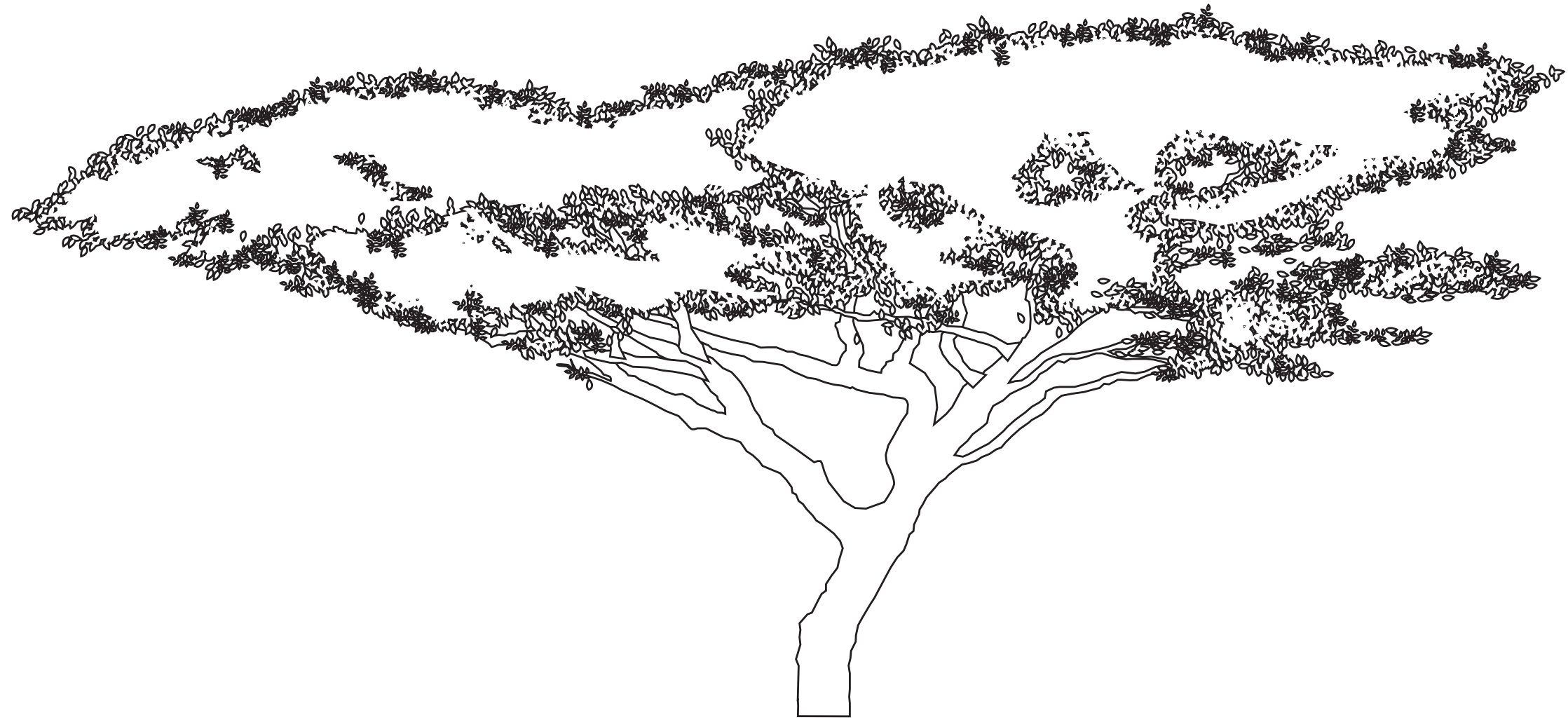
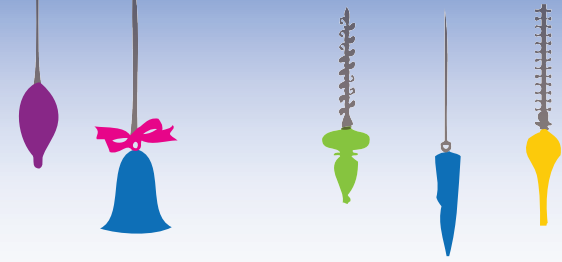


Acacia Tree

Use this tree template to create a giant tree for your classroom. You can simply copy it, or photocopy onto clear acetate and then draw around the projected image for a perfect tree!



African House



This type of house from East Africa gets a bit squashed if relatives come round on Christmas Day - so lunch is often eaten outside.



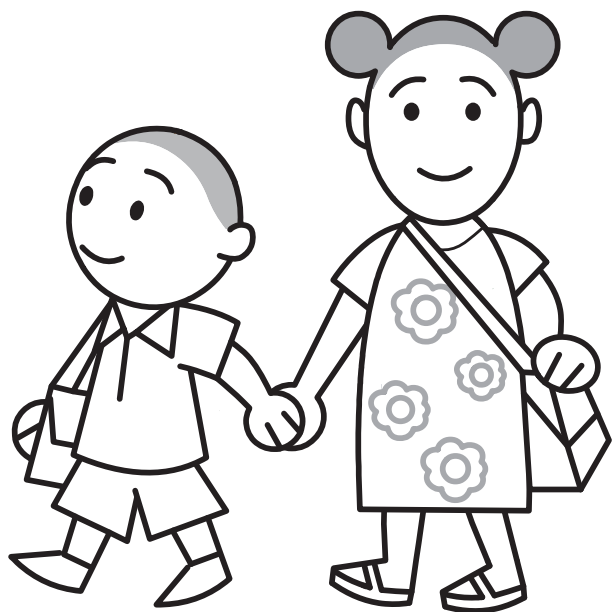
Toilet



Some people in East Africa have indoor toilets, but in rural areas many people use outdoor 'long drop' loos like this one.



School



Schools are shut on Christmas Day, and many children walk or bus to church with their families instead.



Presents



Going to school and doing homework are not seen as a chore for many children in African countries. In fact, uniform and books are often given as Christmas presents!

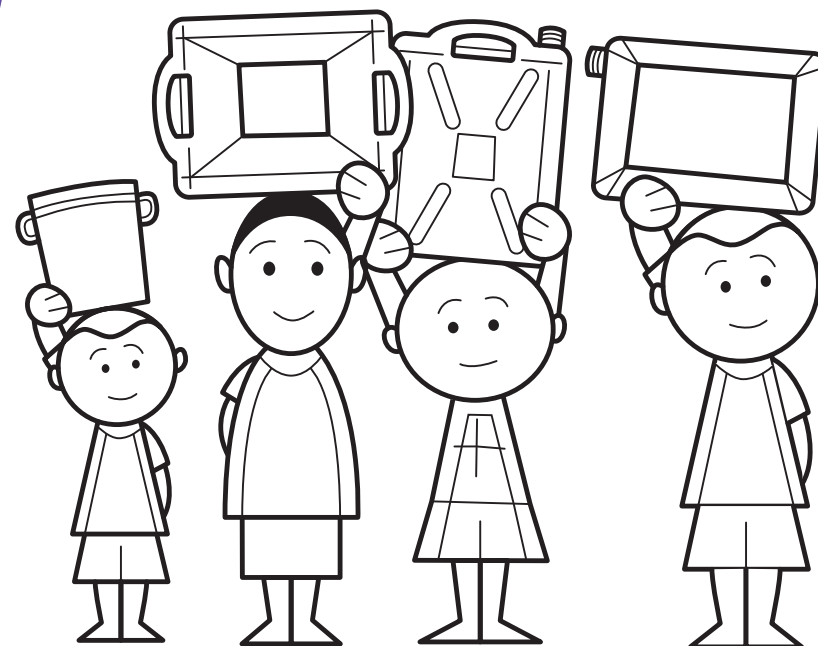


Maize Pounding



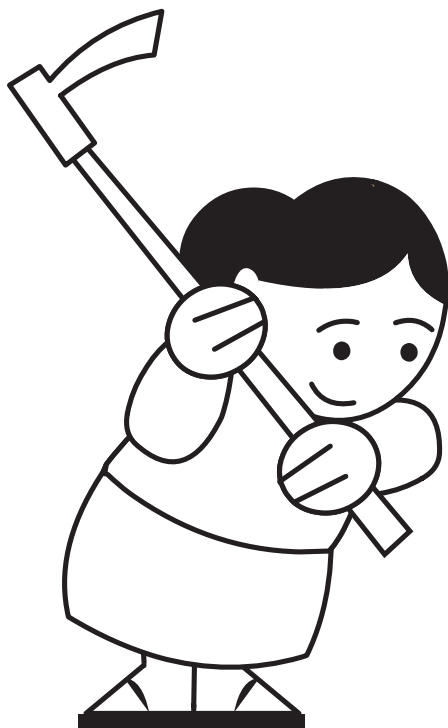
Maize, or sweetcorn as we know it, is a common food for many people in East Africa. The cobs are pounded and ground to make a flour that is added to boiling water, making a dough called 'mealie meal', 'ugali' or 'nshima'.

Water Carrying



Outside of towns and cities, many East Africans have to rely on fetching water from springs and wells rather than being able to turn on a tap. This job is often left to children, and mainly girls!

Growing Food



About 70% of people in African countries grow their own food on small plots of land. A lot of this work is done by women. So, although in the UK you might think of a man being a farmer, in Africa it is often the opposite!



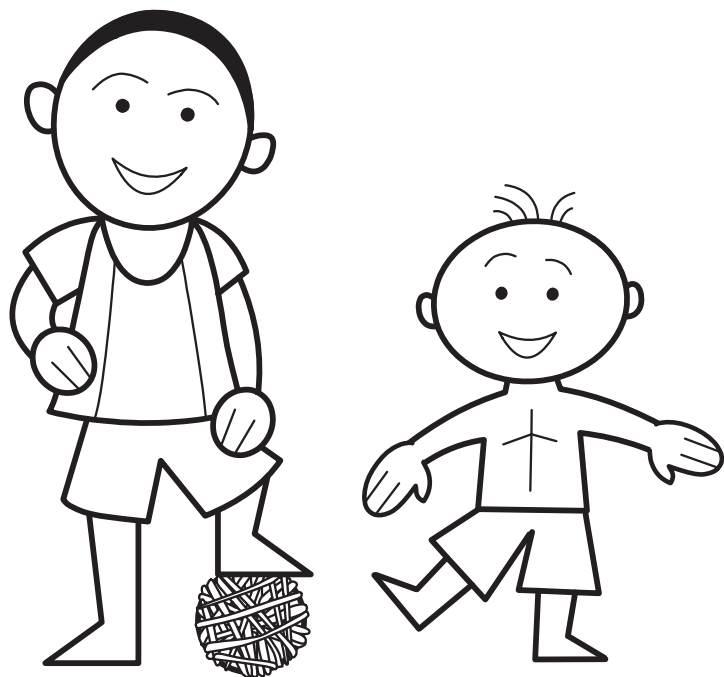
Africa



There are about 54 different countries in Africa and it's a very diverse continent with different peoples, geography and customs. However, there are many ways in which life is similar from one country to the next.



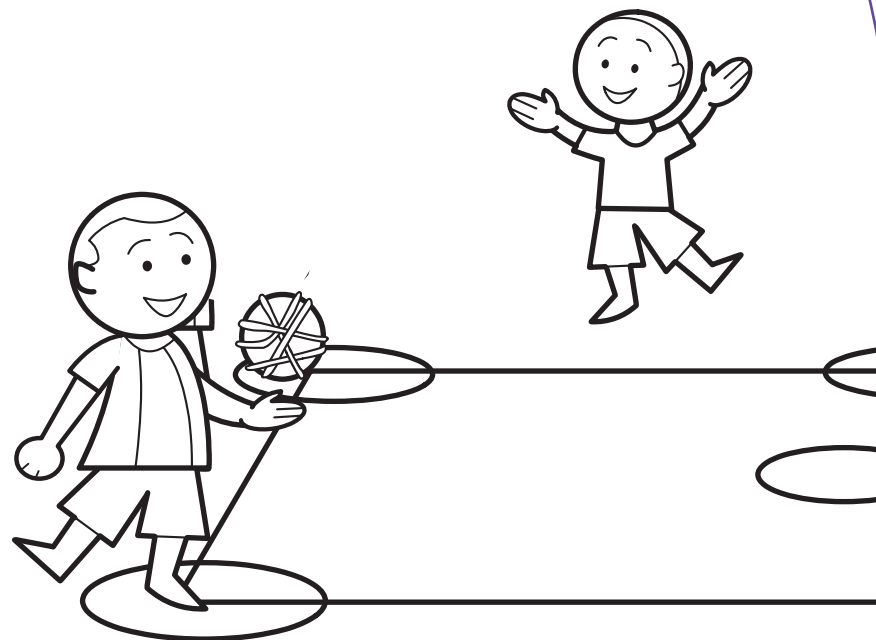
Bag Football



Many Christmas presents are home-made - like this football made from bags, banana stems and string,



Dodgeball



Dodgeball is a popular game in many school playgrounds and backyards. The great thing about it is that it can be played with whatever is lying around - tyres, branches, stones - or just marked out on the ground!



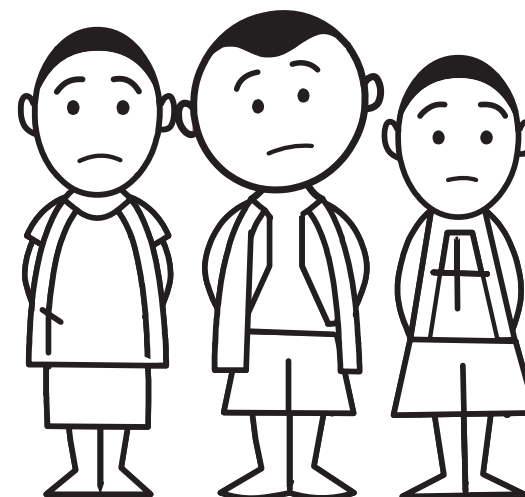
Matia's Family



Send a Cow try to put orphan families together with one another at Christmas, so they can celebrate as communities without being alone.



Orphans



Because of disease or war, many children in Uganda are orphans. This means many children spend Christmas on their own.

