Remember this picture from the spring 2017 Compassion Explorer Magazine?

Here are some of your great captions!

But I wanted a pink umbrella!

Alli, 12
Akron, Ohio

Go green!

Elena, 7
Dunsmuirville, Texas

Hey look at that, we're all together!

Maggie, 9
Lexington, Ky.

I don't remember seeing these umbrellas at the store.

Catherine, 8
Netron, Ky.

I'm still getting wet!

Gideon, 6
Cecil, Ky.

I heard it's going to rain today.

Joseph, 10
Denver, La.

There's a hole in my leaf!

Abby, 10
Cecil, Ky.

I'm not raining this good hair day!

Jordan, 9
Oro Valley, Ariz.

Why is it raining again?

Anna, 7
The Woodlands, Texas

I'm singing in the rain, just singing in the rain!

Natalie, 11
Loveland, Ohio

How are these supposed to fit in my leaf collection?

Adan, 12
Dover, N.J.

God made our umbrella. Who made yours?

Savannah, 9
Pikeville, N.C.

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Can you find them all on the map?

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Has several volcanoes. One of them, Ol Doinyo Lengai, erupts with lava that looks like oil.

Slightly bigger than two Californias put together.

Malaria kills many Tanzanian children.

Compassion gives out bed nets sprayed with chemicals to protect kids from mosquitoes that carry malaria.

Clean water is available to only 55.6% of the people.

Compassion builds wells, gives out filters to clean the water, and teaches kids that they should never drink dirty water.

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To Fetch a Pail of Water
Nyabwiri fills jugs and buckets with stream water to carry home. She lives about a 10-minute walk from the stream with her mom, sister and two relatives. Her mom sells tomatoes at a market. But that doesn’t bring in enough money for the food, clothing, school supplies and medicine that Nyabwiri needs. So Compassion helps Nyabwiri.

School Rules
Nyabwiri goes to school and then gets tutoring at her Compassion center. Her favorite subjects are English and math. Nyabwiri’s sponsors help cover her school costs. Because she wants to be a nurse when she grows up, she knows that finishing school is important.

DID YOU KNOW?
Nearly one child out of every three in Nyabwiri’s village doesn’t go to school. Sometimes that’s because children’s parents can’t afford to buy them school supplies and uniforms. Other kids don’t have time for school because they work to help their families pay for food, or they spend hours collecting water.

To Market With Mom
Nyabwiri and her mom shop for food at a market. Nyabwiri eats mostly bread, vegetables, bananas, potatoes and dried fish. She also loves eating meals at her Compassion center, where she enjoys a popular stiff porridge called ugali.

Laundry List
Nyabwiri helps wash clothes in a bucket of soapy stream water, then rinses them in a separate bucket. Compassion’s program helped Nyabwiri’s mom buy clothing for her. Nyabwiri hangs the laundry to dry on a clothesline. Then she collects firewood so her family can cook meals the next day.
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Almost Bedtime
Before getting ready for bed, Nyabwiri brushes her teeth and washes her face with water she boiled in a teapot. Since joining Compassion’s program, Nyabwiri has started praying each morning and night, and she likes to share about Jesus with children in her neighborhood.

Here’s a dish that kids in Nyabwiri’s area love to eat. Tanzanians cook many recipes using coconut milk, which makes this rice thick. Serve it with grilled meat or stir-fried vegetables for a filling meal.

Adult help needed.
1 Rinse 2 cups of basmati rice in cold water and drain.
2 Add rice to a medium saucepan over high heat with:
   1½ cups water
   1 cup canned, unsweetened coconut milk
   ½ cup peas
   ½ cup carrots, diced
   1 tsp. turmeric powder
   salt to taste
3 Boil the mixture.
4 Reduce the heat to low, and then cover the pot with a lid. Cook until the rice is tender and has absorbed the liquid, about 15 more minutes.
5 Remove the pan from the heat and let it stand about 5 more minutes, covered. Fluff with a fork and serve. Makes 6-8 servings.
Angelo lives in a poor part of the Philippines. He goes to the town dump after school to collect items his family can sell or reuse. It’s tough, smelly work that no kid should have to do. But many kids living in poverty do it to help their families get money for food or rides to school. Sometimes Angelo finds items he can turn into toys!

Find these toys hidden in the heap.

Many kids living in poverty don’t have clean running water at home. Some kids get water from rivers, and it makes them sick. Sponsored kids get clean water at their Compassion centers!

1. Each person chooses a different coin as his or her player. Or you can print out stand-up players at compassion.com/exploreonline.
2. On your turn, Roll a die to see how many spaces to move your player. If you land at the bottom of a pipe, immediately move to the top of the pipe. Your turn ends. If you land at the top of a river, immediately slide down the river. Your turn ends.
3. The first player to reach the final space wins.
Craft

Most families living in poverty can’t afford new toys. So kids get creative by recycling plastic bottles to make toys like these!

1. Decorate a clean plastic bottle with paint or colorful paper.
2. Have an adult make holes in 4 bottle lids with a hammer and nail. These are your wheels.
3. Push a wooden skewer through each straw. Then push the ends of the skewers through the wheel holes. Trim the skewers and tape or glue them to the wheels for added support.
4. Tie a long string around the neck of the bottle. Now you can pull around your car!

The Bank of Oink

A toddler puts a toy coin in a piggy bank at a Compassion center.

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3. Cut a circle out of some colorful paper and glue it to the bottle lid for a snout.
4. For ears, cut out leaf shapes with 1/2-inch square tabs at the base of each. Have an adult cut two slits in the bottle. Insert each ear tab into a slit.
5. Curl a ribbon or pipe cleaner to make a tail and glue or tape it on.
6. Glue on eyes or draw your own.
7. Glue four bottle lids to the bottom for feet.
8. Start saving!

Gulp, Gulp, Go

A sponsored boy in Bolivia made his toy car out of soda bottles.

What toys have you made out of plastic bottles?
Share them with us at compassionkids@compassion.com

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Thank God for giving us the Bible as a guidebook for life.

Ask Him to give you wisdom to know when you need to work harder, when you need to rest, and when it’s time to play.

Pray that God will give you the patience to do your chores and homework without complaining.

Make three lists — one list of ways you work; one of ways you play; and one of ways you rest. Do you have a good balance?

If you don’t have balance, name some ways you could get it. For example, playing outside more often or spending more time on homework.

Luke 14:7-14

• What does the story of Martha and Mary teach you about work?
  • Are there times when working isn’t the right thing to do?
  • Do you ever complain about work like Martha did?

God created the universe. Talk about hard work!

God wants us to work hard, just like He did, for the good things we need and want. But the Bible says He also wants us to rest and play. Balancing time spent on work, rest and play each day will keep you happy and healthy.

Kids in the U.S. work hard in different ways. As a student, you work by paying attention in class and finishing assignments. You probably also have chores at home. How do you feel when your parents ask you to do homework or clean your room? Some people complain or feel mad. Since you know that working makes God happy, can you do your work with a joyful attitude?

But even though God wants us to work, we also need playtime! Jesus had serious work to do on Earth. He taught people about God and heaven and how to love one another. But He also had fun. He often went to friends’ homes to eat and talk. How do you have fun with family and friends?

Playing can be tiring too, which is why we need rest. Sleep restores our energy so we can both play and work. But sleep isn’t the only way to rest. Reading a book, saying prayers or coloring can also give us rest.

On Wednesday nights in Oklahoma, 11-year-old Haley and her 15-year-old sister, Erica, get together to study the Bible with their youth leader, Win. As part of their Bible class, the sisters learned that many kids around the world struggle to get clean water for drinking, bathing, cooking and washing clothes. Win taught them that kids in Kenya have to walk long distances to get water, which must be boiled to kill germs. Haley and Erica realized that a filter that purifies water would make those children’s lives much easier.

“When we did our Compassion study,” Haley says, “we learned that whenever the people from Compassion give the people these water filters, they also give them the Gospel message.”

It’s important to Haley and Erica to know that kids around the world learn about Jesus.

Erica says that giving children water filters saves them physically but also offers a chance “to save them eternally.”

The girls worked with Win to come up with a plan to raise as much money as possible.

The sisters’ goal was to raise $237, enough for three water filters. And their organized plan paid off. They ended up raising $1,600 — so much that Compassion can give clean water for life to 21 families!

“It felt like we had made a big impact, and it felt satisfying.” — Haley
Hi, Explorers!

About the cover

This boy is from the Masai tribe in Kenya. Compassion helps Masai kids like this one so they can go to school, eat healthful food, get medicine and learn about Jesus at their Compassion centers.