



“SHOW MERCY AND COMPASSION TO ONE ANOTHER. DO NOT OPPRESS THE WIDOW OR THE FATHERLESS, THE FOREIGNER OR THE POOR.”

ZECHARIAH 7: 9-10



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Know Your Place (Mat) Quiz

1. Where do Christians suffer most persecution in Nigeria: the south or the north?
2. Boko Haram is the name of a militant Islamist group that has often attacked Christians in Nigeria (killing 4 000 in 2015 alone). What does their name mean?
3. What kinds of food and drink are supplied to refugee camps by Open Doors partners in Nigeria?

Find the answers on the left side of this page.

Peter Pogu in Nigeria

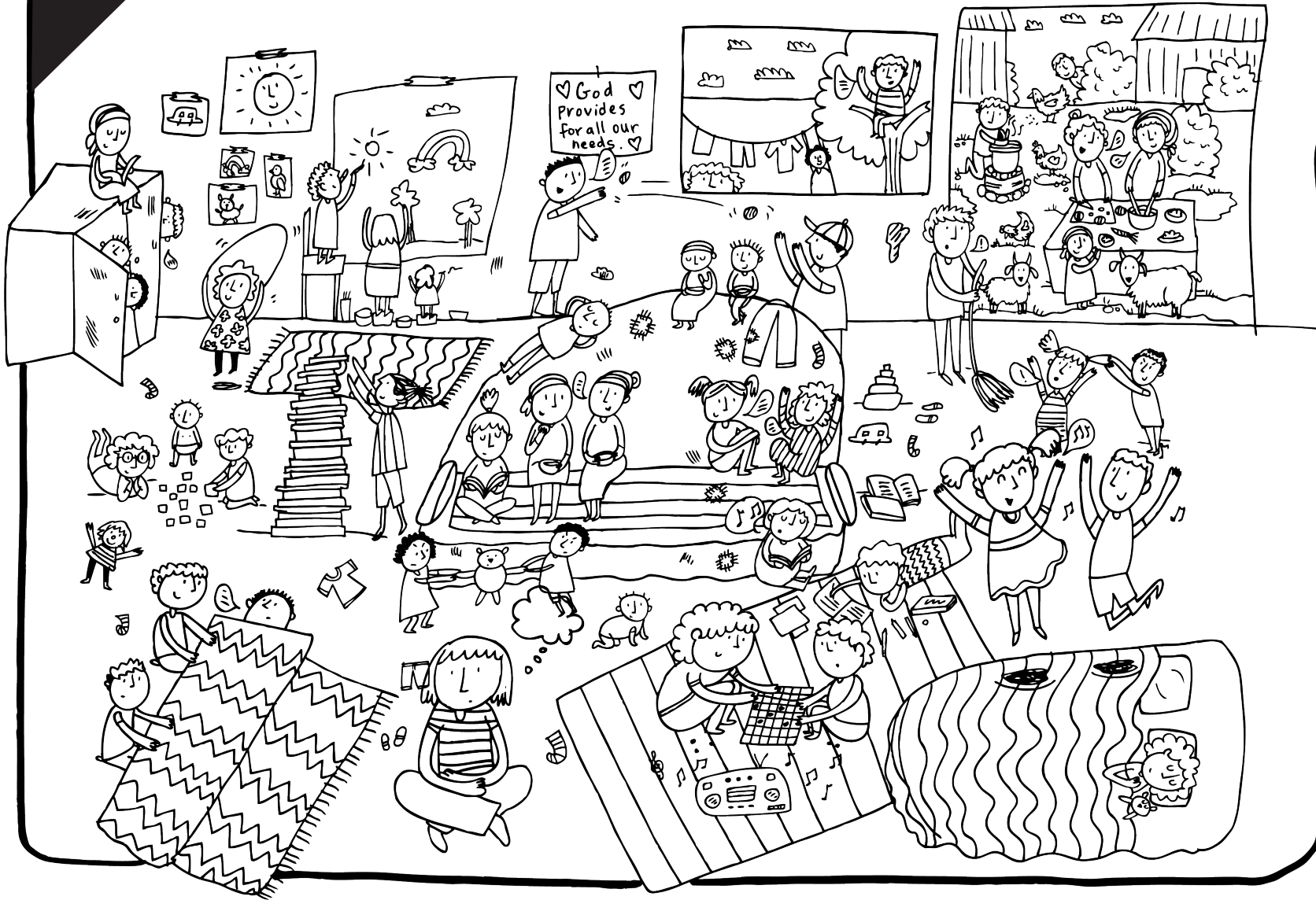
Grace Pogu, along with over 200 other girls, was abducted from the Government Secondary School in Chibok by Boko Haram at 3am on 14 April 2014. A small number of the girls have since been rescued, but Grace is not among them.

When her father Peter Pogu, and some of the other fathers set out in pursuit, they came to a village where the body of a dead man lay on the ground, murdered by the extremists. The villagers begged them to turn back: “If you go near these people, they will kill you.”

With heavy hearts, the fathers acknowledged the truth. They were outgunned and outnumbered. What could they do? What could anyone do? “We just cried and cried and cried,” says Peter. “And we went home.”

He wipes his tears. “One of my sons is always telling me, ‘Baba, you are always going to some places, but you are not bringing Grace back to us. Why not?’ We say, ‘Ay, Grace will come. It is not she alone. There are many. They will come because God will work on them. By the grace of God, by our brothers that are praying for us, nothing will happen to them. They will come.’”

Food for thought: How can you put Zechariah 7: 9-10 into practice?



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In parts of central and northern Nigeria, many Christian villages and towns have been attacked and destroyed. Hundreds of thousands of families have been displaced and are now living in camps. Thousands of children have lost their mothers and fathers.

The good news is that people are helping orphans. In a town called Gulak, 14 families from a church are now looking after 300 orphans who were found wandering in a nearby forest. One family took in 45 children! That's a lot of mouths to feed. But with the help of God's family around the world, all of them have food to eat.

Question: How can you show kindness to orphans and widows?

Prayer Lord, thank you for my food and family. Please help your children in Nigeria to grow stronger and stronger every day.