

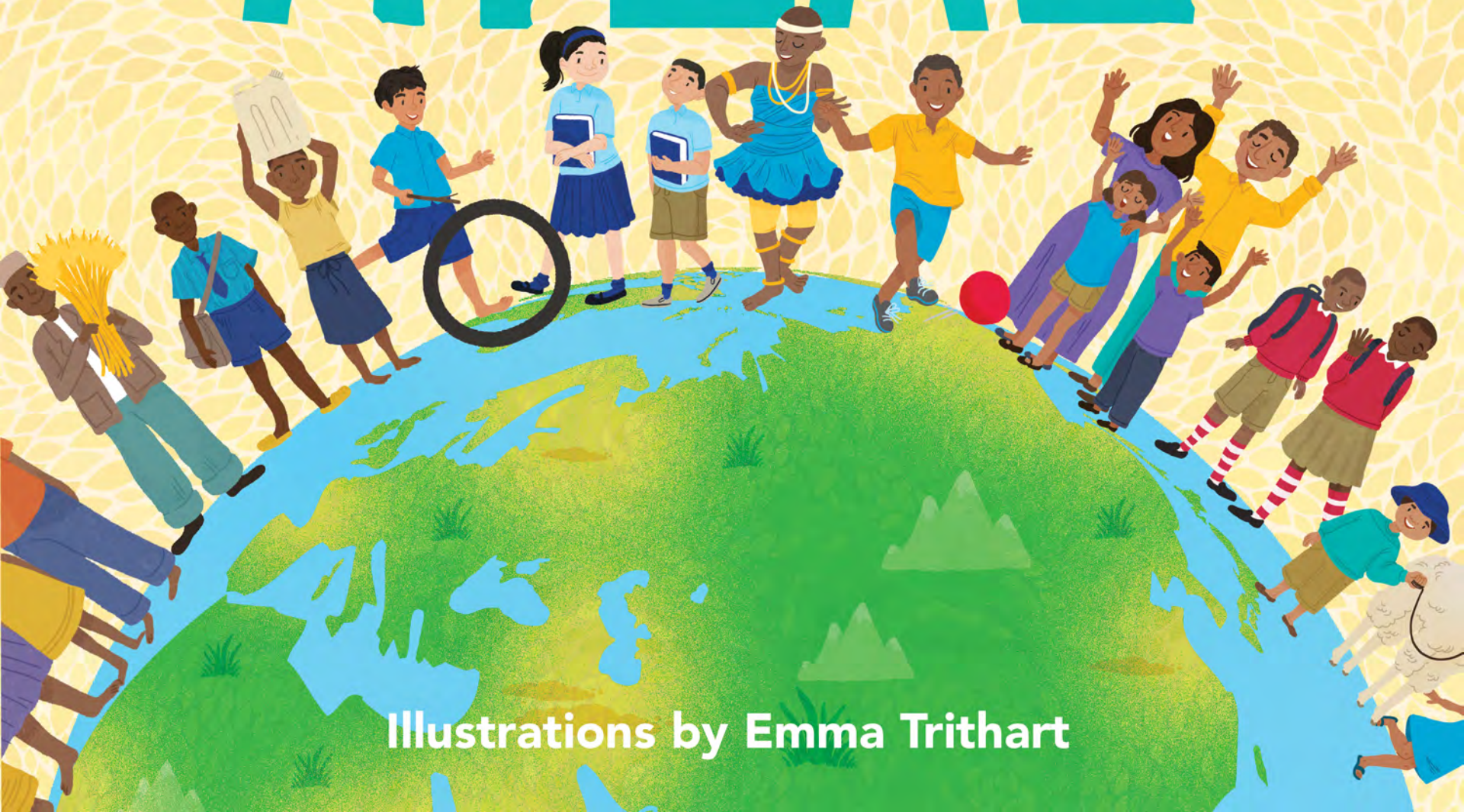


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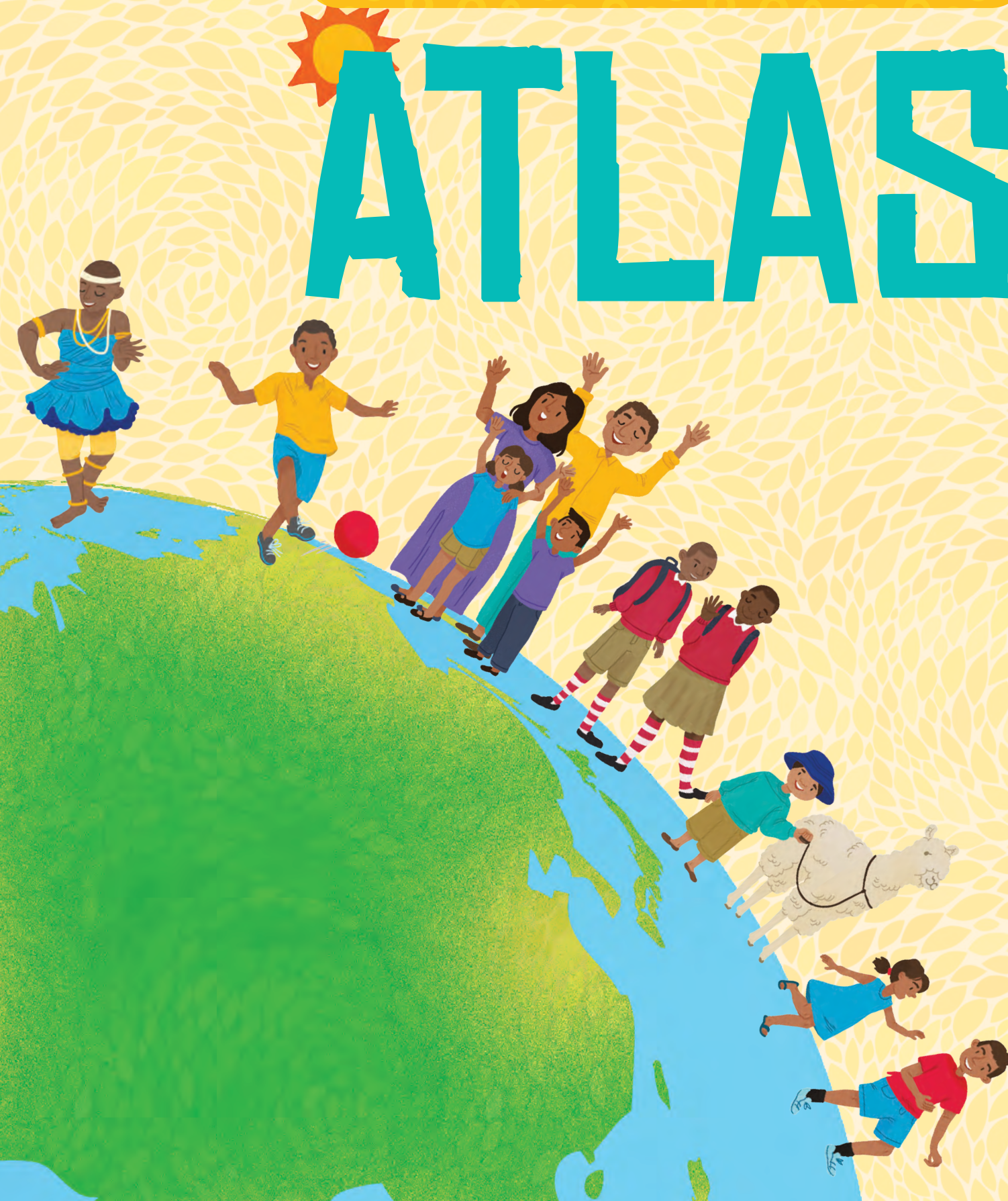


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HOW TO USE THIS ATLAS

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A Compassionate Approach to Seeing the World

Just saying the word *poverty* is uncomfortable. It's distressing to see pictures of poor people on glossy magazine covers or news videos online. It is heart-breaking to read about millions of children dying every year from waterborne illnesses or malaria because entire villages of people do not have access to proper sanitation, safe water, or mosquito nets. Yet this is our world, and as Christians we are compelled to do something to help.

Becoming aware of others' needs is powerful and poignant. It helps us see the world the way God sees it and respond the way he wants us to. Sharing this awareness with our children helps them develop compassionate hearts as they inspire us with their creative and passionate approaches to praying for and helping others.

This atlas is designed with those goals in mind—to help children learn about the needs of others and develop their own compassionate strategies for meeting those needs. It is our joy to bring you this unique, powerful resource that will help your children grow!

HOW IS THIS ATLAS DIFFERENT?

This book introduces 25 countries where Compassion International is transforming 1.9 million children's lives today. Through Compassion's proven church-based program, these children receive support from pastors, tutors, health specialists, and more; have sponsors who support, encourage, and pray for them; gain access to nutritious food, clean water, education, and health care; and receive the opportunity to experience Christ's love every week when they go to Compassion's centers.

The word *compassion* means to feel deep sympathy and sorrow for someone who is suffering and a strong desire to help alleviate the suffering. Through our compassion we enter into someone else's suffering to understand their pain and to feel

so deeply that we are compelled to action. The first step to compassion is understanding. This atlas and the accompanying activity book will help the children in your life enter other children's worlds as they read more about them.

This atlas contains a fold-out world map, interesting and informative maps of each continent and country, a "Passport to Prayer" to guide children in praying for each country, and "Welcome to My World" mini-booklets that describe each country through the stories of the children who live there—how they go to school, help their families make money, and gather safe water.

We understand that the issue of poverty can feel especially overwhelming to children—so this atlas is designed to show the hope children in Compassion's program experience when they receive support. Compassion's approach to helping children in poverty is powerful and personal. Sponsors are an essential component as their support of one child enables the churches in the developing world to carry out Compassion's program.

Stories of impoverished children finding a way forward play out every day in Compassion's thousands of church-based centers around the world.

Children who were once malnourished receive the food and care they need. They find hope—and we celebrate with them!

Children who were once unable to go to school because their parents couldn't pay for a school uniform receive the monetary support they need to get an education and improve their future job prospects. They find hope—and we celebrate with them!

Children who didn't know about Jesus now have a Bible and experience Christ's love every week. They find hope—and we celebrate with them!

The journey toward understanding the needs of others and how we can bring help and hope is one worth exploring! We know you'll enjoy it!

YOUR WORLD, MY WORLD



Children from **KENYA** often cut up rubber from worn-out tires to make sandals. What kind of shoes do you wear? Have you ever made your own shoes?

In **BURKINA FASO**, families live in huts. They are either made from straw, or they are round and made from mud bricks. Many of the mud huts are decorated with fancy patterns. What does your house look like? What is it made of?

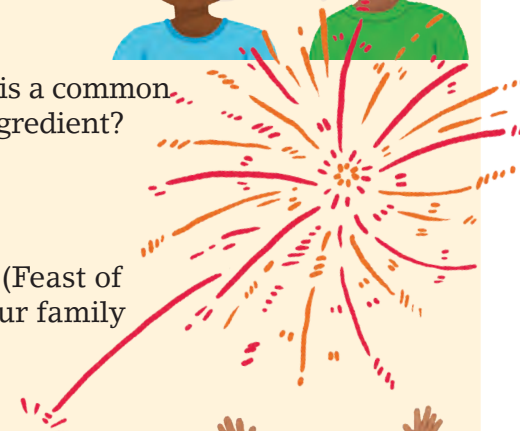


In **COLOMBIA**, Spanish is the official language of the country. And in **HAITI**, children learn to speak French and Creole. What language do you speak?

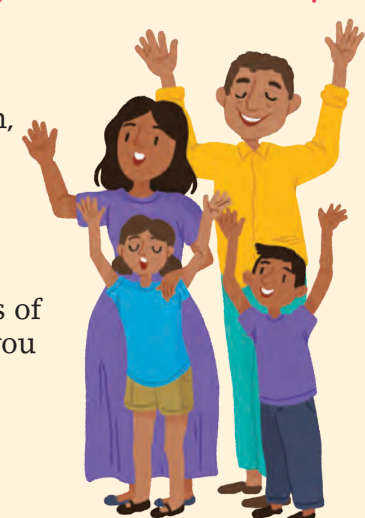


In **SRI LANKA**, coconut is a common ingredient in sauces and foods. What is a common ingredient your family uses in foods you eat? Do you like the taste of that ingredient?

For Easter in **EL SALVADOR**, everyone goes to the beach! The San Salvador Feast (Feast of the Holy Savior) includes fireworks, carnivals, and dancing. What holidays does your family celebrate? What do you do to celebrate that holiday?



Good meals in **HONDURAS** usually include bananas, rice, beans, tamales, corn, and black coffee. What do you consider a good meal in your house?



In **NICARAGUA**, Christians are enthusiastic and joyful in church. They sing with lots of energy, clapping and raising their hands in praise to God. Do you go to church? Do you like clapping and singing to God?



The favorite sport in the **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** is baseball. Both boys and girls love to play. What is your favorite sport?

AFRICA



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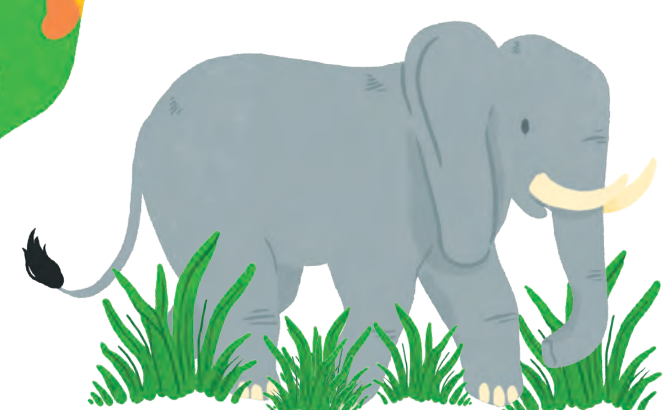


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*The generous will prosper;
those who refresh others will
themselves be refreshed.*

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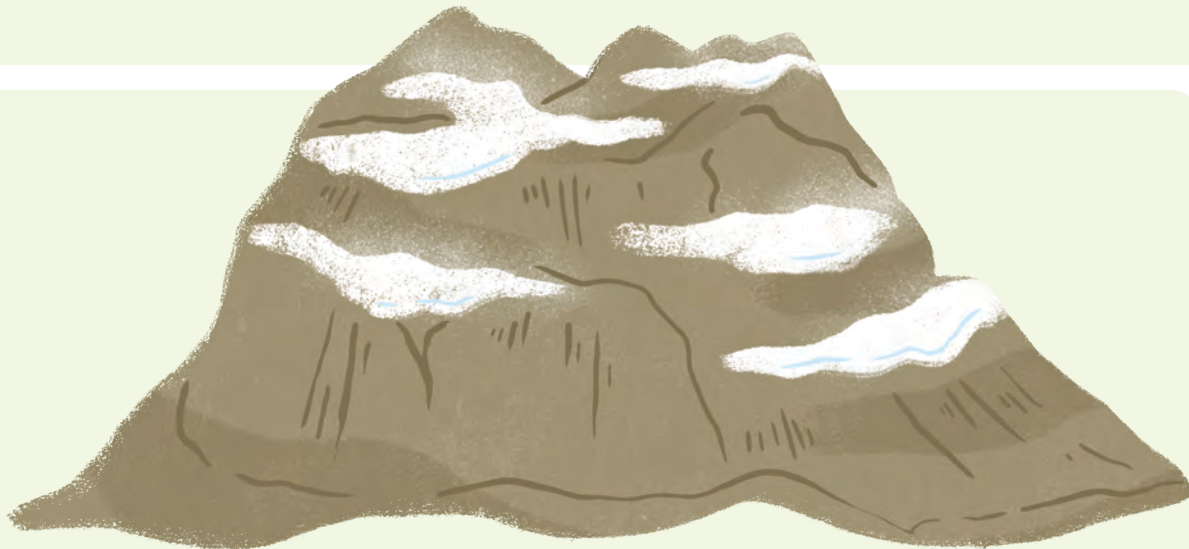


KENYA



Friends and Family

In Kenya, families stay close. It is common for extended families to live together. Kids are raised with parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, cousins, and siblings. The Maasai people in Kenya live in *kraals*—groups of huts encircled together inside a fence made of brush.



Home

Kenya gets its name from Mount Kenya, located in the central plains area of the country. This mountain is believed to have once been a volcano but now is extinct. The country has a population of more than 48 million, and about 70 percent of the people live in rural areas. The Great Rift Valley stretches for thousands of miles across Kenya and into parts of Tanzania and Ethiopia—it is a famous tourist attraction. Tourists also come to see the lions, elephants, zebras, rhinos, and other animals that live there.



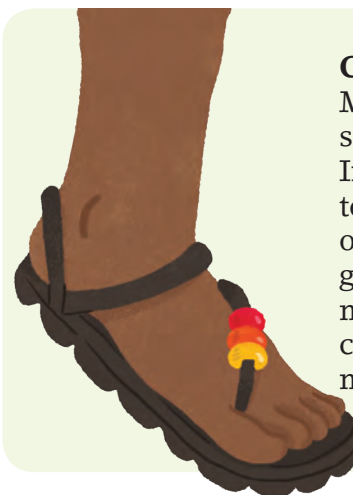
School

While there are schools in the cities of Nairobi and Mombasa, there aren't very many in rural areas of Kenya. These poorer schools often do not have enough supplies for all the kids or enough teachers. The poorest children in Kenya usually do not attend school. Many children between the ages of 5 and 14 are required to work each day, and school-age young girls are often married and stay busy taking care of families of their own.



Health

In Kenya, both mothers and babies often die during pregnancy and labor and delivery. Many children die before the age of five because of sickness and malnutrition.



Clothing and Toys

Many children in Kenya can't afford shoes and have to walk barefoot. Imagine walking a long distance trying to avoid stepping on burrs in the grass or on broken glass or trash on the ground. Some families find ways to make their own shoes—children often cut up rubber from a worn-out tire to make sandals.

