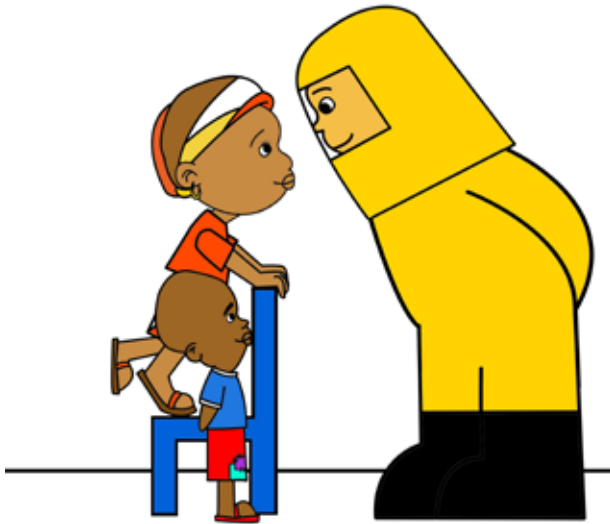


I'm Just Like YOU!



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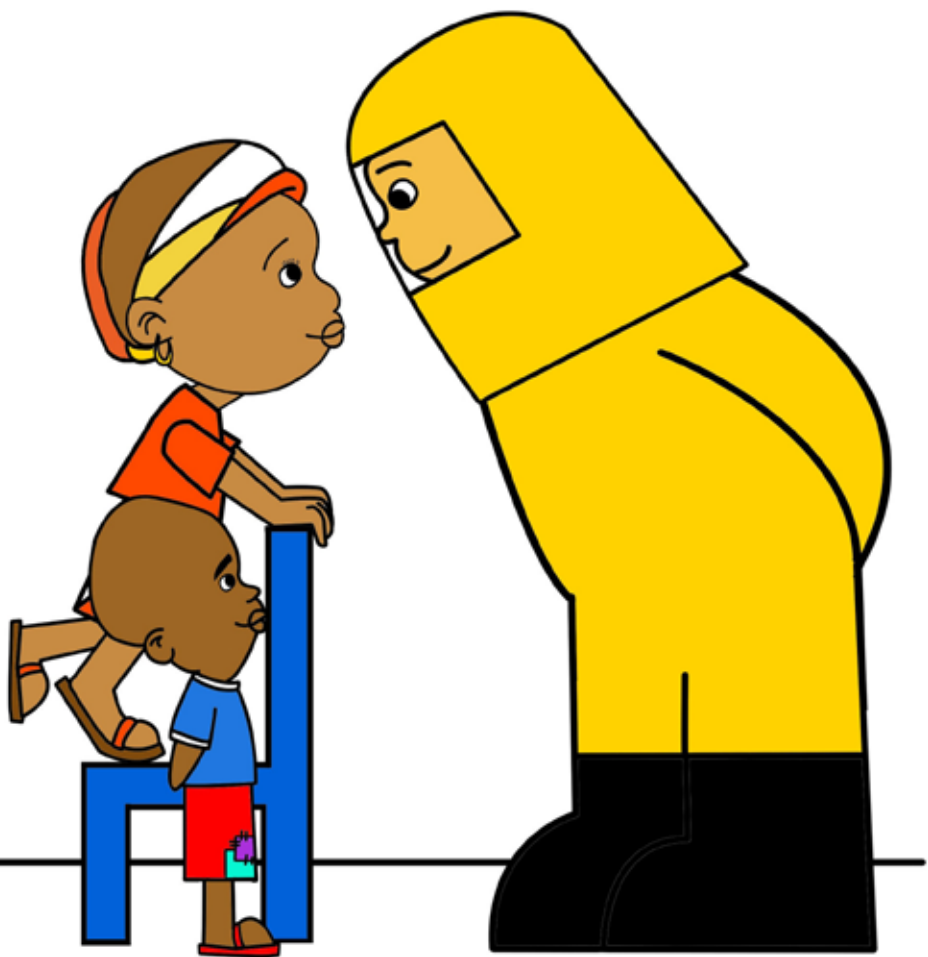
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Dedication

For the children in West Africa,
to be safe, to be comforted,
to be happy and healthy.

Who
are you?





Are you a
spaceman?

Are you a scary ghost?
Are you hiding in there?

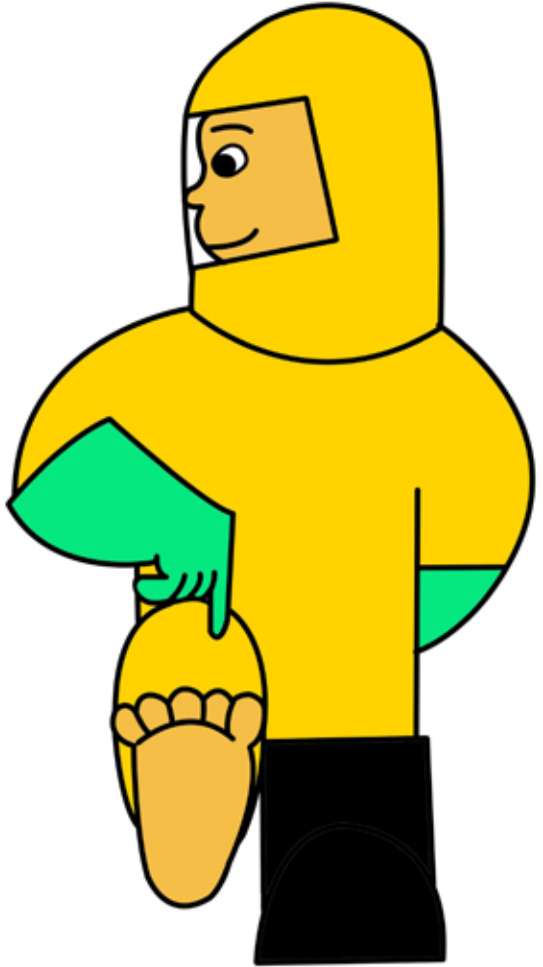
My name is Michel.
And I'm a person,
just like you!

*Can you
show us?*



Yes, I can!

What's
in your
boots?



My feet!

What's
in your
gloves?

My hands!



What is that on
your head?



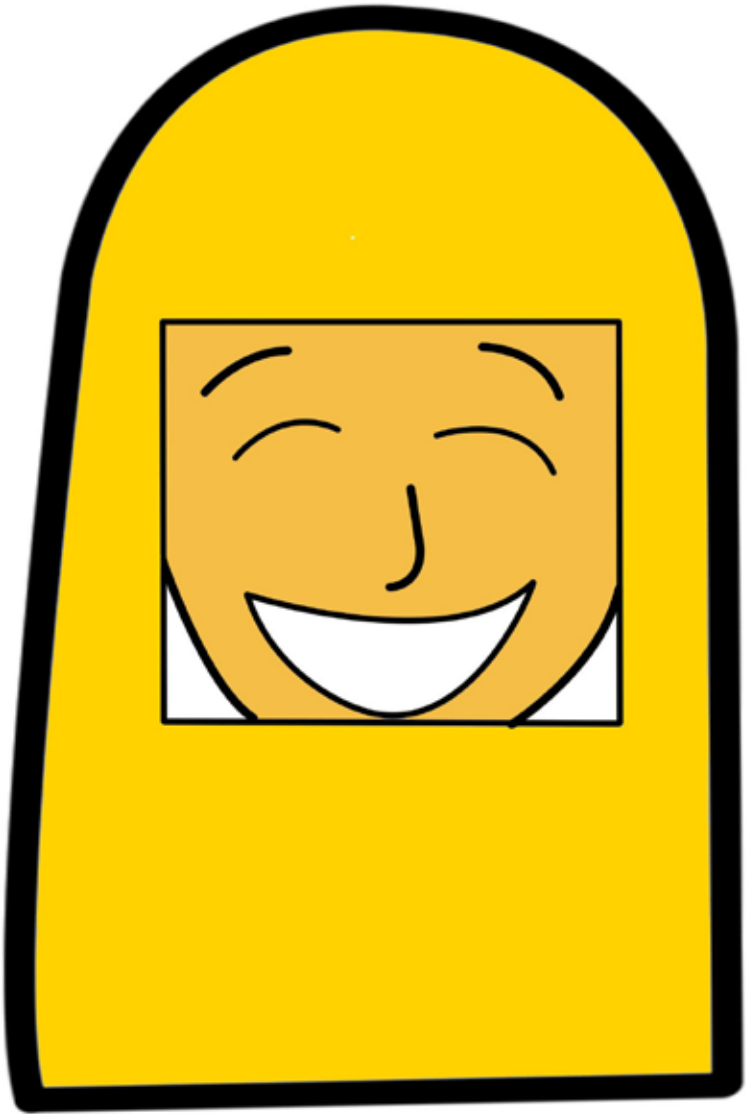
Goggles for my eyes
and a mask for my nose
and mouth.

Do you get hot with all those things on?



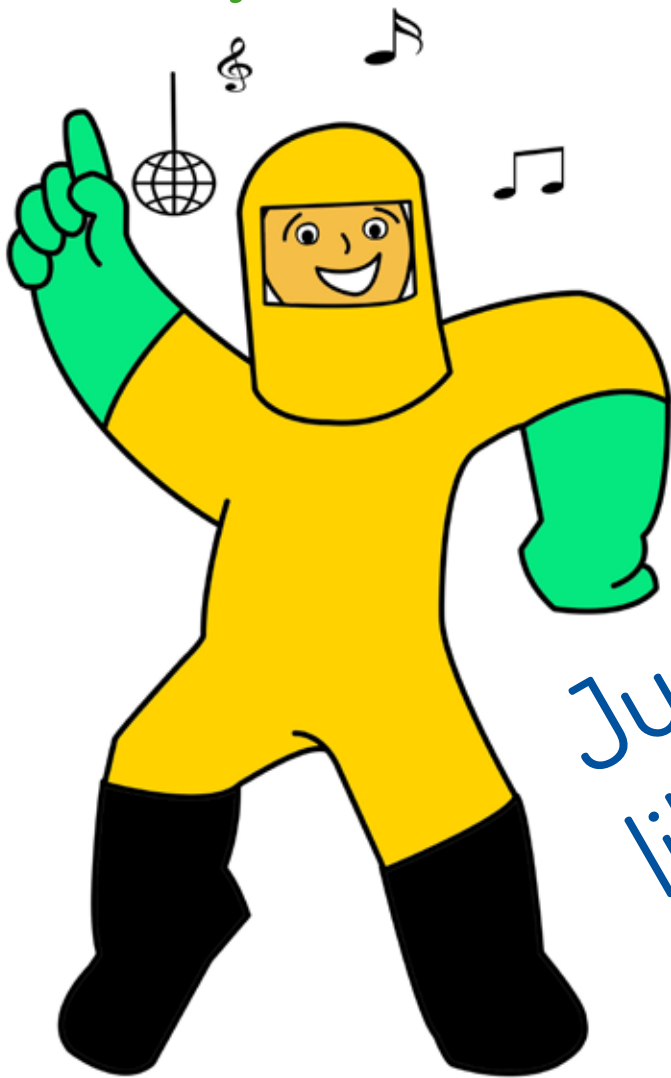
Oh, yes!

Do you laugh?



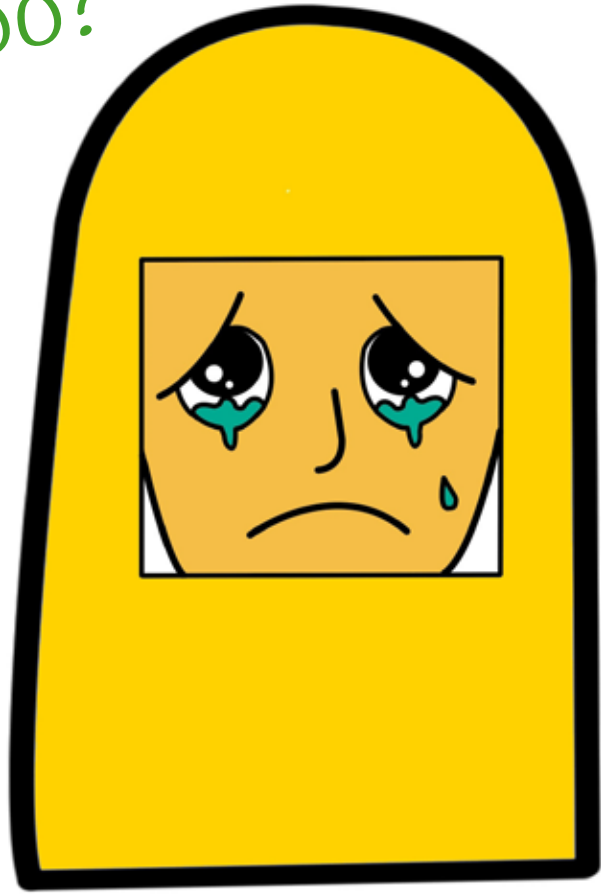
Just like you!

And do you sing and
dance?



Just
like
you!

And do you get
sad too?

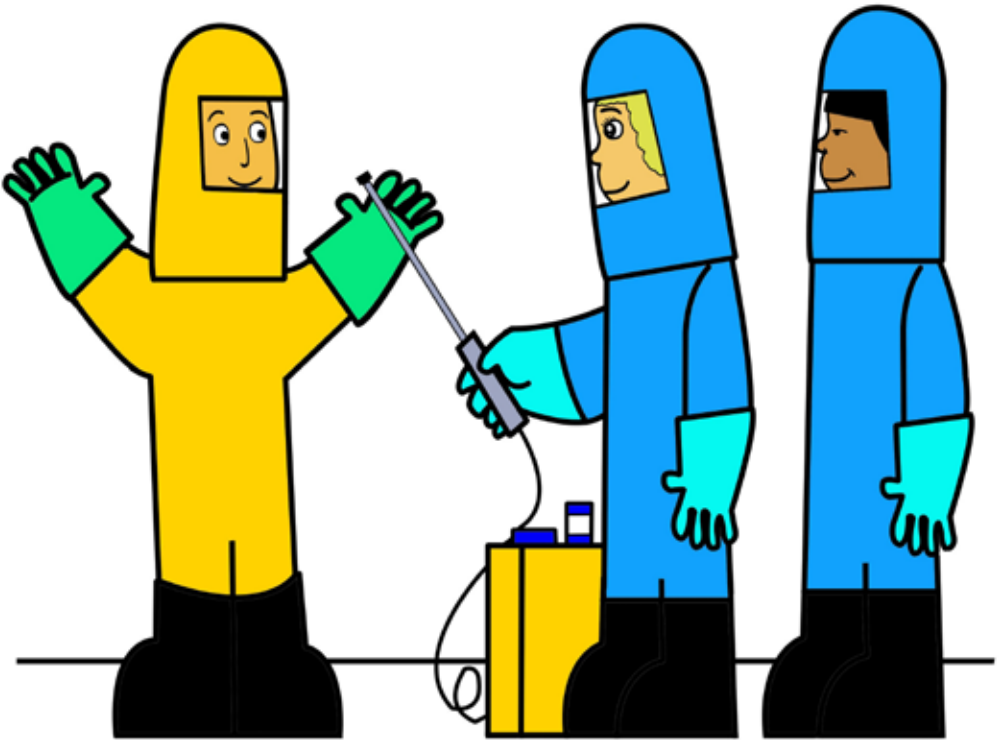


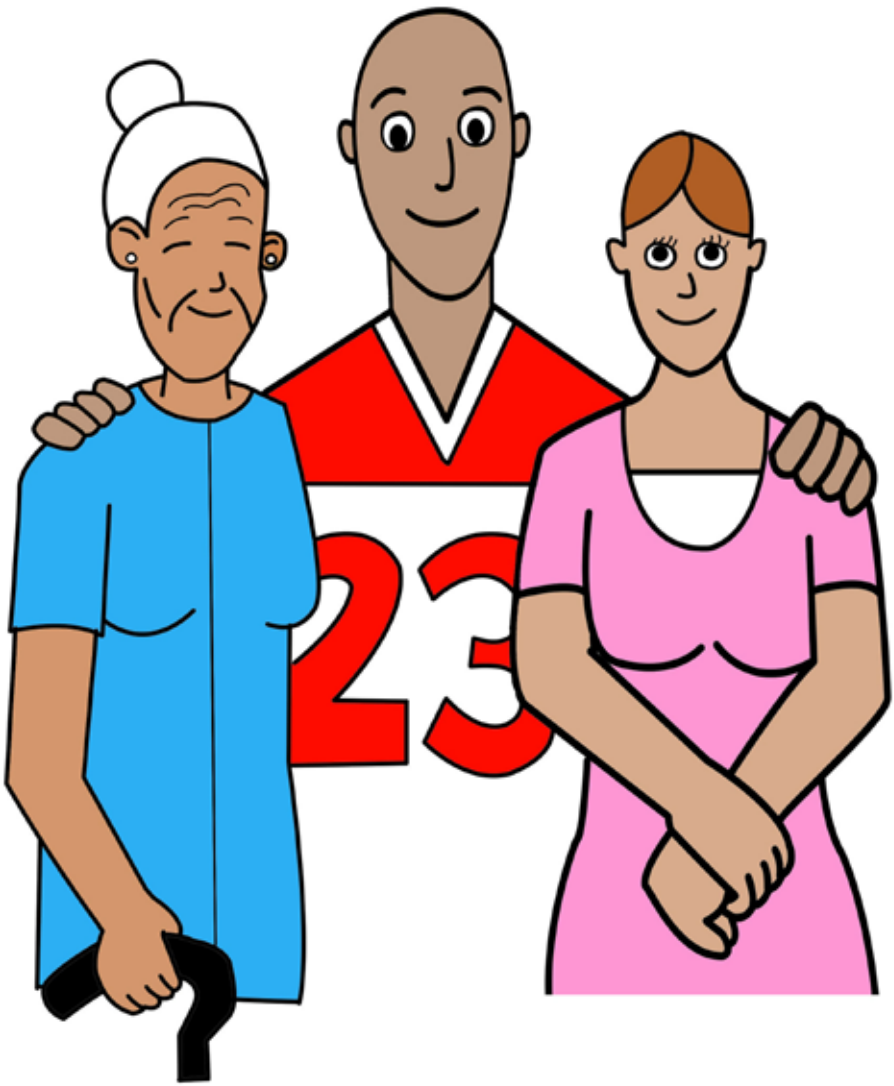
Just like you.
Sometimes I cry because
people are very sick.

That is why I wear the suit and the boots and the goggles and the mask. So I can help the people, but not get sick too.



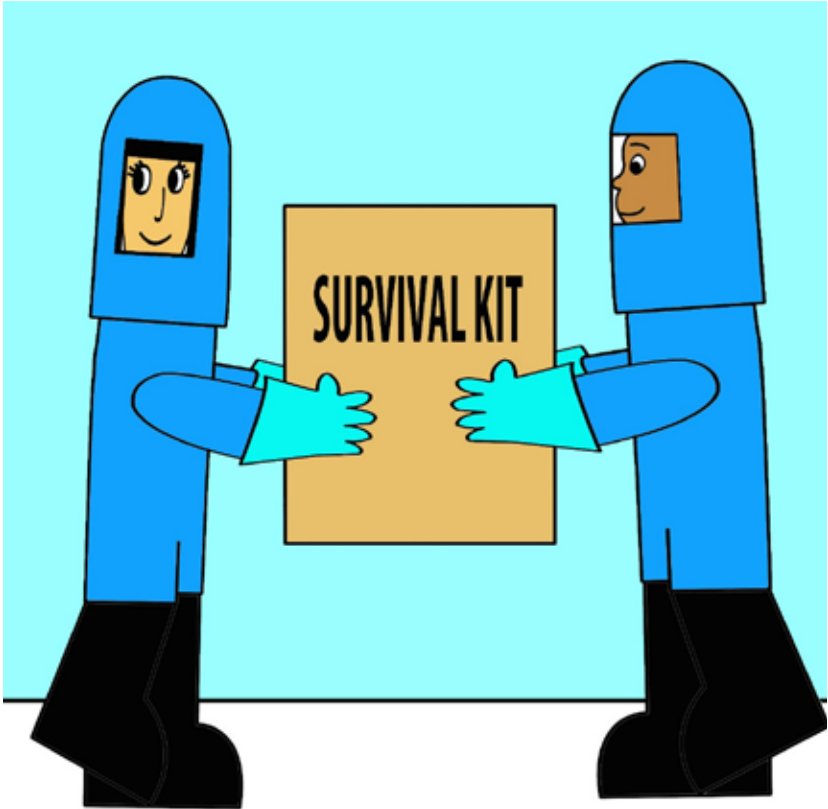
When I finish working, I take off the suit and my friends spray with me chlorine to make sure I'm all clean.



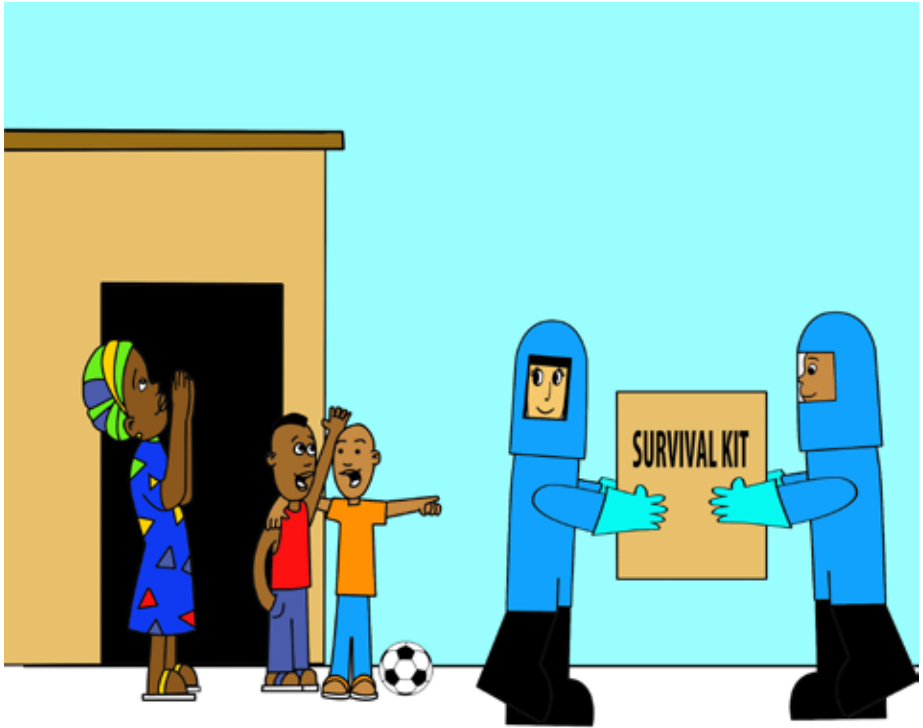


The chlorine smells a bit funny,
but then I can go home safely
to my family.

Maybe you have seen other people wearing suits in your neighborhood?

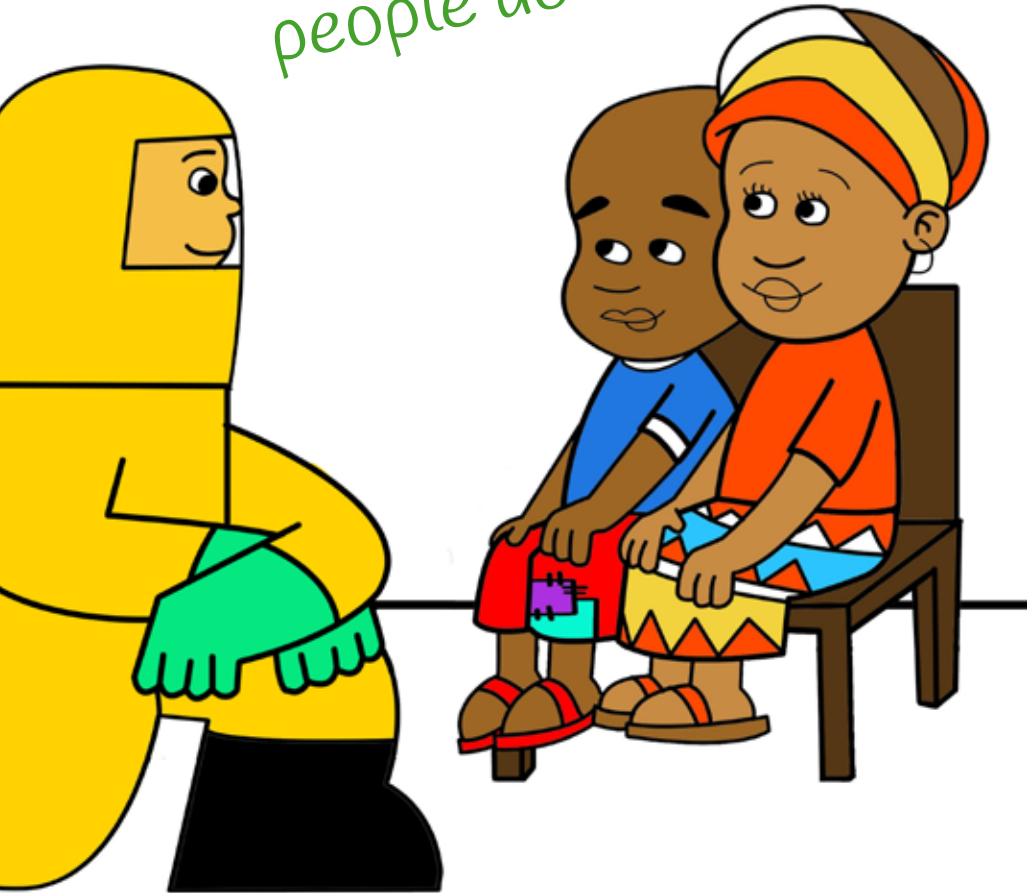


Yes, and we were afraid!



I understand. But you don't have to be afraid...they are helpers too. They are helping families who had someone sick in their home.

Why did this sickness
come here? Did the sick
people do something bad?



No, it's nobody's fault that
the sickness came here.

The sickness is caused by a tiny, tiny thing called a virus. We can only see it with a special machine that sees things our eyes can't see - a "microscope".



Do you know how
not to get sick yourself?



First, don't touch any sick
person. Don't touch anything
that they have touched.

Wash your hands
a lot with soap
and water.

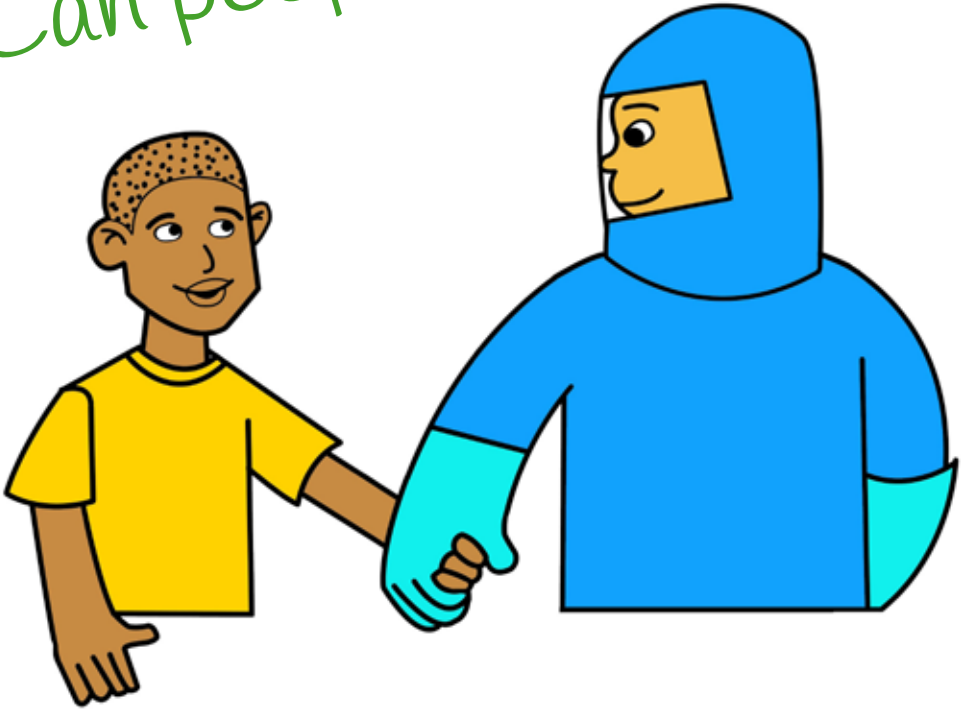


You can help by praying for someone who is sick. Or talk to them from far, far away.



But do not get close to them!
That way you will stay healthy!

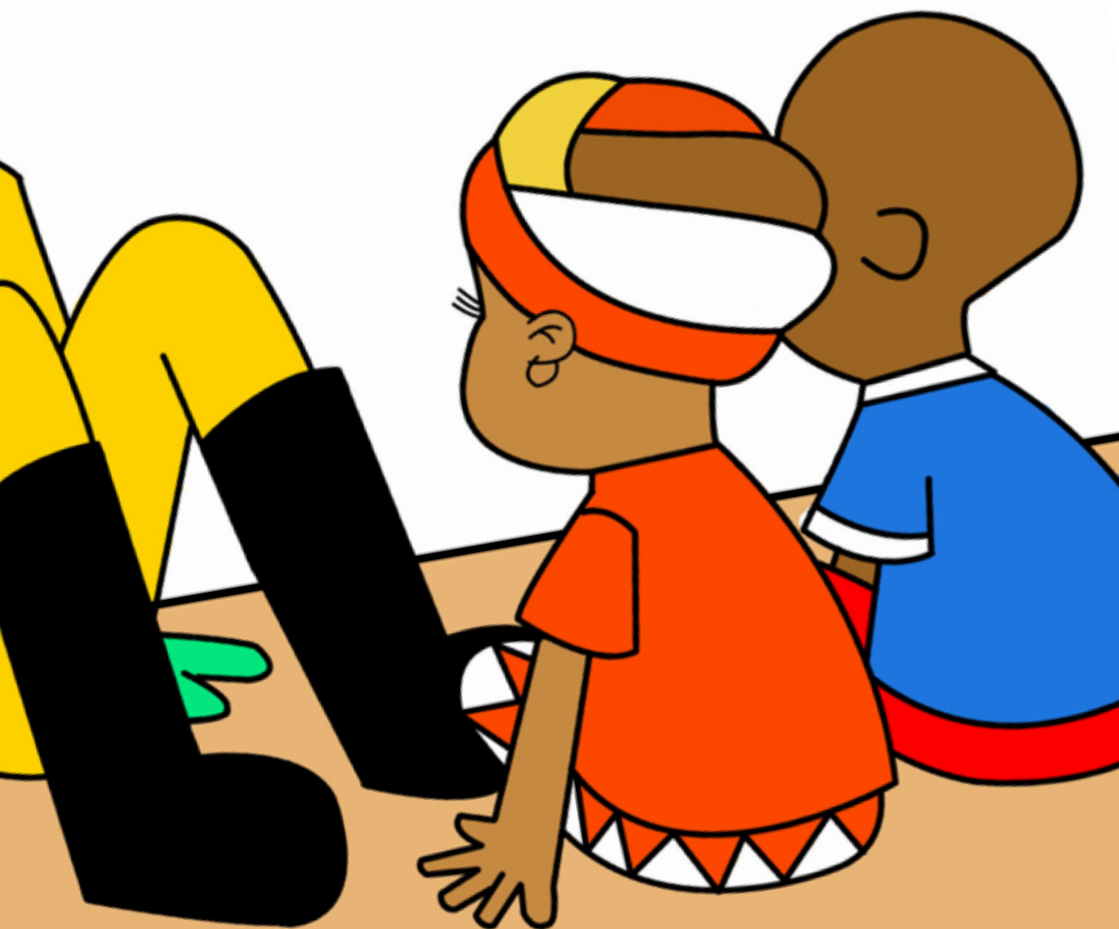
Can people get better?



Some people can get better
if they go to the health centre
and we can care for them.

We do our very best
to help them!

But some people
don't get better,
do they, Michel?



That's true. Some people will die from Ebola. When people die, their bodies stop working. But they don't feel the pain or sickness anymore.



We miss them and may feel sad because they are not with us anymore.

Maybe you know someone who has died? Maybe one of your friends had someone die in their family?



Yes, we saw people very sad because someone died. We heard the mom and dad of our friend both died.

I'm so sorry for your friend.
Do you know how to help
him feel
better?



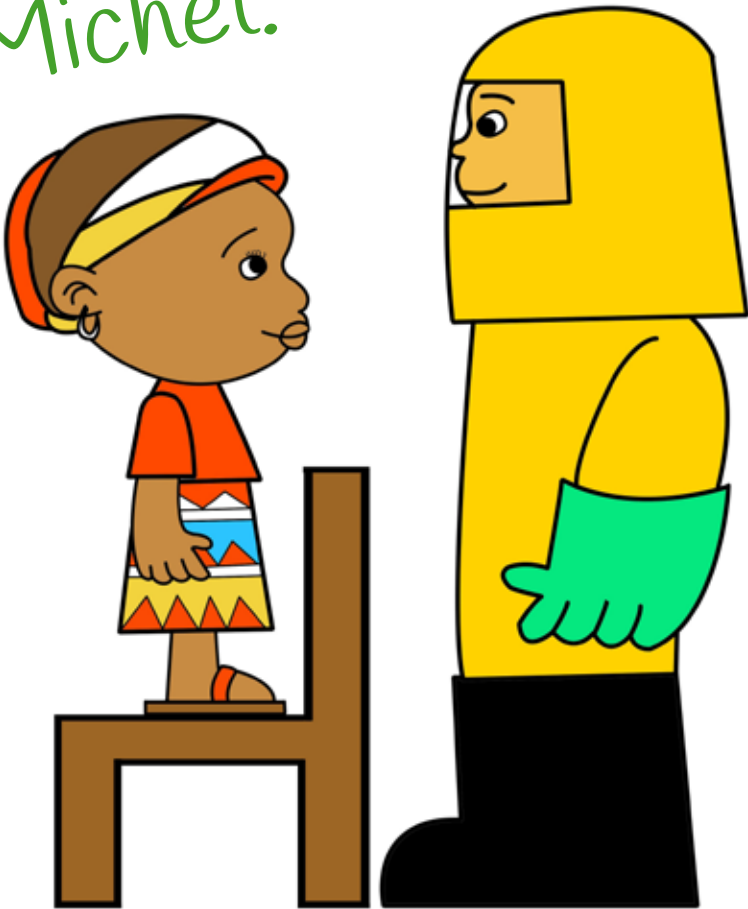
You can talk and play with him,
and listen if he wants to talk or
feels sad. Let him know you are
still his friend!”

The same is true if you know someone who has come back from the hospital and is all better now.



Treat them nicely, just as you did before they got sick. You cannot catch Ebola from someone who has gotten all better.

I like knowing you,
Michel.



And I like knowing
you too!



*If I see you,
I will wave
to you
and you
can wave
to me.*

Although I can't come close to
you when I am wearing my suit,
it will be nice to wave hello!