



## Bible Verse

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## Catechism

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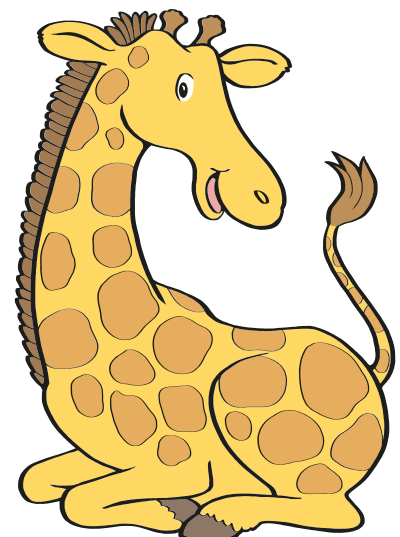
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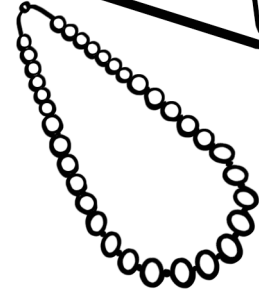
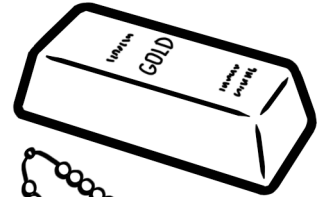
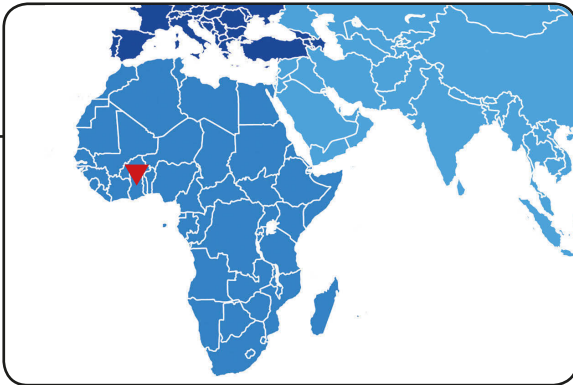
## Mission Moment

Jesus made blind people see, deaf people hear, and mute people speak. But the greater miracle is that Jesus opened up the sinful hearts of men to hear the Gospel, believe, and have eternal life. With freedom found in Jesus, believers now can sing praise to Him. Our missionary in Ghana teaches at the seminary, equipping thirteen Ghanaian men to become pastors. Another missionary trains both deaf and hearing men to be pastors. He also preaches on Sunday mornings at a children's school for the deaf.

## Ghana



# Ghana



South Atlantic  
Ocean

- At 3,275 square miles, Lake Volta is the world's largest artificial lake (man-made reservoir) by surface area.
- This country was once named Gold Coast, perhaps because of its great mineral wealth.
- Ghana has five official languages: English, Akan, Moshi-Dagomba, Ewe, and Ga.
- Ghanaians love soccer and built a large soccer stadium in the capital of Accra. Soccer is the national sport.



RECIPE

## Fufu

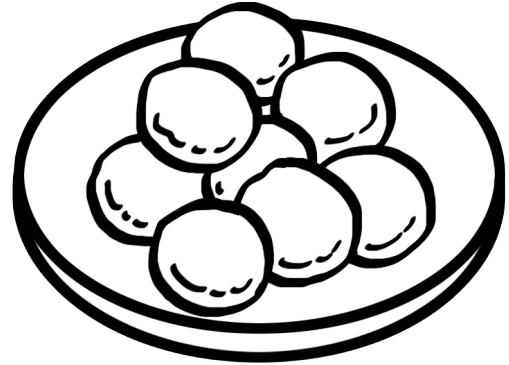
Yield: 2 cups

### Ingredients:

- 2 cups yam flour or powder (may substitute with oat flour)
- 2 cups of water

### Directions:

- Bring 2 cups of water to a boil on a stove top. Use a 2-quart pot or larger.
- Add the yam powder and mix it together using a wooden spoon.
- Fufu is ready when it thickens into a smooth dough. This process takes about 5 minutes.
- Serve by scooping small balls with a spoon or clean fingers.
- Usually, fufu is dipped into a soup or stew.



Fufu is eaten with your fingers.

## Mud Hut

### Materials:

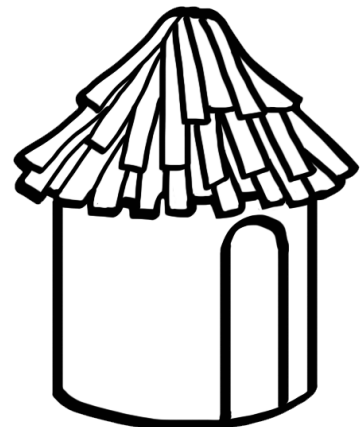
- Can or jar
- Brown paper
- Tape or glue
- Crayons
- Scissors

Homes are often made of mud with straw- or grass-covered roofs because both are readily available in Ghana.

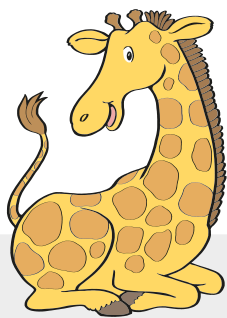
### Instructions:

1. Wrap a piece of brown construction paper around the can. Cut the paper so that it is level with the top. Tape or glue the paper in place to form the outside of the hut.
2. Roll a second piece of brown construction paper into a cone. Tape or glue it so that it holds the cone shape. Trim the bottom of the cone to form a level edge.
3. Place the cone on top of the can. Tape or glue the cone in place to form the roof of the hut.

4. Decorate the hut with crayons and add a dome-shaped doorway.
5. Cut the leftover pieces of brown construction paper into shreds. Tape or glue them to the cone to simulate a thatched roof.
6. Remove the can or jar if the hut feels stable enough to stand on its own.



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### Devotion and Prayers



Read Mark 7:31–37.

In the Apostles' Creed, we say that God the Father is the "Maker of heaven and earth." But did you know that He created the world and everything in it through His Son? Through Jesus, God also created you and all the people Jesus met while He lived on earth. Imagine the sorrow Jesus, our God and Creator, must have felt when one of His creatures struggled with deafness or the inability to speak. Jesus felt great compassion for them, and He healed them. But Jesus also has compassion for all sinners, including you and me. His compassion and mercy for us are so great that He gave up His life for us on the cross. By His sacrifice, we are healed from our sin-sickness. The ears of faith are given to us to know and believe in Him as our Savior. The tongue and lips of praise are given to us that we might speak of Him to others.

This is the great work that missionaries do in Jesus' name. When they proclaim the Gospel, the Holy Spirit opens ears, mouths, and hearts, granting faith to believe in Jesus.

#### MEALTIME PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank You for healing us of our sin-sickness. Bless the food we eat that we may continue to be strong and healthy. Give us ears to hear Your Word and lips to speak Your name. In Your name we pray. Amen.

#### BEDTIME PRAYER

Dear Jesus, forgive us when we fail to show mercy to others. Protect and strengthen our missionaries teaching in Ghana, and help all those who struggle to physically hear Your Word. In Your name we pray. Amen.



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