 3 16 10 14

13 10 10 7 2 1 11 4 10 5 8 4 " Matthew 25:36

Jesus loves everyone so much that when we take care of anyone who is sick, it is like taking care of Jesus himself.



Nickels for Nets



Many families who live in Africa are very poor. They do not have clean water, good food, or medicine to keep them healthy. They also cannot buy bed nets to protect themselves from mosquitoes. Count the nickels. If you give this many nickels and nine of your friends give this many nickels, you can buy a bed net for children like Ngozi or Olufemi. Save your nickels and bring them to Sunday School. Together, every time we give 200 nickels (\$10), we can buy 1 bed net for a family in Africa.



What else can we do?

Whether we have nickels to give or not, we can always **pray** for people who are or can get sick from malaria. Write a prayer for children, like Ngozi and Olufemi, who can get malaria.

_____ Amen.



In these activities, we are going to learn a little about Ngozi and Olufemi. They are children who live in the country of Nigeria on the continent of Africa. You live in the United States on the continent of North America. On the map below, make a dot (●) where you live and a star (★) where Ngozi and Olufemi live. Hint: the arrow (→) is pointing to Nigeria.



The name Ngozi means, "being a blessing" in the Ibo people's language. Olufemi means, "God loves me" in the Yoruba people's language. Boys or girls can have either name. What's your first name? _____

What does it mean? _____

The Ibo and Yoruba people live in Nigeria. Many people whose families came from different places in the world live in the United States. Sometimes people who live together get along and sometimes they don't. In **Mark 12:31**, Jesus tells us how to live together. Hold this up to a mirror to see what Jesus says.

"love your neighbor as yourself"