

Kid's Kaleidoscope

Country of the Month

Nigeria
Africa



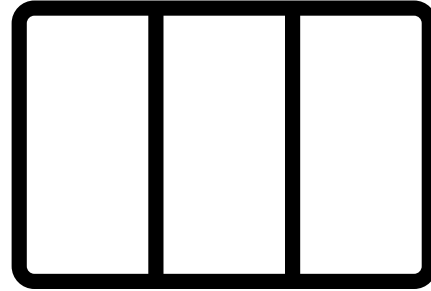
CONVERSATION CENTRAL...

In April, a Discipleship and Missions Event was held in Nigeria. It provided training for anyone who felt called to? _____

There were many young people who felt God calling them to missions. Have you ever felt a call to missions? How can you serve right where you are?

If God is calling you to missions, what are some things you can start doing to answer that call? A good place to start is talking with your parents and Sunday School teacher.

COLOR THE FLAG



The Nigerian flag is made up of two colors, green and white. Green represents rich soils that are great for growing almost anything. White represents peace.

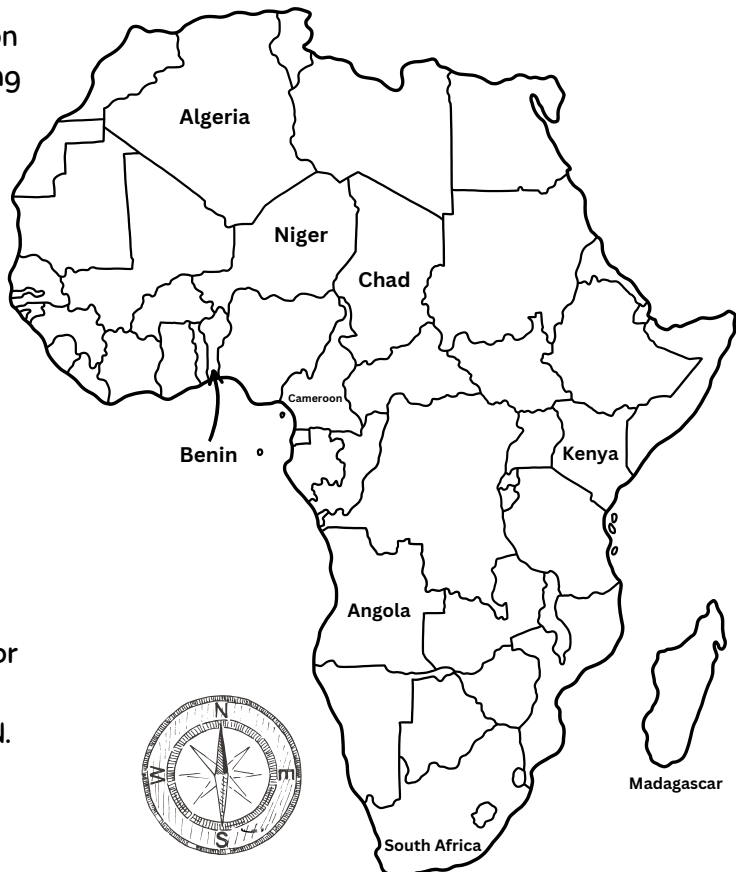
WHERE IN AFRICA...

Did you know there are 54 countries on the continent of Africa? We are learning about Nigeria, and it is the country in Africa that has the most people in it.

Now its time to find out where the country of Nigeria is in Africa.

1. Nigeria is in West Africa, use the compass to help you find the western side of Africa and draw an arrow to it.
2. Nigeria shares land borders with the Republic of Benin to the west, find Benin and color it RED.
3. Chad and Cameroon are to the east, color them YELLOW.
4. Niger is to the north of Nigeria, color it BLUE.
5. Now Label and color Nigeria GREEN.

Now you know some of the countries that are on the African continent.



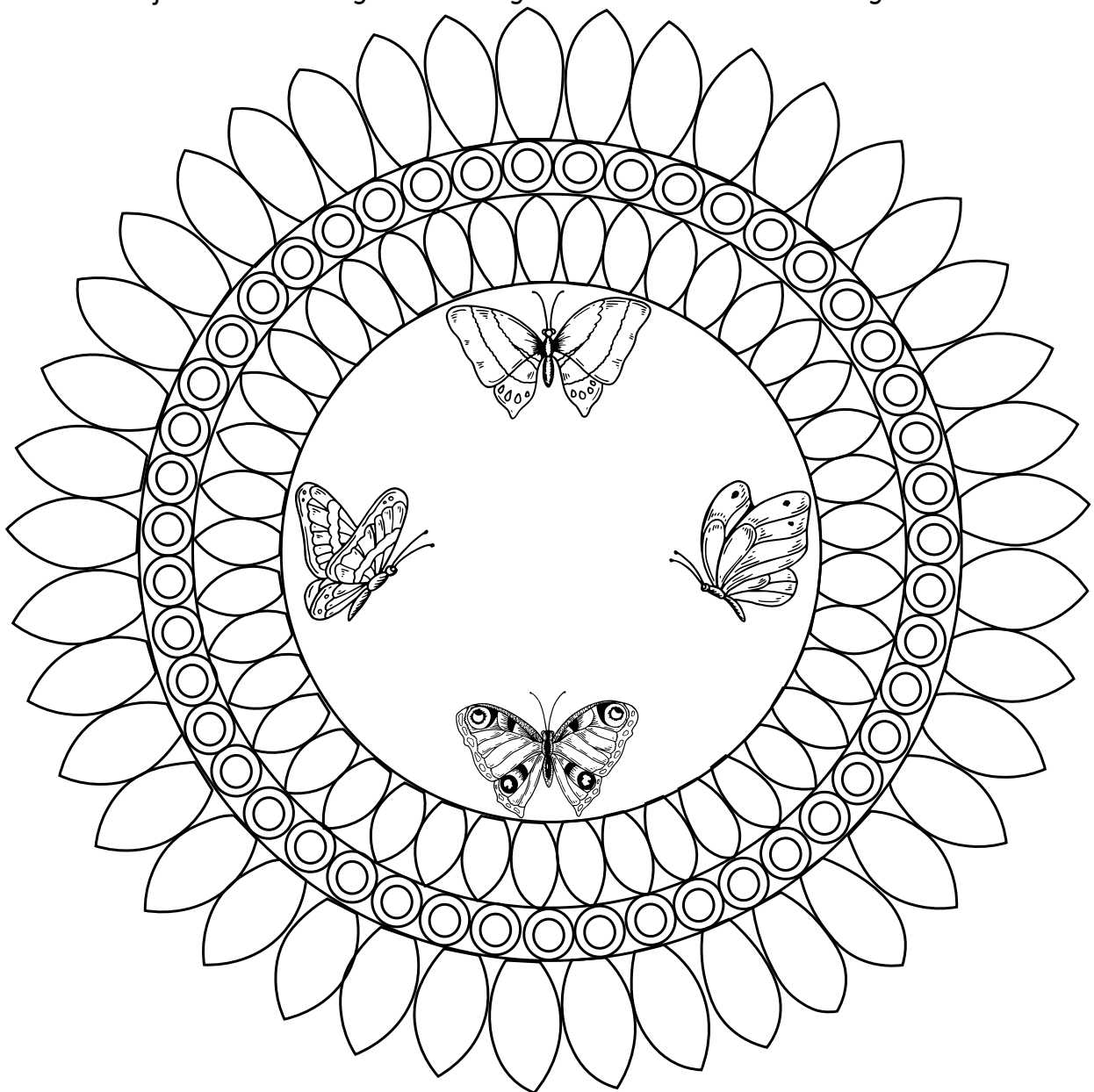
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Did you know that Nigeria is famous for its beautiful and diverse butterflies? There are over 1,000 documented species of butterflies in Nigeria, and new species are still being discovered. Many times, when we think of a butterfly, we are reminded of hope and transformation. They start their life as a caterpillar and over a period of time, are transformed into a butterfly.

Our story is one of hope; "God is calling us to undertake a big mission – to transform not just our own neighborhoods, but our entire city, our nation, and our world." Our God is a God of transformation and hope. He takes things that are broken and maybe not so pretty, and He transforms them into new creations that are beautiful, just like a butterfly.

Can you think of a special celebration that is celebrated around the world soon that also brings hope? It's Jesus's birthday! Can you think of a winged creature that was there the night Jesus was born in Bethlehem?

An Angel, known as a messenger of hope. As you color your Kaleidoscope page, think about how God is working in your life, transforming you into a messenger of hope as you share His love with those around you, just like He is doing in and through our brothers and sisters in Nigeria.



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV



Head Carrying Game



In Nigeria and across the continent of Africa and many other places, it's common to see people carrying heavy things on top of their head. This is how you carry your groceries in some countries or how you carry fresh drinking water.

Can you carry things on your head? Let's try it!

This is a game that can be adapted to the materials you have around you, and it also develops balance, a very important skill.

Supplies: A long scarf, a wide, unbreakable bowl or basket, and items to carry

Directions: Roll the scarf into a nest-like circle that fits on top of the child's head. Let him or her practice walking around while balancing the scarf on their head. Then, set the bowl or basket on top of the scarf and see if they can carry it across the room. Then, add various items to the bowl or basket and see what they can carry.

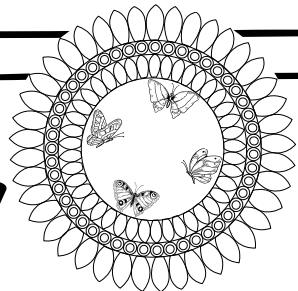
This game can be done in teams or individually. You can also add as many different items to the baskets as you want; be creative and have fun.

Take a look at a woman learning how to carry a huge bucket of water on her head in Africa!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5y9qIUUY4Q>



Create a Butterfly



Below is a butterfly template where you can create your own butterfly. When you have finished, cut it out and fold the wings on the dotted line. Then paste your 3D butterfly in the middle of the Kaleidoscope page. Now, your butterfly has transformed the Kaleidoscope page into a new creation, just like God transforms people's lives and makes them new creations!

