

AN AGTIVITY BOOK FOR EARLY LEARNERS



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The Kids' Educational Engagement Project (KEEP) is a Liberian not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting literacy and social justice in the country.

Started during the height of the Ebola Epidemic, KEEP has championed decentralizing education in Liberia and has been actively promoting a reading culture across the country especially in economically-depressed communities. We build, renovate and stock mini-libraries and annex them to public schools for use by students and the community. We also establish reading clubs and work with rural mothers to ensure sustainable livelihood initiatives and alternatives so as to ease the burdens on children to be breadwinners rather than spend time learning and studying.

The organization has created 15 Reading Rooms and 3 Learning Resource Centers in 8 of Liberia's 15 counties. We are committed to doing more with donations and support for partners.

The Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) works through a two-pronged strategic focus: strengthening both democratic institutions and structures and civic participation in decision-making. In collaboration with the Open Society Foundations' Early Childhood Program, It is committed to building a nation that has a strong foundation starting at birth. Therefore engaging the young minds during this period of a world health pandemic demonstrates its commitment to this value. What better way to continue building it's future leaders but through continued and diversified education even in the midst of a pandemic.

Since March 2020, schools have been closed, some parents have not been going to work or to market, places of worship are closed, food is harder to find in some cases. These are just a few of the changes that have been happening in Liberia and the lives of our children; their daily activities have changed significantly. Our children know that something has changed, and they have heard about this new virus. This activity book provides important information in a fun way to help parents and guardians answer the questions the many questions that children and even their parents may have concerning Covid-19. We wish you all the best as you learn about Covid-19 and it's health restrictions, build on lessons learned in school and have fun.





PREFACE

With the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic raging across the globe, many countries have shutdown, restricting movements, with many children compelled to remain home.

Explaining to young learners why they cannot go out, to school or places of worship, as well as what the virus is, how it infects, and what are the signs and symptoms, is not always easy. The problem for young learners is that most of the awareness messages that are being developed are focused on adults or older children.

This Early Childhood Activity Book is developed specifically as a tool with which parents can engage their children in explaining the virus. It is intended to be funfilled and educational, and designed with child-sensitive activities to enable children both connect with, and have fun learning, understanding and retaining the knowledge provided.

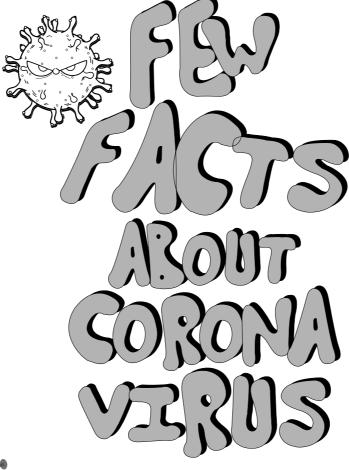
This book provides provides parents/caregivers a possible way to discuss the corona virus while at the same time be engaged in educational activities with their children. In that regard, it enables a good family bonding time.

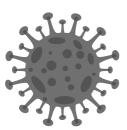
The Activity Book also provides a parental guide on each page as well as a user guide at the back for ease of reference for parents or guardians. As such, we want all parents or guardians to have basic information they can use to teach and have fun with their child/children.

The book is being provided free to families. Our interest is to keep our children, and of course their parents, safe and engaged during this outbreak. Although written for children, the messages will remind parents of the need to also act safely. If they don't, their children will remind them.

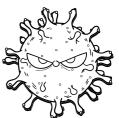
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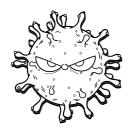




• The corona virus started in 2019.



- Corona virus makes some people feel sick.
- Doctors are looking for a cure.
- The virus spreads quickly from person to person.
- Some people dont feel sick at all.
- Some people get very sick and die.

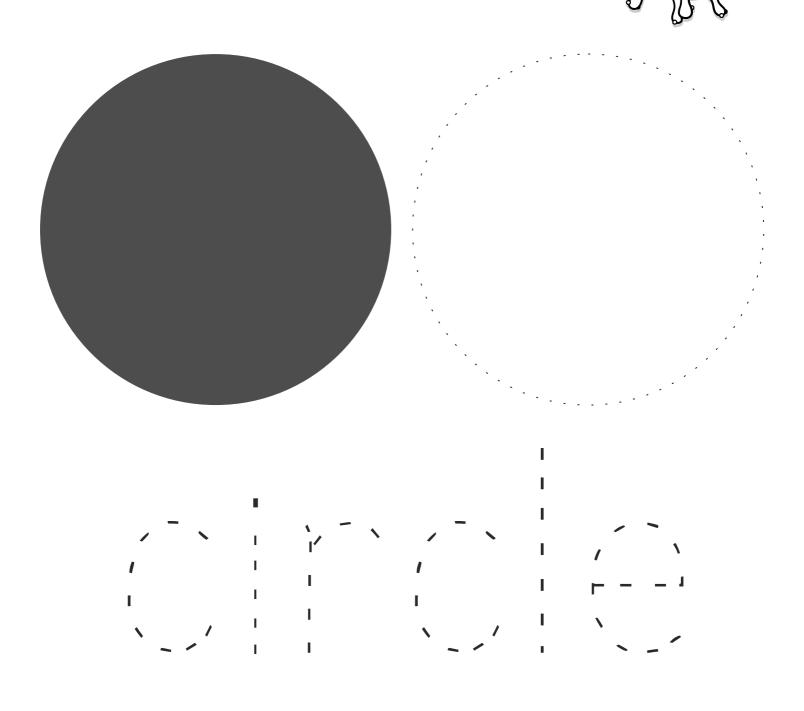


Our activity book will help you know what to do to help you stay well.









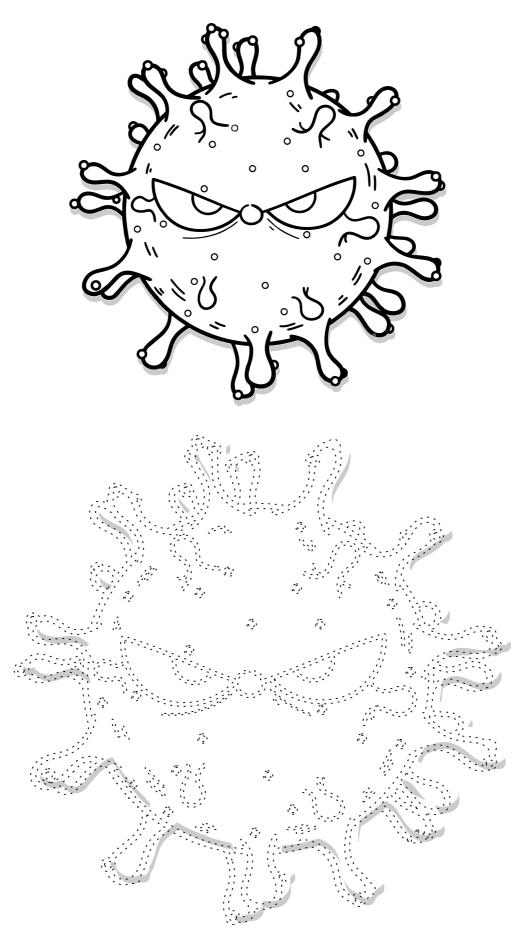


Have your child connect the dots for the circle, trace the letters spelling the word "circle" and rewrite the word on the lines provided.





CONNECT THE DOTS TO DRAW <u>A CORONA VIRUS</u>

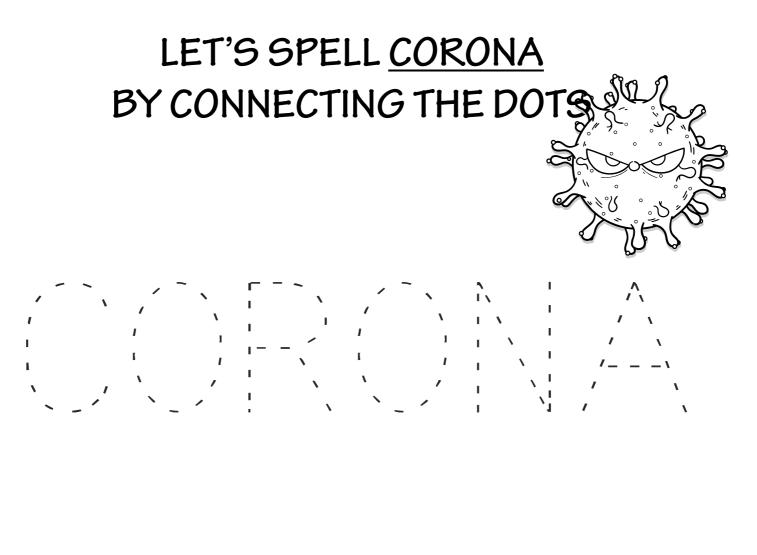


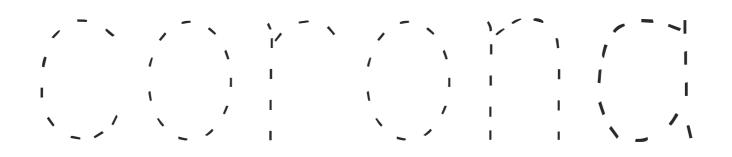
Parent/Caregiver Guidance:



Explain that the virus cannot be seen with the naked eye. Have your child connect the dots for the image depicting the corona virus. Have him/her color the virus green.









Have your child trace the letters spelling the word corona. Teach him/her how to spell it and also explain why its called COVID19.



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Explain what fever means. Encourage him/her to color the images in any color they like. Have your child trace over the letters spelling the words above.





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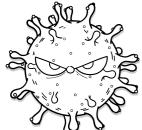
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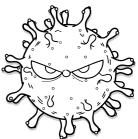
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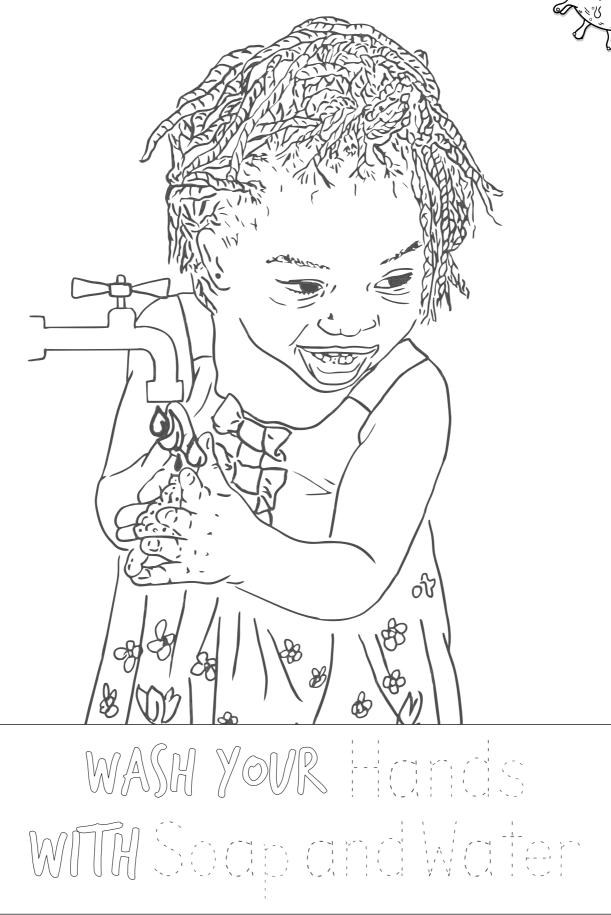


Explain some of the known signs of the virus infection listed above. At the end, have your child trace the letters that spell the word vomiting on the page. Explain vomiting isn't an often sign, but it also happens at times. Have him/her color the image.







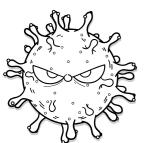


Parent/Caregiver Guidance:



Explain some of the known ways to avoid getting infected, like regular hand washing with soap and running water. At the end, have your child trace the letters that spell the words on the page and color the image of the girl.



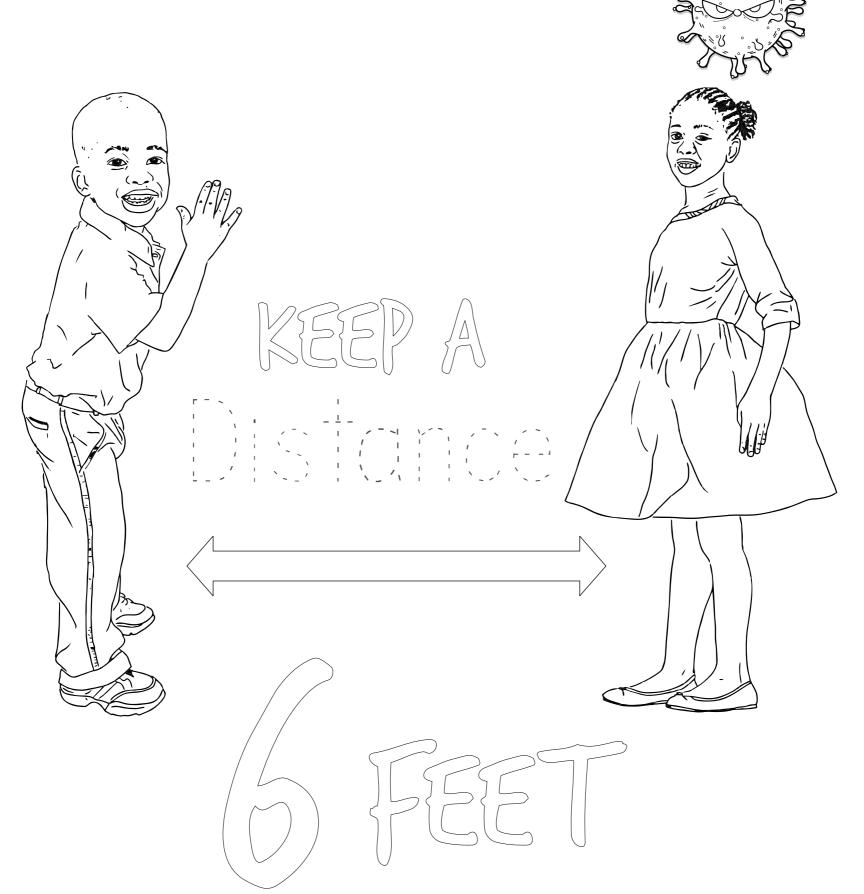






Explain to your child that its best to wash his/her hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water. Explain what 20 seconds is. Have him/her count from 1-20.



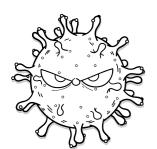


Parent/Caregiver Guidance:



Explain what "social distancing" means to your child. 6 feet distance from others. Have him/her count from 1-6 and walk the distance to show how far. At the end, have your child trace the letters that spell the words on the page and color the images.





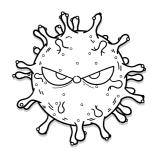
Parent/Caregiver Guidance:



Explain to your child why we are now wearing masks when we have to leave home. Explain how it protects him/her getting infected. Explain how to safely remove the masks. At the end, have your child trace the letters that spell the words on the page and color the image of the girl.

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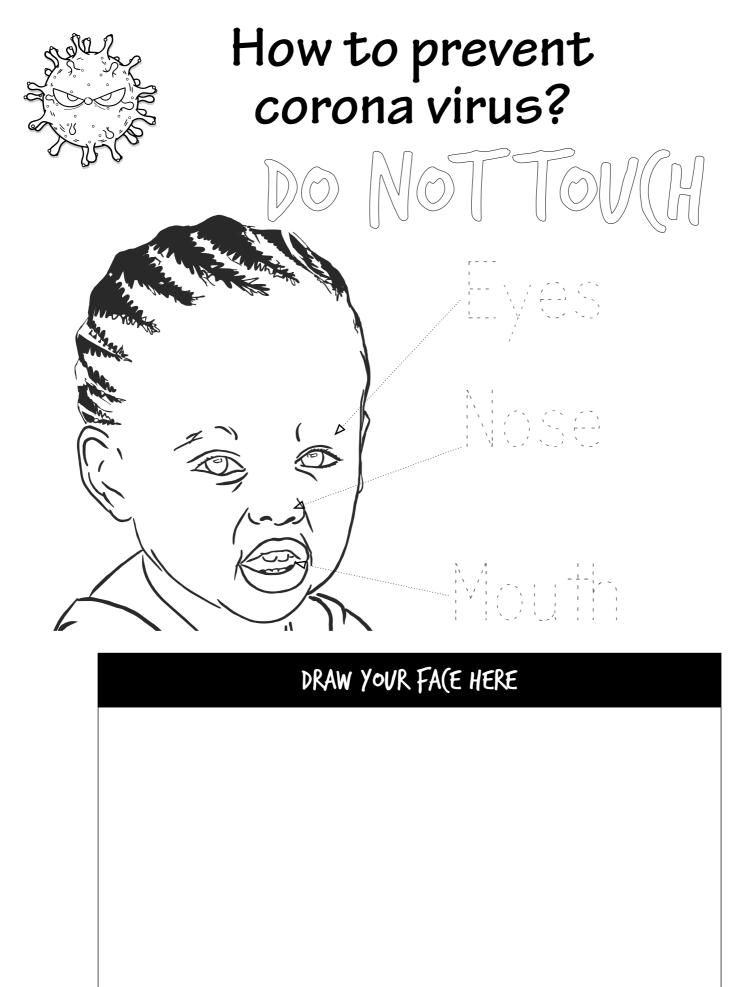
Explain to your child why we cannot shake hands right now and how germs and viruses spread. Have him/her write out the word "hands" and color the image.

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NO SHAKING





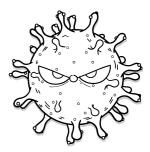




Explain to your child it is good not to touch his/her eyes, nose and mouth. Explain that those are ways the virus enters our bodies. Have him/her identify his/her eyes, nose, mouth and draw an image of his/her face that shows eyes, nose mouth. Color the image.







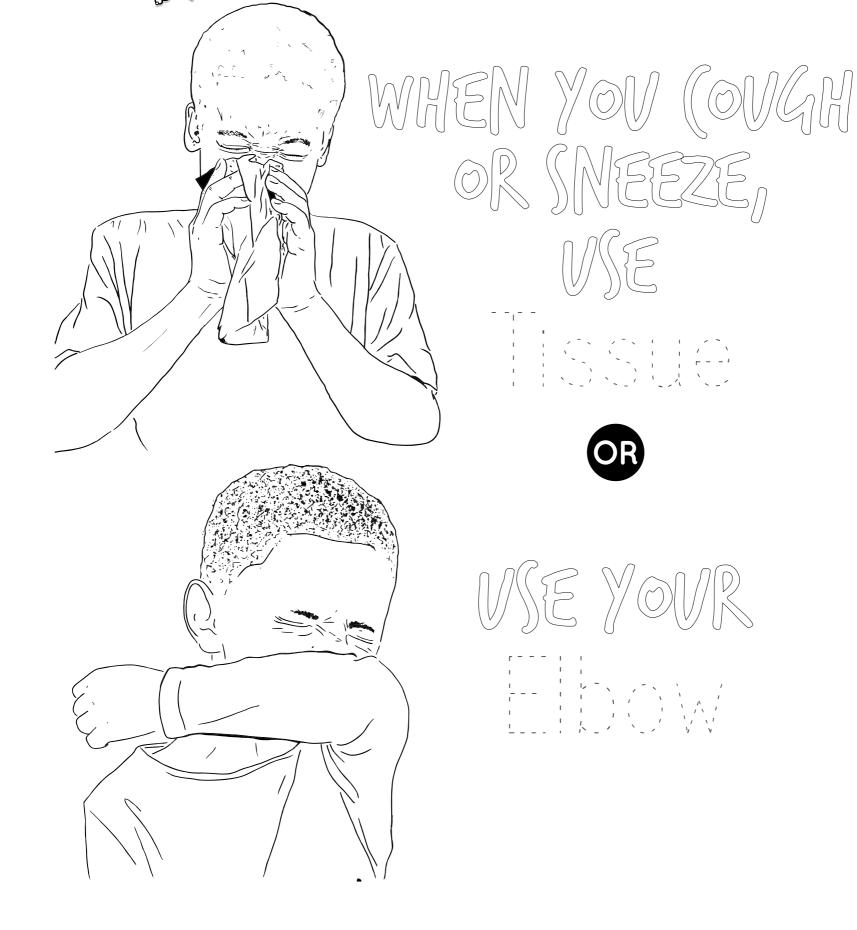




Explain to your child good hygiene not to cough in his/her hands. Explain how germs and viruses spread. At the end, have your child trace the letters that spell the words on the page and color the image.







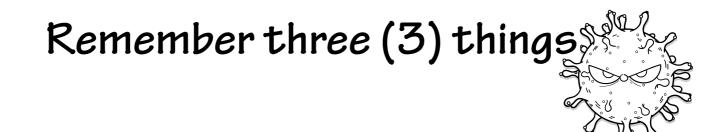
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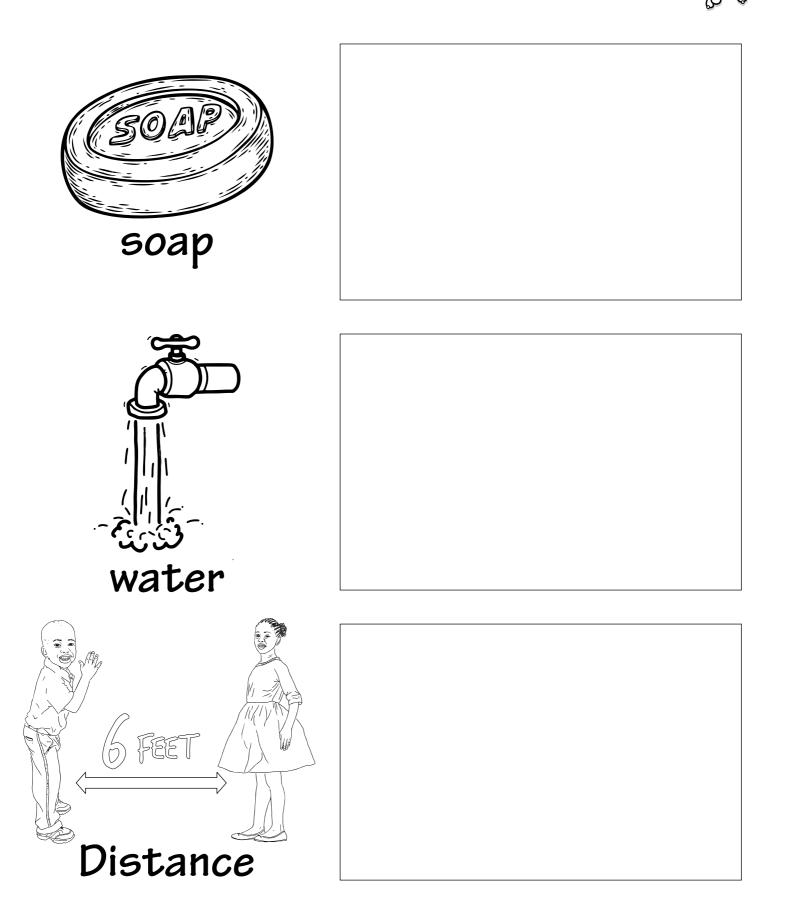


Explain to your child good hygiene cough and sneeze into your elbow and to use a tissue when blowing his/her nose and to properly discard the tissue after in a trash bin, explain why its good to do this. At the end, have your child trace the letters that spell the words on the page and color the image.





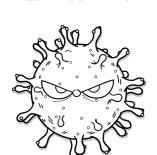




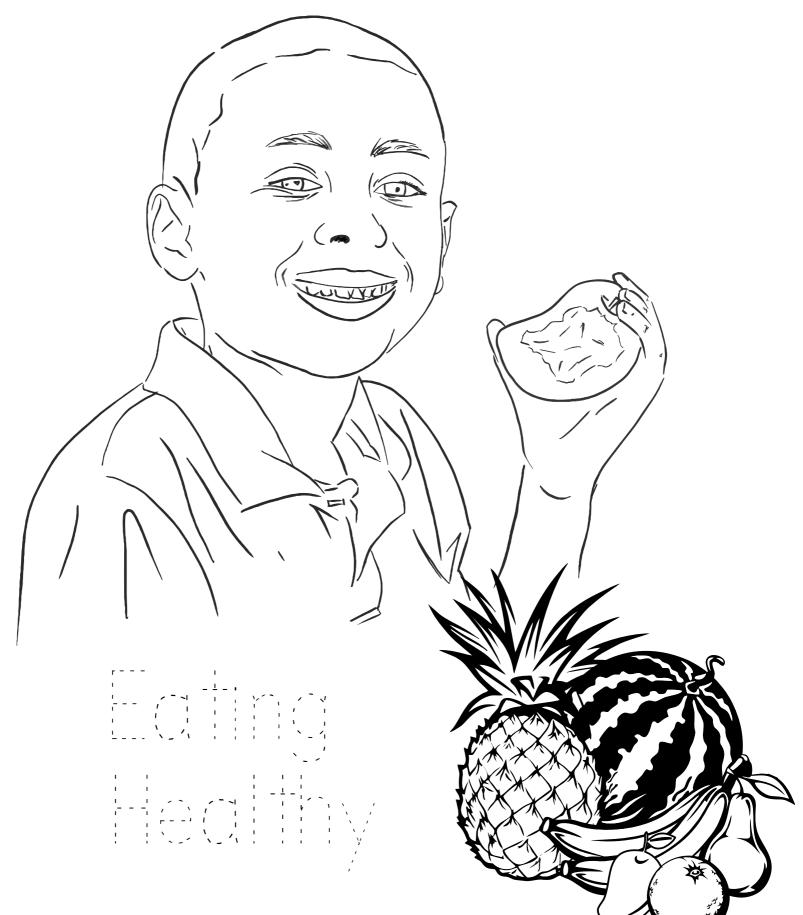


Explain 3 main things are soap, water and distance. Have your child draw the images of soap, water and distance to reinforce. Let him/her explain why they know these 3 things are important. Color the image.





Healthy Practices



Parent/Caregiver Guidance:



Explain to your child eating healthily keeps us healthy and strong. Encourage him/her to eat fruits and vegetables and avoid lots of sugar. Have him/her explain some healthy foods he/she knows. Ask him/her name the fruits and vegetables on the page. Have your child trace the letters that spell the words on the page and color the image.



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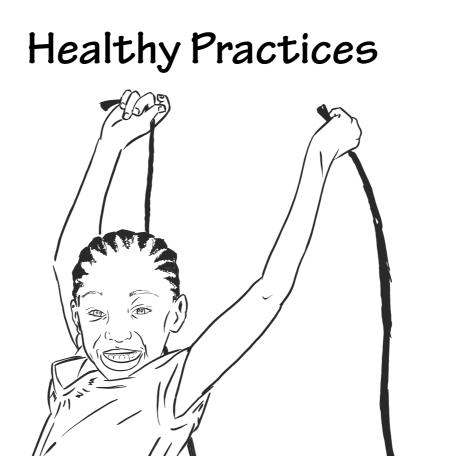
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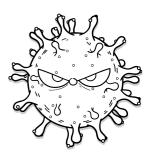


Explain to your child that getting enough rest 8-9 hours of sleep daily (and naps) helps keep him/her healthy. At the end, have your child trace the letters that spell the words on the page and color the image.





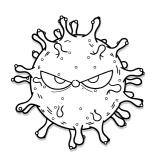






Explain to your child that exercising daily is important to keeping him/her healthy. It can be through play also. Have him/her list some games that can also be exercise you two can do. At the end, have your child trace the letters that spell the words on the page and color the image





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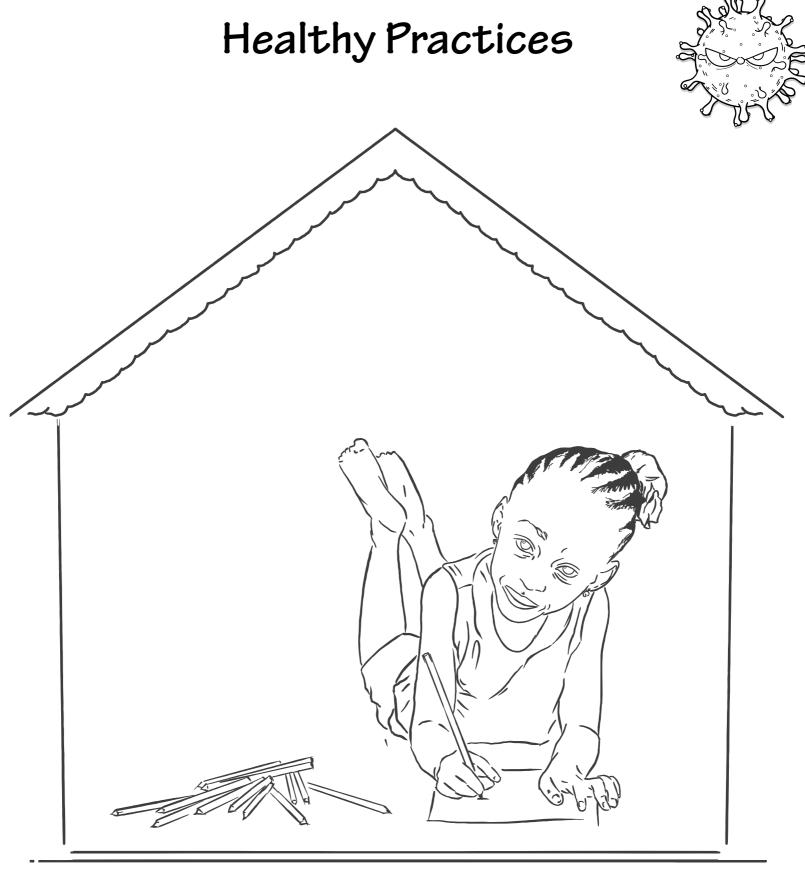


Parent/Caregiver Guidance:



Explain to your child that learning is also important to staying healthy. It can be reading books or writing. Have him/her explain some educational activities he/she likes. At the end, have your child trace the letters that spell the words on the page and color the image.



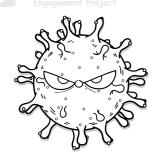


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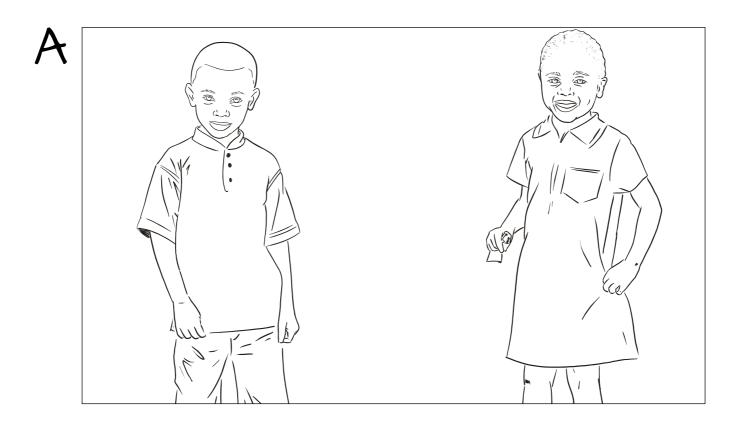


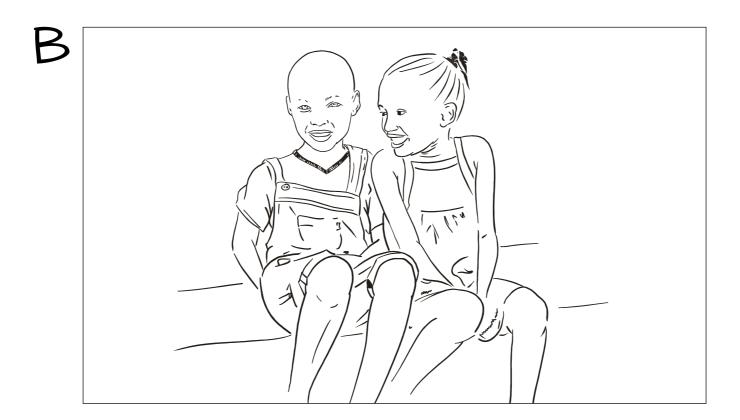
Explain to your child that the best way to avoid the virus is to stay home. Explain that's why he/she cant go to school or go play with his/her friends right now. Ask him/her how does this make him/her feel. Ask what are some things he/she likes doing at home. At the end, have your child trace the letters that spell the words on the page and color the image.





Which Picture Shows Safe Practice?





Parent/Caregiver Guidance:



Ask your child to look carefully at the two images and based on what you two have discussed so far, point to which image shows a safe practice. Ask him/her to explain why.





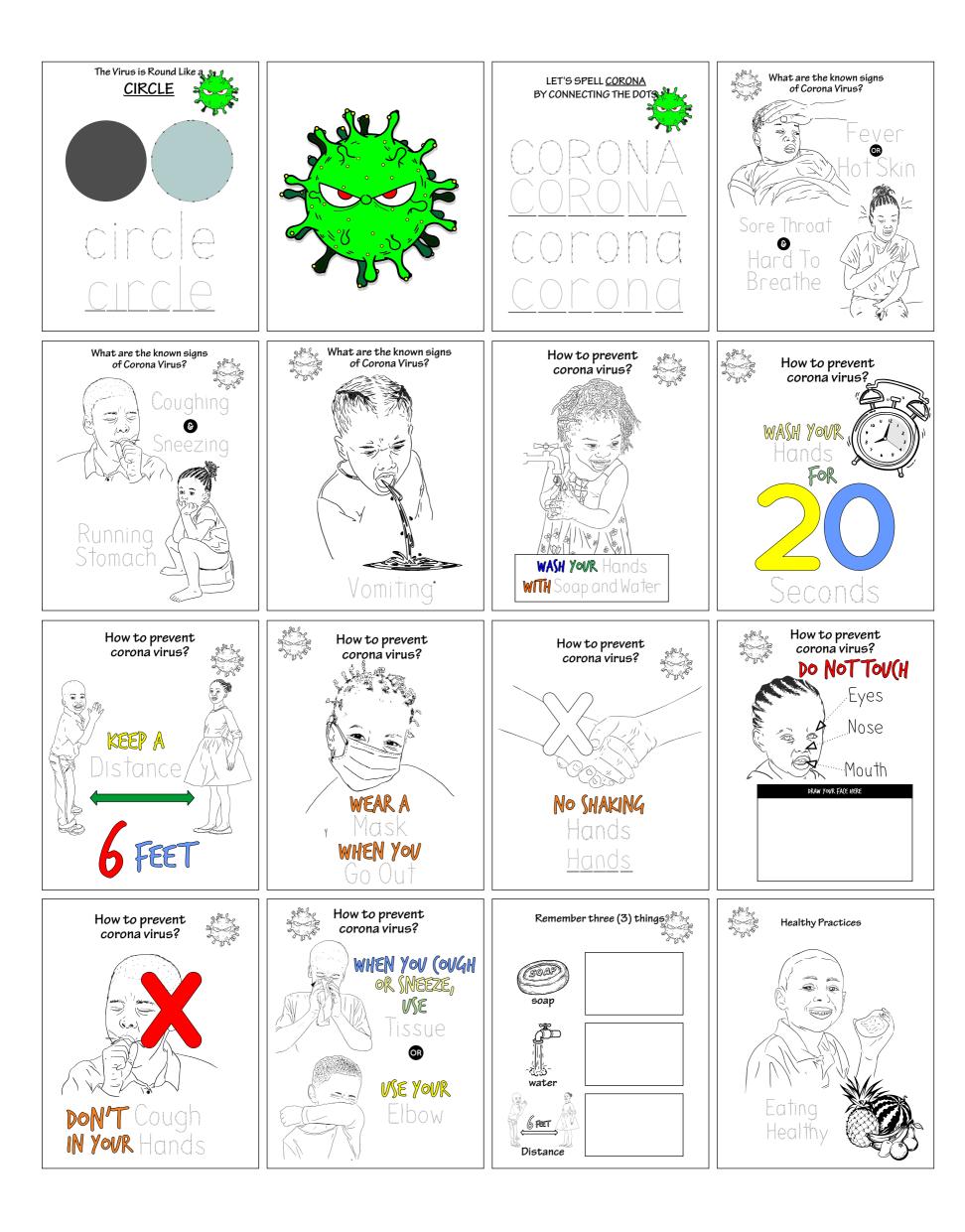






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THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE EXERCISE

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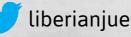


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Along with her involvement in other social advocacies including sexual abuse against children, Brenda, a mother of two, is passionate about contributing to highlighting the plight of children in the country and the need to invest in improving the quality of education. She believes that while governments should do more, parents also share in a duty to help educate their children, and that enabling communities with literacy tools and opportunities such as access to public school libraries, will meaningfully inspire the needed collective engagement for sharing in the responsibility for learning outcomes of students.

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