



TAPORI

brings children together from different parts of the world. By learning about children whose lives are different to ours, we can make a fairer world where no one gets left behind.

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Hello dear Tapori,

We are living in very strange times. To fight the Coronavirus or Covid-19, we are not allowed to do everyday things such as shaking hands, hugging, getting close to people, meeting with our friends or leaving our house. Lots of us are wondering how we can stay connected to each other in these strange times, without leaving anyone behind.

Let's imagine a big circle. Everyone is in the circle, and no one is left out.

To make the circle, we need to know what is happening in the world where they are, and how they are feeling. To make the circle bigger, we need to help and listen to each other. This newsletter starts off by sharing how some children are feeling, and what is happening where they are in the world.

We'd love you to tell us how you are feeling. We have come up with some activities for you to take part in, to help you stay in touch with others and share some positivity. Share with us your strength, solidarity and friendship.

How's it going in your home?

My name is Marcos, I'm 10 years old. I live in Peru. I have 5 brothers and sisters.

The TV news says that there is an invisible virus that kills many people in all the countries. We are careful and sensible because we wash our hands every day, we don't go out in the street. Only my mother goes out to buy some groceries. Now because of what's happening, I don't go to school. **School lessons are broadcast on radio, television and on the internet. In the beginning it was difficult because two of my brothers are in high school and at 9.30 in the morning they have to listen to the radio, at 10 in the morning one has to watch TV and then in the afternoon the other one has to listen to the radio.**



In March, the government gave some money to support each family. That helped a lot. Without this support, it would have been very complicated but it is still not enough. What we need most is rice, vegetables and milk. My mother says the prices of food like rice have gone up. We need to eat less rice at home. The government said they will give more support, but they didn't say when. It's better to have a regular job.

I'm Hannah. I'm ten years old and I live in the Philippines. For me, the year 2020 is the saddest year I have ever lived, because we are living in a very difficult time. **I am discovering how hard it is to be like a prisoner.** We are not allowed to go out. I realize how difficult it is when my father doesn't have a job. That makes me sad. Besides, we can't even be happy on the day of our birthday. To help my parents and my grandmother, I don't leave the house and... I keep praying that this coronavirus doesn't spread further but that it will disappear from this world.

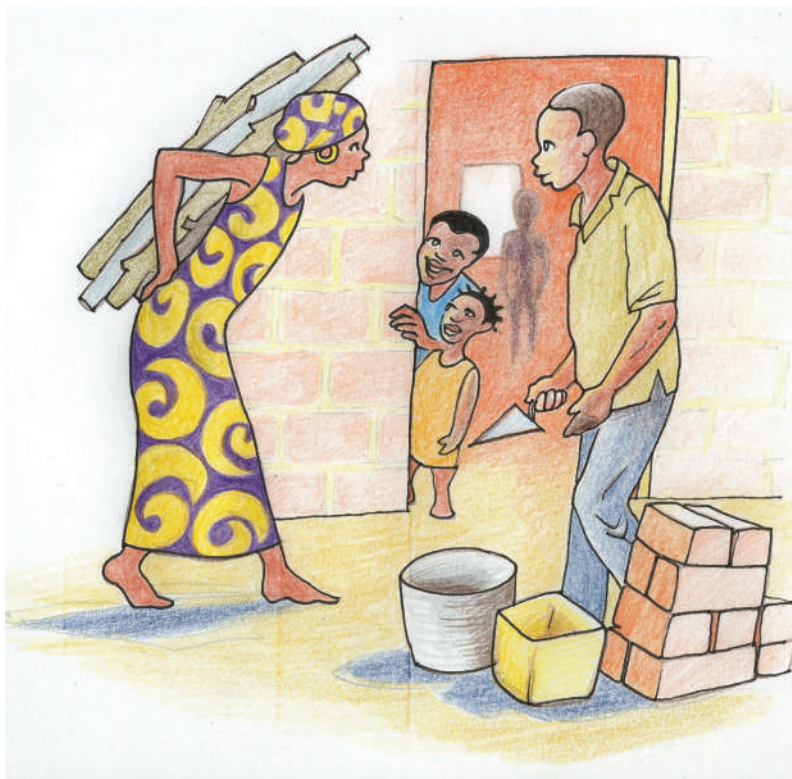
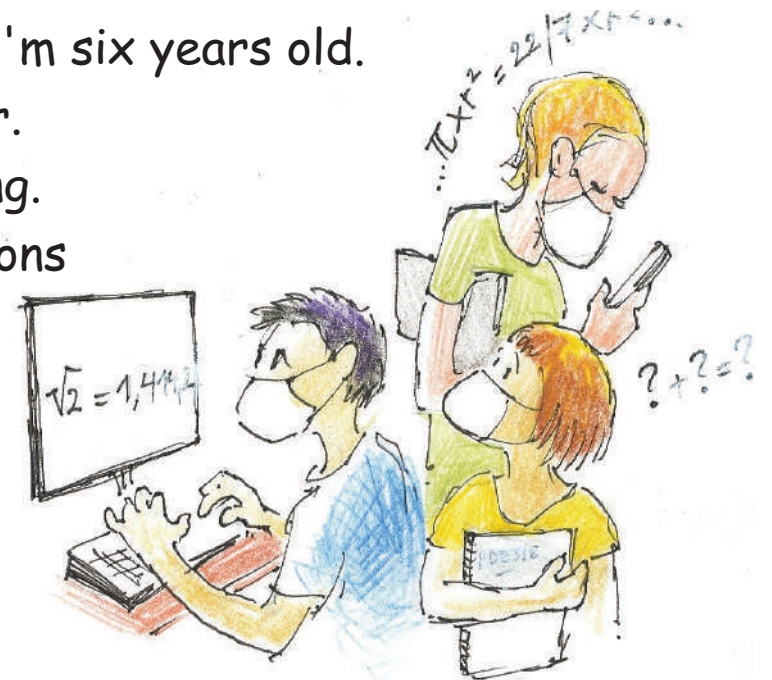




My name is Zakaria. I'm eight years old. I live in France.
School at home is boring. I love it when we do activities together, like snakes with recycled corks or castles in a roll of tissue paper, when we play... with Lego; I love to invent with my sister, Dad and Mom to create an imaginary world.

My name is Manel. I'm six years old.
 I'm Zakaria's sister.
 I like home-schooling.
 I quickly do my lessons

so I can help Mom or Dad with the cooking.
 Today, Dad showed me how to make a Tunisian dish, it was great. **What I don't like about the "Corona" is the confinement because I can't see my friends.**



My name is Tresor. I'm nine years old. I live with my parents and my four siblings in Burundi.
 In our culture, it is very important to shake hands, but because of the distancing and hygiene rules given by the Government, everyone is afraid to go out.
My parents don't have a stable job. My dad does small construction jobs and my mom has to go out every morning to sell firewood at the market in order to feed our family. Sometimes they both stay at home. Sometimes, **they take the risk of going out without even any protection just to make sure we have something to eat.**

These are just a few short stories about what life is like for some children.
 Would you like to share what life is like for you during the pandemic?

If so, simply fill in the following chart, using the boxes on page 4 to write or draw a comic strip, a word, a sentence, a poem, a drawing and an object.

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Once all the boxes have been filled in, don't forget to send your creation, or a photo of it, to Tapori.

Stay connected!

Yes, but how? How about sending messages to one another?
 We have to find something symbolic to go with the message.
 Some people have thought of a window, because when you're stuck in
 to your house, it's the only opening you have to the outside world.
 Others have thought of a bridge because it connects the
 two places separated by a space or a river.
 Our friends in Spain and France have suggested the hand and the bird
 you will find below.
 Yes, you want to keep in touch with others too!
 Choose a symbol that can be a hand, a bird or something else.
 Write your message of solidarity and send it to Taporí.



Drawing: Taporí Facilitator from Tanzania



(A) The Messenger Birds

Taporí children in Madrid invite us to do
 our today's circle through messenger birds
 that will link us all together.
 The idea is to send words of friendship
 and encouragement to one another.

Materials you need:

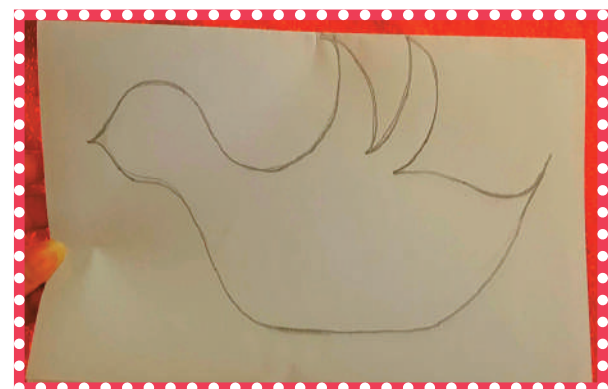
- one sheet of paper
- scissors
- markers/color pencils

What to do?

Step 1: Fold a sheet of paper into two



Step 2 : Draw your bird on one side of the folded paper.



Step 3: Cut out the bird! Before cutting, make sure that the part between the two wings is NOT cut.



Step 4: Color in black the empty space between the wings. Do the same on the other side.



Step 5: Start coloring the bird the way you like. Don't forget to color both sides.



Step 6: Inside the bird, write your name, age, city, country. Write your message of solidarity for your family, your friends or to the whole world.



When the bird's finished, send it to Taporì!

(B) Tomorrow, Children Celebrate Together

Some day, when this is all over, we'd all like to get together, play together, be friends with one another. So, think of the circle with everyone.



To which children around you and around the world do you want to express your friendship? Who do you want to greet?
What kind of world do you imagine for tomorrow?

- Trace the outline of your hands and decorate the drawing with the materials you have. (pencils, felt-tips, paint, chalk, clay, collage, assembly of materials, ...)
- Write the message you want to share with your drawing, to say what you dream about:

"For tomorrow, I dream of..."



- They can be dreams for yourself, your family, your neighborhood or for the world!
- Once the message is finished, send it to Taporì or stick it on your window, on your door, in your building lobby, on your gate, in a place where you know others can see it.
- Invite other children and adults to join you. Adults can also draw their hands!

Staying positive !

Do you like cooking?
Continue the recipe for positivity in the white chart on the right by adding ingredients.

To decide which ingredients you will need, ask yourself the question:

What helps you to handle difficult situations like now with the coronavirus?

When you have finished your recipe, why not share it with your friends and compare it with their positivity recipes.

Recipe for positivity against coronavirus!



- a pinch of smile
- 250 grams of joy

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Don't forget to send your recipe to your friends and to Tapor!



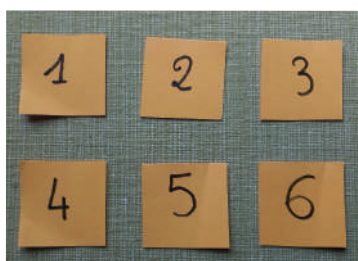
Stay in good health!



Materials:

a dice or six small papers numbered from 1 to 6

AND a token to move by player:
one stone or one seed...



Procedure:

The objective of the game is to begin at the "start" square and reach the "finish" square. The youngest player starts. The first player rolls the dice or draws a paper.

Depending on the number drawn, they move their token forward and carry out the exercise on the corresponding square.

If they succeed, they can stay on this square until their next turn.

If they fail, they go back to the original square. The players take turns.

Options :

Easy level: a player is declared the winner as soon as they reach the final box.

Hard level: A player is declared the winner when they land right on the "finish" square. Otherwise, they move back as many squares as the number shows, and will try their luck again at the end of the next round.

For older players, you can decide to double or triple the times indicated by the boxes. It's up to you to imagine some other rules!

The Keep-fit game!

* Level

START

