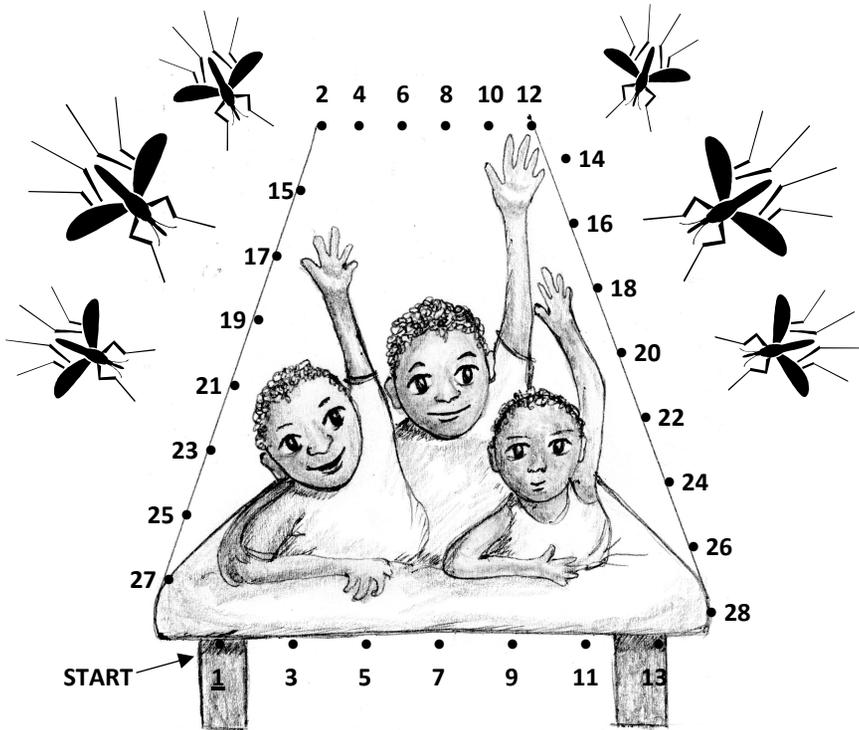


## Mosquitoes and Malaria

Mosquitoes live in the United States AND in Africa. It doesn't matter where you live: mosquitoes and people do NOT get along. Have you ever had a mosquito bite? How does it feel? It itches, doesn't it?

Musa, Amani and Ngozi itch when they get mosquito bites, too. But there is something worse for people who live in Africa. Mosquitoes in Africa carry a terrible sickness called **malaria**. When these children get a mosquito bite, they can get 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 Amani's family sleeps under a bed net.

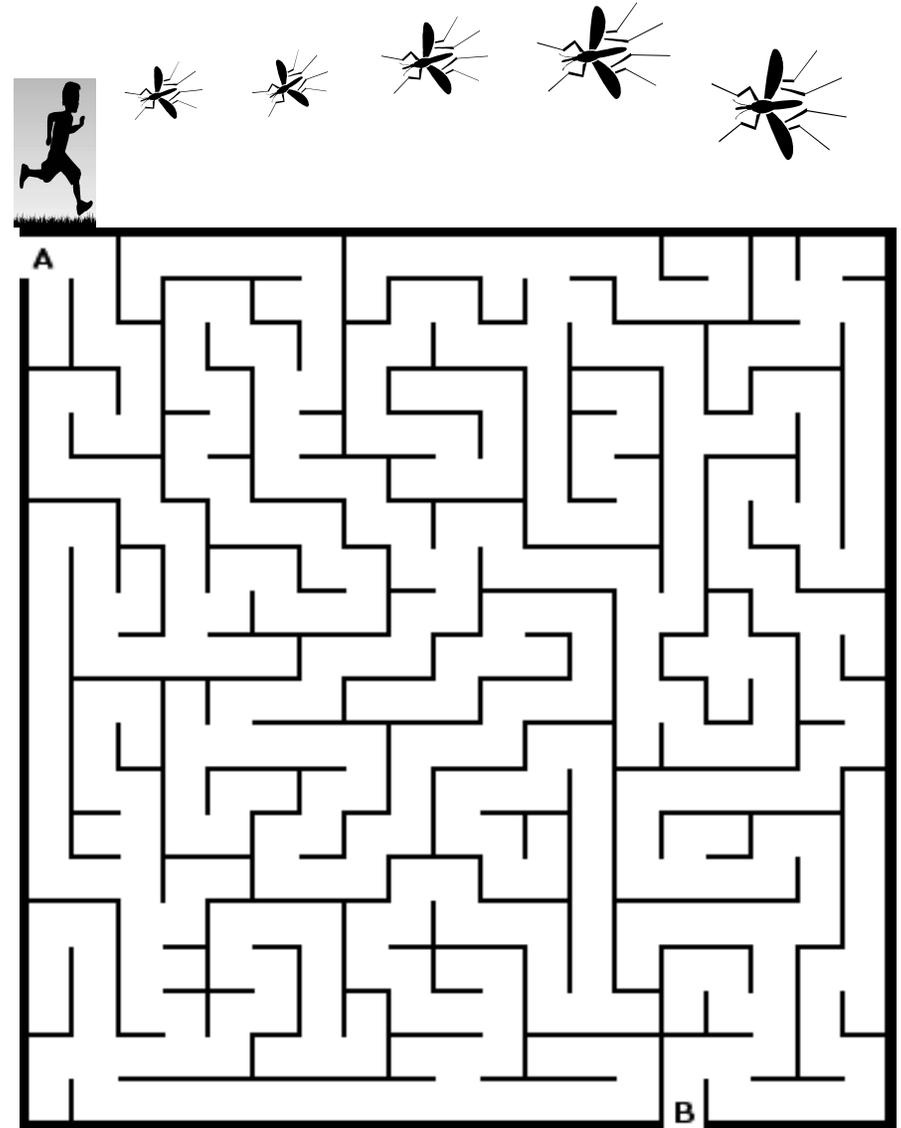


Art: Mary Simonson Clark

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## Help Amani Find His Way Home

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





## 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 can't afford to buy bed nets to protect themselves from mosquitoes.

Count these nickels. If you give this many nickels, and nine of your friends give this many nickels, you can buy a bed net for children who need one. Save your nickels and bring them to Sunday school. Together, every time we give **200 nickels** (\$10), we can buy a **bed net** for a family in Africa!

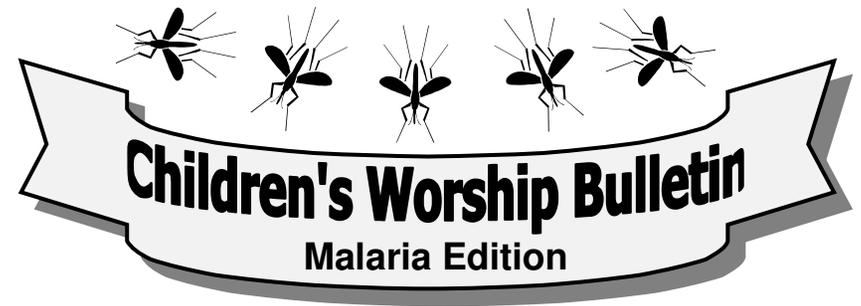


### ELCA Malaria Campaign Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

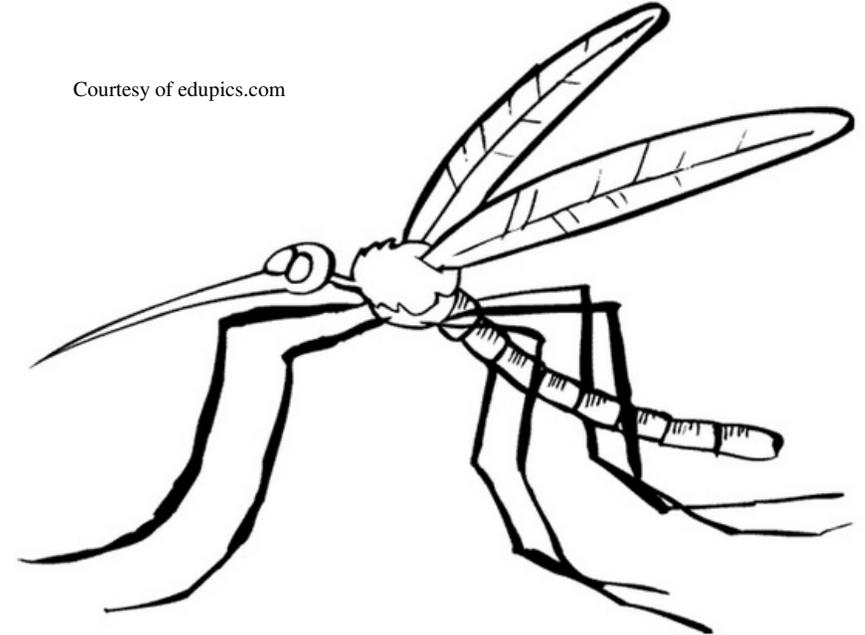
Malaria is preventable. Malaria is treatable. And a healthier future is possible! The ELCA Malaria Campaign brings together ELCA Lutherans and our Lutheran companion churches in Angola, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe in the efforts to prevent and treat malaria.

Together, we have the courage to act and the compassion to care. We are making a healthier future possible.



Color the mosquito. Then draw a red  over it – we want to keep mosquitoes away from us and from children who live in Africa!

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### What Can We Do?

We can collect money to share with others! Or we can always **pray** for people who might get sick from malaria. Write a prayer for children like Musa, Ngozi and Amani who can get malaria. Say the prayer when you go to bed tonight. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Amen.**