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Back-to-School
Adventure

Welcome, Explorers!

In this special issue, you will visit classrooms around the world. In each class, you will complete a fun challenge* and make a choice that will decide what your next class will be. After you finish your classes, you get to go to a Compassion center like sponsored children do! The choices you make along the way will decide which activity you will do there.

Let's get started!

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GIGGLE

Remember this picture from the Summer 2019 *Compassion Explorer Magazine*? Here are some of your great captions! Find more at explorer.compassion.com/explorers.

I'm tired. Won't you please put me to bed? I'll play tomorrow. I promise.

Hannah, 11
Matthews, N.C.

Buddy, it's picture season! Not sleeping season!

Dani, 11
Greenville, S.C.

Drastic News: Kid saves puppy with Heimlich maneuver!

Trane, 9
Nashville, Tenn.

Mmm, this air tastes delicious!

Ellia, 9
Newaygo, Mich.

Don't drop me!

Dannon, 10
Hickory, N.C.

Why did you get me a sleepy puppy?

Jonah, 8, and Amelia, 10
Lansing, Mich.

Shh, he's dog tired!

Lydia, 11
Waldorf, Md.

I so do not want to be here. — Doggy

Mason, 10
Athens, Ga.

Private snuggle party.

Libby, 8
Lookout Mountain, Ga.

Whenever I'm not tired, my dog is!

Noah, 10
York, Penn.

Yo, Billy! This guy has a mighty strong squeeze!

Shelli Ann, 12
Freeland, Penn.

Is it my imagination or does my pup look like he wants to bite my arm?

Thea, 7
Orrville, Ohio

It's time for this dog's beauty rest.

Genevieve, 8
Fredericksburg, Texas

Don't stop retrievin'!

Anton, 13
Westminster, Colo.

Being cute is so exhausting! Why can't he just use a stuffed animal?

Karly, 10
Katy, Texas

Check out the next Giggle photo on the back cover!



You're taking science class in Indonesia!

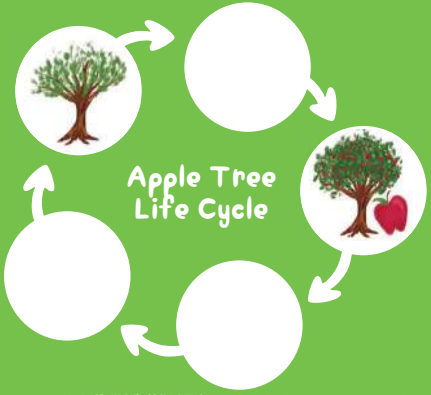


These kids in Indonesia are ready to learn. Many of them have parents who can't pay the costs of sending them to school. Thanks to sponsors, kids in Compassion's program get to go to school and learn about subjects like science!

Science is important for lots of reasons. First, it teaches us how God's amazing universe works. Second, students need to learn science so they can finish school and work good jobs that pay well. Finally, people can use science skills to help their families. For example, knowing about the science of soil and plants can help a farmer grow more food to eat or sell.

Science Challenge

Lots of Indonesians are farmers. To grow the most food, it's helpful for them to know about botany, or plant science. Below are the steps in an apple tree's life cycle — but they are out of order. Draw them in the correct order at right to complete this challenge and move on to your Compassion center.

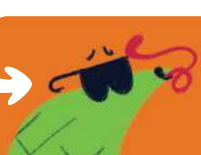


What activity will you do at your Compassion center? Choose an animal to find out!

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You're taking math class in Kenya!



Nine-year-old Alex is learning math by counting fruits that grow on trees in his village. Without the help of Alex's sponsor, his mom would not be able to afford pencils, rulers or other supplies that help him learn math.

Alex learns to tell time, understand money and solve problems with math skills! When he grows up, Alex will use math to figure out how much money he needs to earn at a job so he can afford a home, food, clothes and other important things.

Math Challenge

Complete this challenge to move on to your Compassion center! Look at the number patterns at right. Then fill in the blanks with the number missing from each pattern.

2		6	8	10
15	14		12	11
3	6	9		15
	40	30	20	10



Ask your parents how much money they spent on your school supplies this year. Then ask them how hard it would be to send you to school if they earned less than \$2 a day, like many sponsored children's families do.

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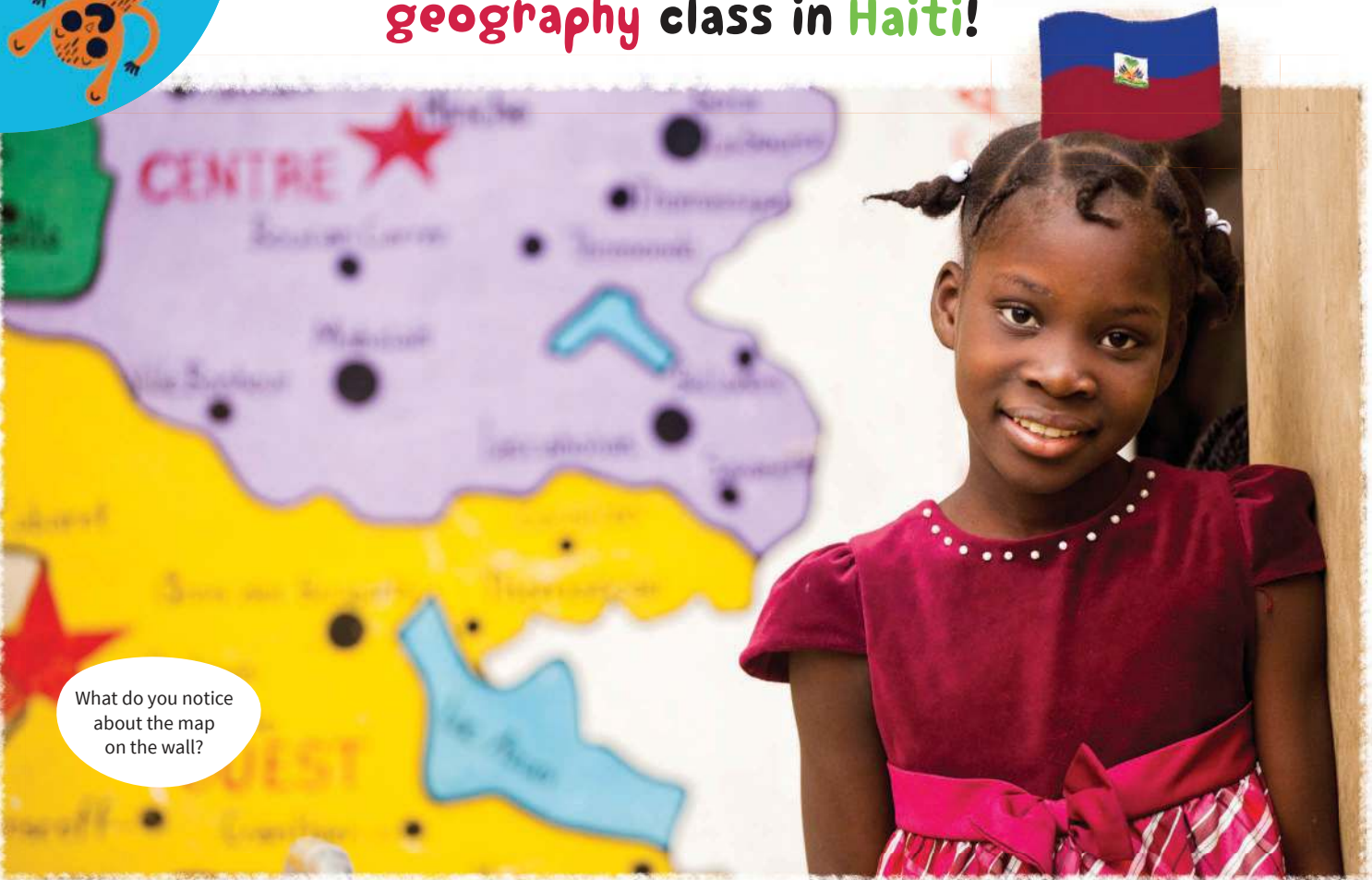
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You're taking
geography class in Haiti!



What do you notice about the map on the wall?

This girl is studying a map to learn more about Earth. Maps are one important part of geography, which is basically the study of places. In geography class, students learn all about Earth's surface and the layer of gas surrounding it, called the atmosphere. They also learn how people and places change one another.

If a sponsored child like this girl dreamed of becoming a geographer as an adult, she could work hard to get a job as a cartographer (mapmaker), landscape architect, teacher, recycling officer — the atmosphere's the limit!

Geography Challenge

Complete this challenge to move on to your next location! Find a world map (you can use the one at explorer.compassion.com/world-map). Find your sponsored child's country on the map and finish these steps.

- 1. Draw a picture of the country in this box.
- 2. Write the name of the country below it. Spelling counts!
- 3. Draw a star where the capital city is. Write the name of the capital next to the star.
- 4. Color in the country if you'd like.

What class is next? Choose an animal to find out!

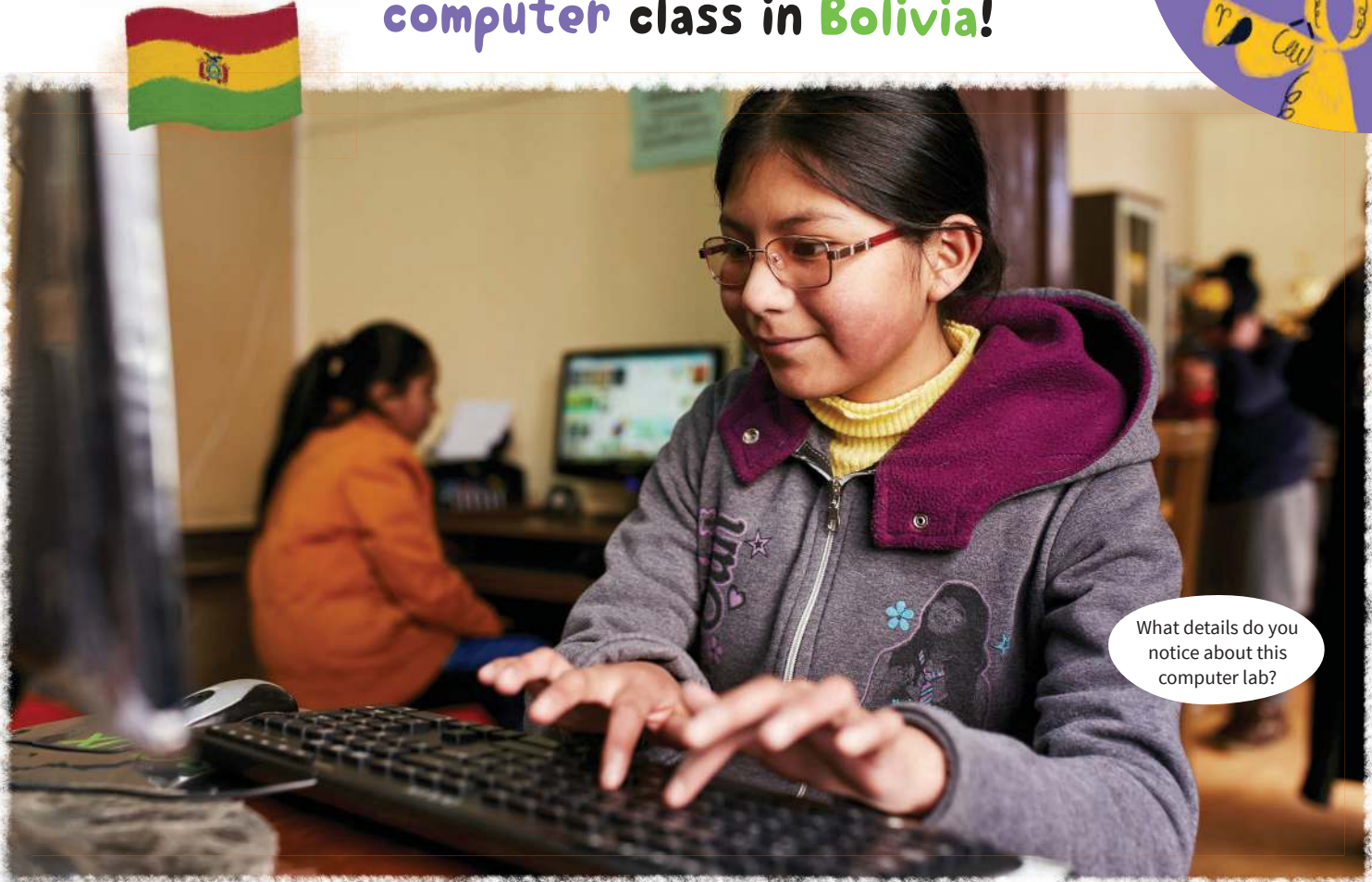
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Follow Hyrax?
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You're taking
computer class in Bolivia!



What details do you notice about this computer lab?

Yhael loves going to the computer lab at her Compassion center! Like most families in her neighborhood, her family can't afford a computer for their home.

Yhael gets to go to the Compassion center and use the computers. That's so important for kids like Yhael. It helps them do well in school because they can use the computers to research on the internet and type up reports. And many high-paying jobs require computer skills. And if Yhael were really interested in computers, she could work hard for a job in computer science when she grows up!

Computer Challenge

Complete this challenge to move on to your next location! Here is a drawing of a basic QWERTY keyboard. Fill in the missing numbers and letters. You can look at a real keyboard to find the answers!



What class is next? Choose an animal to find out!

Follow Turtle?
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Follow Ocelot?
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You're taking
textiles class in Tanzania!



How do you think this student is feeling?

This student in Tanzania is learning to weave. Students who take textiles classes learn to make fabric out of fibers like yarn or thread. Sewing and weaving machines are too expensive for most sponsored children's families to afford. But some kids learn on machines at their schools and Compassion centers!

Textiles skills are important for kids in countries where Compassion works. If these children know how to sew, they can make their own clothes and stitch up tears in clothes they already own. When they grow up, kids who know how to sew, knit or crochet can use their skills to earn money. They could start businesses making and fixing clothes, curtains or blankets for people in their communities.

Textiles Challenge

Complete this challenge to move on to your next class! Fabric is made from fibers. Natural fibers come from animals. Synthetic fibers are human-made from chemicals. Draw a line from the fiber name on the left to the picture of its source (where it comes from) on the right.

Cotton

Silk

Polyester

Wool



What class is next? Choose an animal to find out!

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Follow Turtle?
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You're taking
music class in Brazil!



What are these girls thinking about?

Learning to play music is special for many reasons. For one, it shows students that practicing hard helps them reach their goals. It also gives them a beautiful way to worship God. And it's a way for children to express their feelings.

Ten-year-old Eduarda, pictured on the left, plays violin with a friend at her Compassion center. Before she was sponsored, Eduarda had never seen a violin. Her family couldn't afford musical instruments. But her pastor started a music program for sponsored kids!

Music Challenge

Complete this challenge to move on to your next location! Find and circle the names of these four musical instruments in the mini word search:



drum



piano



clarinet



violin

H	J	N	D	V	G	L	K	P	T
J	P	G	P	R	O	M	K	I	W
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T	C	N	J	F	D	M	R	N	I
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What class is next? Choose an animal to find out!

Follow Hyrax?
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Follow Draco Lizard?
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You're taking
art class in Mexico!



What do you see
in the paintings
on the walls?

An art teacher gives tips to Hector, a 10-year-old who loves to paint. Art is important for kids who live in places where Compassion works. For one thing, most kids don't have art supplies at home because their parents can't afford them. So using the supplies like paints, paintbrushes and art pencils at school can help students discover talents they didn't know they had!

Another reason kids like Hector need art is that it helps them dream about their futures. If a sponsored child like Hector wanted to be an artist as an adult, he could choose from jobs like graphic designer, painter, art teacher or book illustrator.

Art Challenge

Complete this challenge to move on to your Compassion center. Artists need to know that mixing together certain colors (called primary colors) makes other colors (called secondary colors). Fill in the missing color in each mixture!

Diagram showing a Venn diagram with a red circle and a yellow circle overlapping. The intersection is white with a question mark. Below it: red + yellow = _____

Diagram showing a Venn diagram with a blue circle and a green circle overlapping. The intersection is white with a question mark. Below it: blue + _____ = green

Diagram showing a Venn diagram with a white circle and a purple circle overlapping. The intersection is white with a question mark. Below it: _____ + red = purple

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Follow Cool Hyrax?
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You're taking
language arts class in Togo!



What do you
notice about this
classroom?

These kids are learning to write letters. They are using chalk and mini chalkboards instead of pencil and paper. When you fill up a notebook of paper, you have to buy another one. But chalkboards can be erased and used again and again. That's great news for kids whose families can't afford to keep buying paper.

Reading and writing — language arts — are so important. If you didn't learn language arts, you would not know what was written in the Bible, history books, letters — or this *Compassion Explorer Magazine!* And writing gives us a way to share our knowledge, ideas and feelings. All sponsored kids need to learn language arts so someday they can get jobs that pay well.

Language Arts
Challenge

Complete this challenge to move on to your Compassion center! At right is a list of school supplies, but the letters got all mixed up! Unscramble the letters to spell each word correctly.

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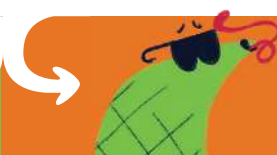
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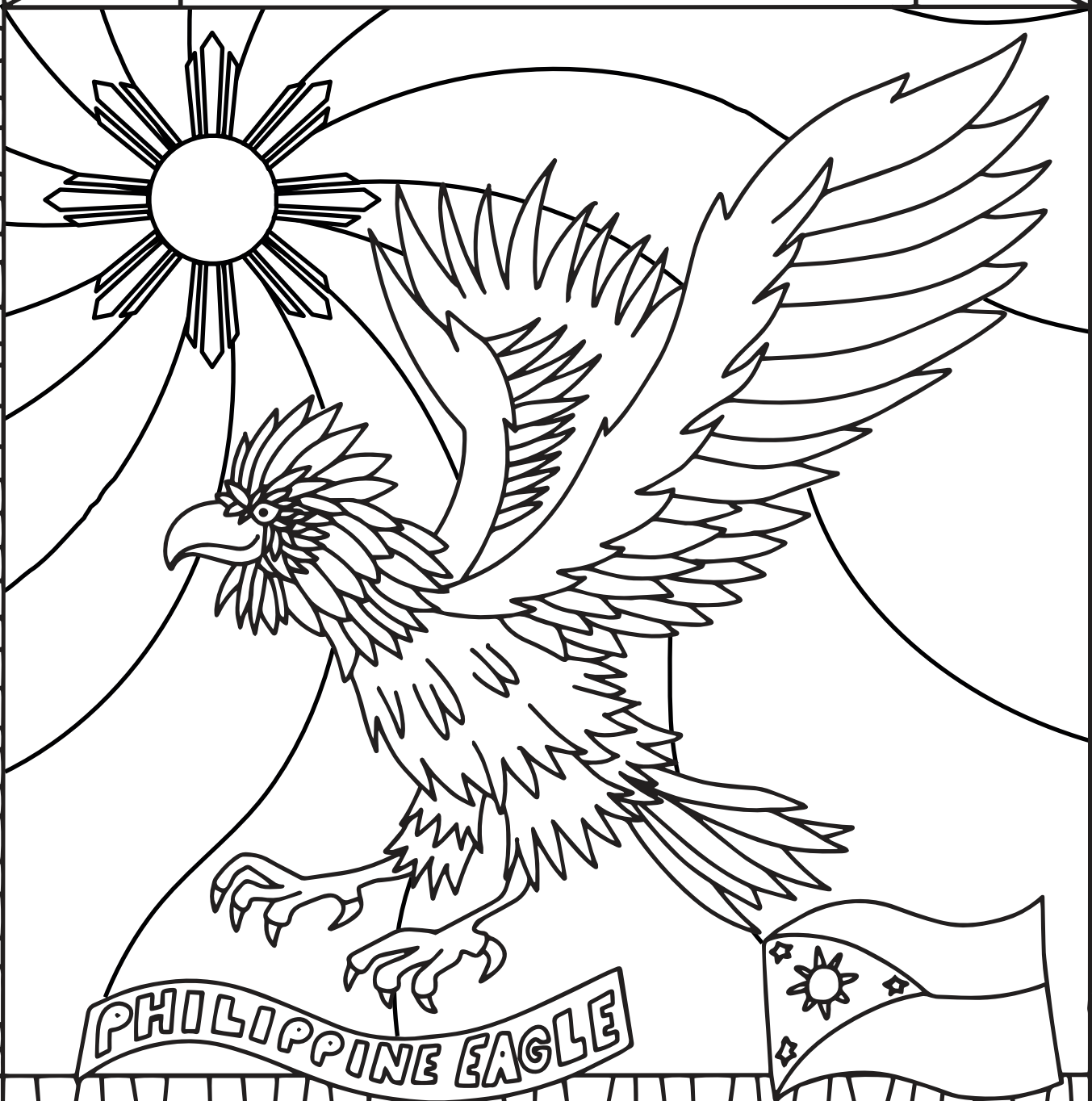


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You're enjoying **arts and crafts**
at your **Compassion center!**

Your teachers at the Compassion center have fun activities planned for you today. You will eat a yummy meal, play outside, learn about the Bible and sing songs. But first up is art time! Use colored pencils, markers or crayons to make this page your own artistic creation!



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You're **baking a cake**
at your **Compassion center!**

When you take a baking class at one of the Compassion centers in the Philippines, you become one of the most popular kids around! Do you know why? Because the treats you learn how to bake get served to all of your friends at snack time! We knew you'd want to try some delicious Filipino cake, so we wrote a recipe for you! Don't worry, our recipe will give you about 20 cakes — not the 160 you would normally make at the Compassion center!



Ingredients

- 2½ c. all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tbsp. baking powder
- 1½ c. white sugar, divided
- ½ c. vegetable oil
- 8 eggs, separated
- 2 tbsp. grated orange peel
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/3 c. orange juice
- 1/3 c. water
- ½ tsp. cream of tartar
- 3 tbsp. melted butter
- grated hard cheese such as Parmesan, for sprinkling (optional)

Directions

Adult help needed. Yields about 20 cakes.

1. Preheat oven to 325°F. Place muffin liners in a muffin tin and coat with cooking spray.
2. Stir together the flour, salt, baking powder and 1 c. of the sugar in a large bowl. Make a well in the middle of the flour mixture and add the oil, egg yolks, orange peel, vanilla, orange juice and water. Mix with your hands until there are no lumps. (Be sure to wash your hands after handling raw eggs!)
3. In a separate large mixing bowl, beat the egg whites with the cream of tartar until foamy. Gradually add the remaining 1/2 c. sugar, continuing to beat until soft peaks form. Lift your beater or whisk straight up; the egg whites will form soft mounds rather than a sharp peak. Fold the flour mixture into the egg whites. Pour the resulting batter into the prepared muffin cups until each is about halfway full.
4. Bake about 30 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. While the cakes cool in the tin for 10 minutes, brush each one with melted butter. To top them off in the traditional Filipino way, sprinkle a little cheese on top of each one.
5. Remove to cool completely on a wire rack. Then enjoy!



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You're playing an outdoor game at your Compassion center!

Let's play Patintero!

Don't you just love to play games? Well, so do kids all around the world! The kids at Compassion centers love to play with their friends every time they are together. Check out this super-popular game that kids in the Philippines play. It's called patintero, and you can try it at home!



Here's how to play:

1. Draw a huge rectangle on the ground with chalk. Then, use your chalk to divide the big rectangle into eight smaller rectangles. It should look like the photo on the left.
 2. Form two teams of two to six people. One team will be the guards, the other team will be the runners. Play rock-paper-scissors to decide who will guard and who will run.
 3. The runners' goal is to get all the way across the big rectangle and back without being tagged by a guard.
 4. There's a rule for the guards: They move only along the lines. They must ALWAYS have BOTH feet on a line. If a guard tags someone but has only one foot on the line, it doesn't count!
 5. Once everybody is in their starting places, ready ... set ... RUN!
 6. When a runner is tagged, he or she is out. But if a runner makes it across the big rectangle and back without being tagged, he or she wins a point. See how many points the runners can rack up!
 7. Once all the runners have been tagged, game over. The teams switch sides, and the runners become the guards. Can the new runners get more points? Play to find out!
- Have a blast ... and don't get tagged!

Playground Rules

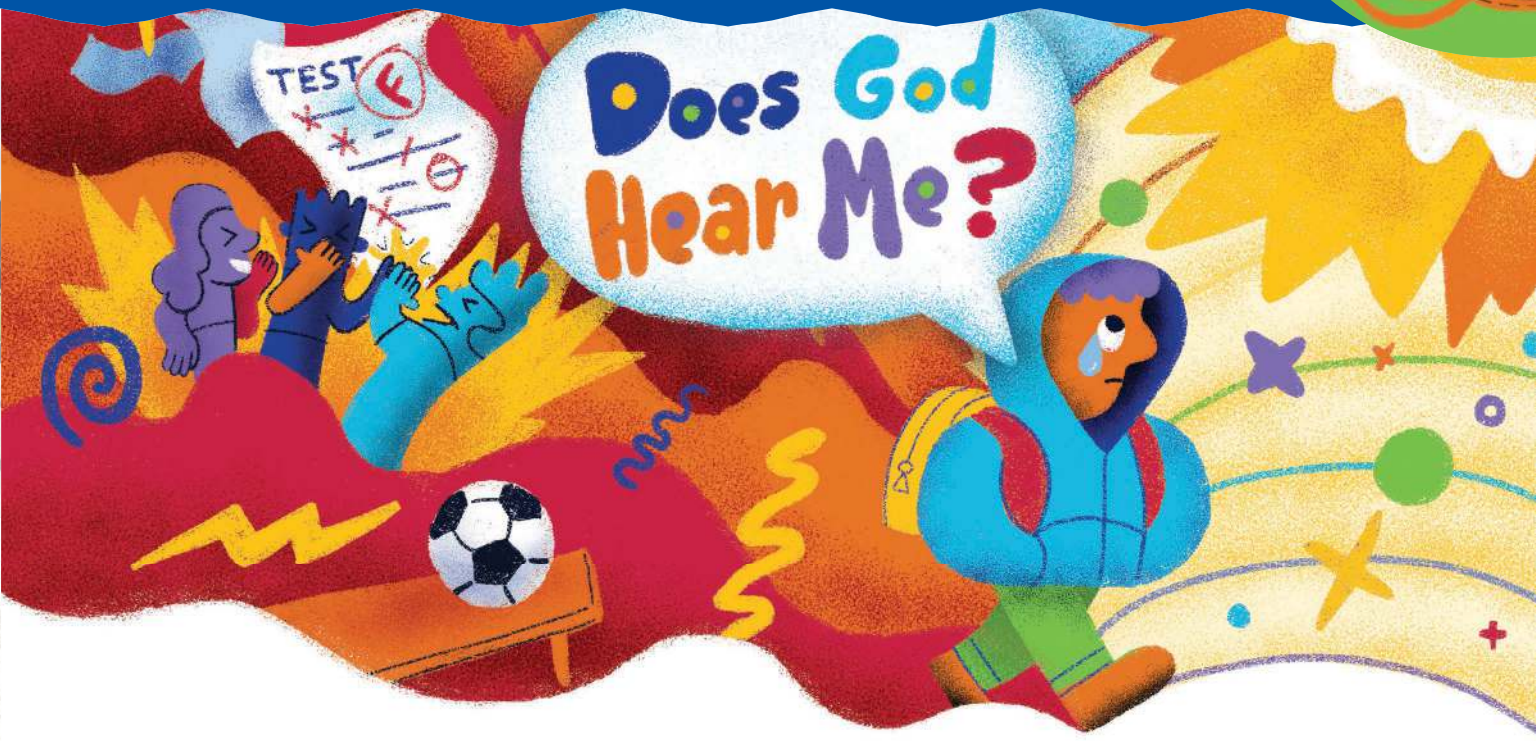
Just like any playground game, some kids play with different rules. Here are some variations to try!

- Draw only six rectangles — a great option if you don't have many players.
- The tagging team gets one guard who doesn't have to stay on the lines.
- Guards have to stay on one line, like figures on a foosball table, instead of moving around on all the lines.

Watch a video about patintero at explorer.compassion.com/patintero.



You're learning more about the Bible at your Compassion center!



Going to school can be so much fun! But every student has bad days. Sometimes you might feel discouraged — let down, afraid or sad.

You studied hard for a math test, but when you got it back, there was a big red “F” at the top. You tried out for a school play, but someone else got the part. You practiced hard all week, but when game day came, you didn’t get to play. You finally made new friends ... but then they hurt your feelings.

You might have prayed for things to turn out differently. Did God not hear your prayers? Did He not see your tears when you were sad or discouraged? It's natural to feel that way at times. Life doesn't always go our way — even for human kings and the King of Kings.

King David, whom God called “a man after my own heart,” felt discouraged at times. He would cry out to God through songs called psalms. And Jesus, while on the cross, cried out to His heavenly Father, “My God, my God! Why have you forsaken me?”

But the Bible promises that no matter what happens in our lives, God is walking beside us. God never left King David’s side even when King David sinned and did terrible things. God never left Jesus while He suffered on the cross. And He never leaves your side during tough school days.

As Psalm 34:17-19 tells us, the Lord hears us and is close to us when we face troubles and sadness.

Joshua 1:1–11

is about God choosing Joshua to lead the Israelites across the Jordan River.



How do you think Joshua, Moses' assistant, felt when Moses died?

How would you feel if God asked you to take over for a leader as important as Moses?

• Talk to your family about times you have felt discouraged. Ask your parents how God has helped them when they were sad.

• Draw a picture about things that might make Compassion kids feel discouraged.

• Memorize Joshua 1:9 so you can think of it whenever you feel scared or sad.



• Thank God for always being by your side and caring for you when you are sad.

• Ask God to help you trust Him even when things don't go your way.

• Pray for the Compassion children around the world who may face many of the same troubles you face, and others — like hunger and no clean water.



GIGGLE



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Seven-year-old Clever plays on a bouncy toy on the windy plains of Bolivia. His family can't afford toys — or even enough food. But Clever and other sponsored kids get toys for Christmas at their Compassion centers. They also get gifts they need to stay healthy, like warm clothes and food.

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About the cover

Sharith, 10, walks to school in Colombia. Before she was sponsored, she had trouble speaking and learning. But teachers at a Compassion center gave her the help she needed. Now she is a top student!

