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Catechism

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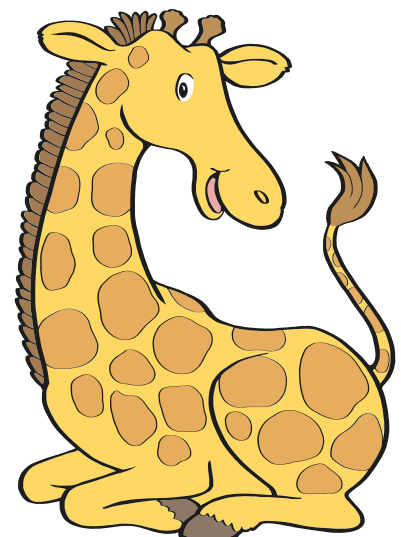
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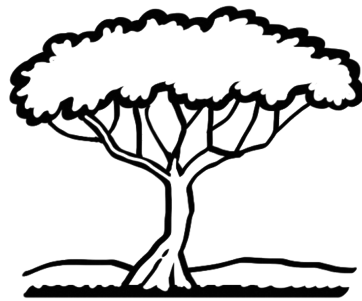
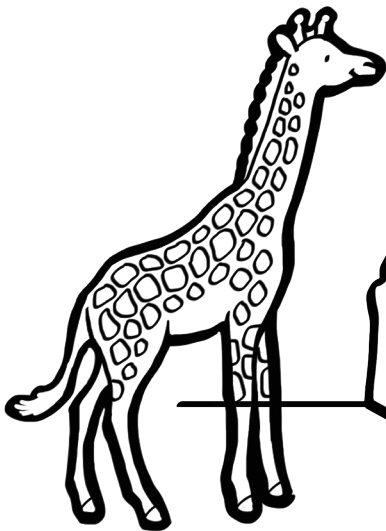
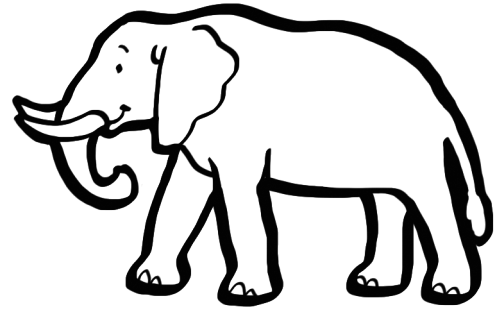
Mission Moment

Jesus once sent out seventy-two disciples to proclaim that the kingdom of God has come! By this, they announced that Jesus is God and had come to save people from sin and death. Today, God's kingdom comes by His Holy Spirit through God's Word in the gift of faith. Through the Word and Baptism, God grants us the ability to believe in Jesus, our Savior. In Kenya, our missionaries train pastors and evangelists to go throughout the countryside to tell people about the coming of God's kingdom through Jesus' death and resurrection. Our missionaries are assisted by hundreds of short-term missionaries, who serve for a week or more with them in Kenya. We pray that God would continue to bless and multiply His Word throughout Kenya, granting faith and His kingdom to all!

Kenya



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Nairobi ☆



- The people of Kenya speak Swahili and English.
- The Great Rift Valley, a 4,000-mile tear in the Earth's crust, cuts across western Kenya.
- Kenya is known for its savanna, which is home to elephants, lions, cheetahs, giraffes, zebras, hippos, rhinos, and more. The Kenyan government has set up more than 50 reserves and parks to protect these animals.
- Schools are available for children, but many kids help their families by working the land, fetching water, tending cattle, and cooking.



RECIPE

Githeri

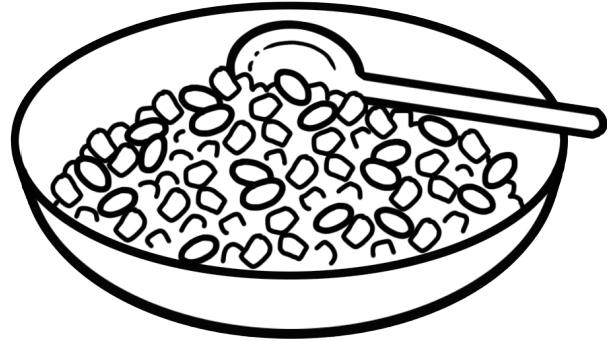
Yield: 4–5 servings

Ingredients:

- 2 cups corn, cut fresh off the cob or frozen (about 3 to 4 ears)
- 2 cups cooked beans, any type
- Water, to cover
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Directions:

- Add the corn and beans to a large pot with enough water just to cover.
- Season with salt and pepper, and bring to a boil over medium heat.
- Reduce heat to low and simmer until cooked through, 8 to 10 minutes.



Githeri originated with the Kikuyu tribe.



CRAFT

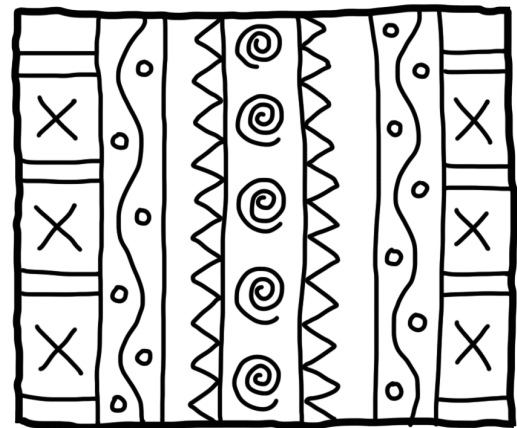
Batik Cloth

Materials:

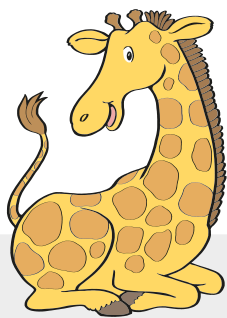
- Precut bleached muslin (1 square foot for each person; prewash to remove fabric sealer)
- Wax paper to protect surface
- Multiple colors of acrylic paint
- Water
- Paintbrushes
- Washable blue gel glue
- Paper plates or paint cups

Instructions:

1. Place fabric on wax paper or protected surface.
2. Draw a design on the muslin using the gel glue.
3. Mix three tablespoons of water and a quarter-size drop of paint on a plate or in a paint cup.
4. Paint the design using multiple colors.
5. Once the fabric is completely dry, wash in cool water to remove the glue.



A batik cloth from Kenya features bright colors.



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Devotion and Prayers

Read Luke 10:1–11.

Did you know your pastor works in a field? It isn’t a field of corn or beans or wheat. It is a field of people—a field of sinners, actually. Jesus called your pastor to do a very special job. He is to work among sinners, proclaiming God’s Law and Gospel to them, and to teach them about Jesus and the kingdom of God. Jesus ascended into heaven and is the King of this kingdom, the kingdom of all faithful believers of all time whom the Holy Spirit has gathered into the Christian Church.

Missionaries work in the same field as your pastor, the field of sinners, but often in faraway places and under difficult living conditions. God sends laborers into the fields to sow the seed, which is His Word, and to gather the faithful together to worship God and receive the benefits given by God in Baptism and the Holy Supper. The next time you see your pastor, thank him for working in the field of sinners in the name of Jesus.

MEALTIME PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for giving us pastors to sow Your Word that we might believe in Jesus. Thank You also for giving regular farmers a good harvest of food for us to eat. Please provide the missionaries in Kenya all they need for healthy food and safe water, and give them the strength to work in the field of sinners. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

BEDTIME PRAYER

Dear Father, grant us and the missionaries in Kenya quiet sleep to refresh our minds and bodies. Forgive us when we fail to trust in You to give us all good and necessary things. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.



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