



Kids2Kids Current Affairs Project  
**Syrian Refugees**

**Question?**

How would you feel if you **weren't allowed** to live at home anymore?

How would you feel if you **weren't allowed** to live in the USA because people were being mean to you and hurting you?

What other country would be a place you could live?

When children or families have to move from their home country to another country because people are trying to hurt them, they are called. . .

**REFUGEES**

**But think about it a little further...**



**What if...**

The people who are hurting your family are **really** mean and angry. They are not letting you live in your home, you are not getting food, you can't go to school or see your friends, and there is even a chance that someone you love may die. Everyone is hungry, scared, and not sure how to get to a place that is safe without getting hurt.

## FYI

There are lots of countries where children and their families are not safe. These families are trying to go somewhere else where they can be safe, but it is not easy.

- Sometimes a family cannot find a safe country or a new home.
- Sometimes it cost too much for a family to travel.
- Sometimes a family has to divide because it costs too much to stay together.
- Sometimes a family has to divide because it is more dangerous to try and leave together.

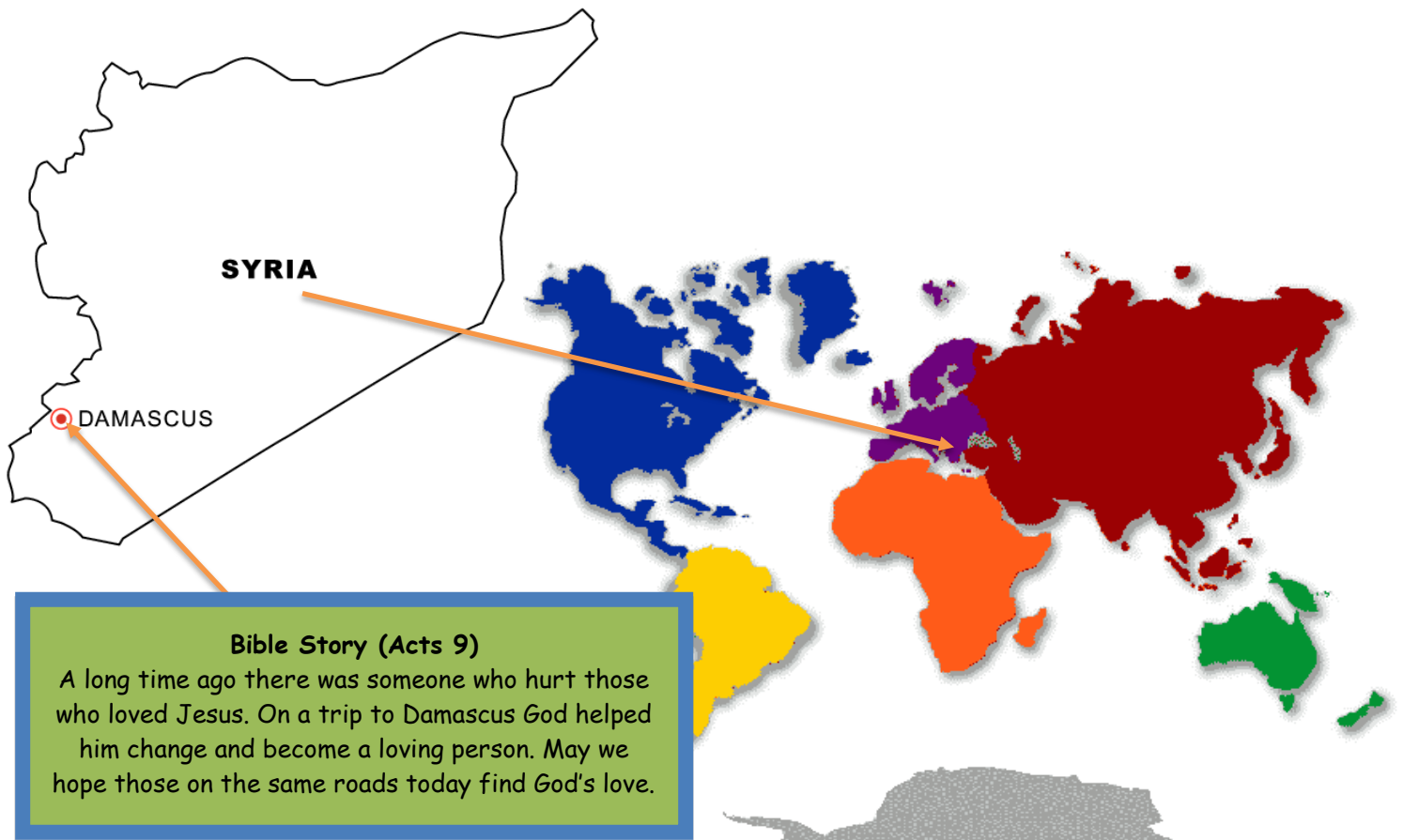
## Hard and Scary



ACCESS  
DENIED

## SYRIA

Syria is a country where there are lots of children and families that are being hurt because of war. Many people are trying to leave the country.



### Bible Story (Acts 9)

A long time ago there was someone who hurt those who loved Jesus. On a trip to Damascus God helped him change and become a loving person. May we hope those on the same roads today find God's love.

KEY STATS

NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP NOW

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NUMBER OF REFUGEES TO DATE:

2,900,000

191,300  
PEOPLE KILLED TO DATE

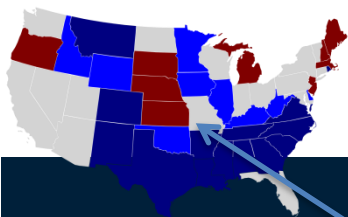
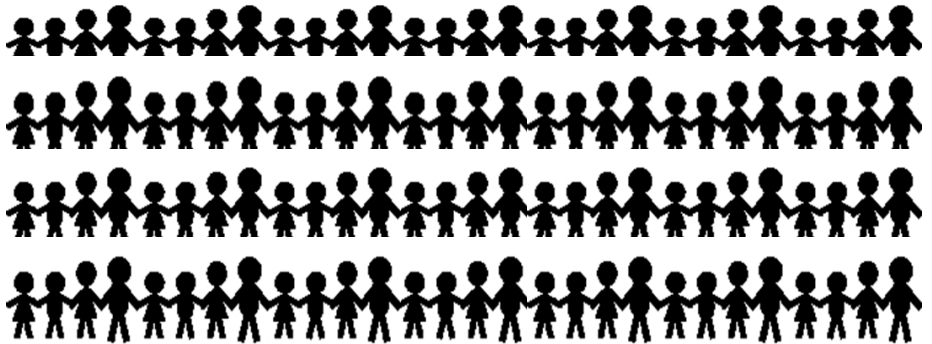
AT LEAST  
8,800  
CHILDREN KILLED

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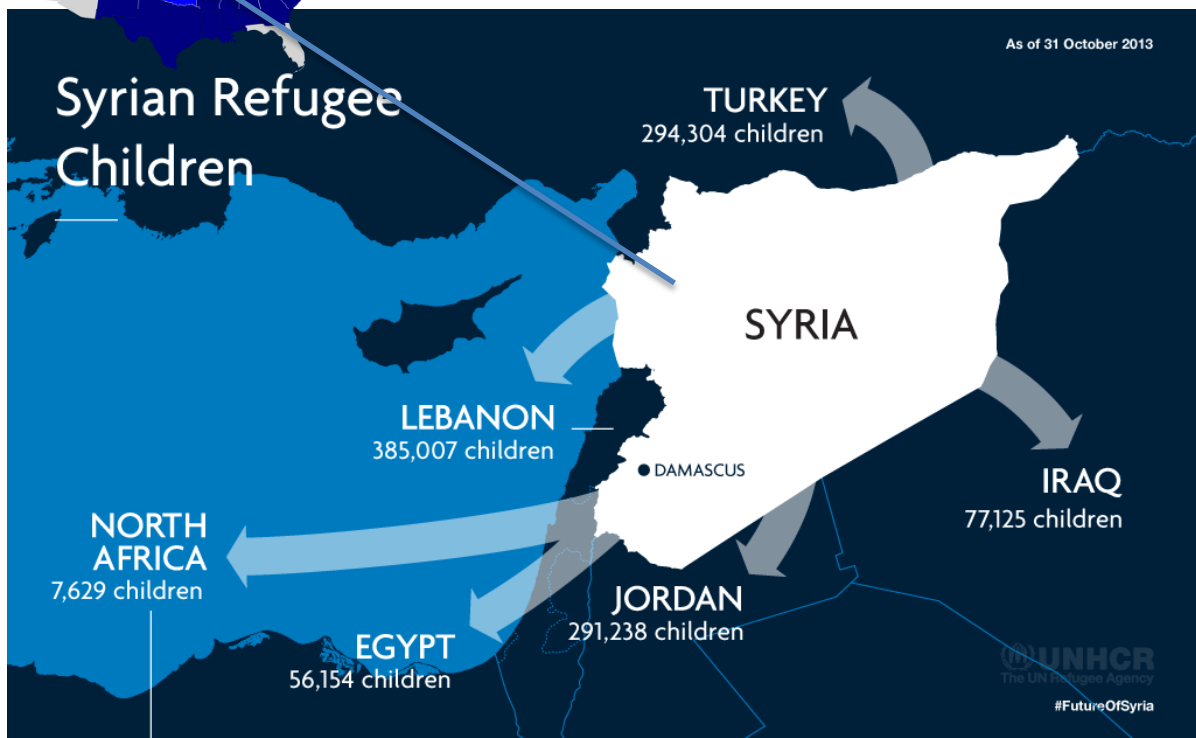
people need to leave Syria

# 9,000,000

(3x the people in Chicago!)



## Where are they going to live?



Here is what YOU (a kid!) can do to make a difference in the lives of these children and for their stories to make a difference in your life...

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## PRAY

...on your own  
...with friends  
...with adults  
...with your church



### Prayer

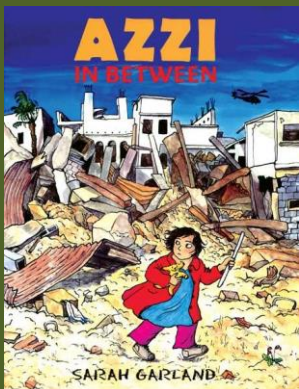
Dear God, help those people who have to leave their homes. May you help them find new homes that are safe and loving places with good people, like me. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Write your own PRAYER: \_\_\_\_\_

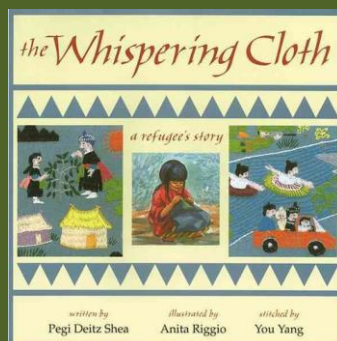
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## Read and Learn

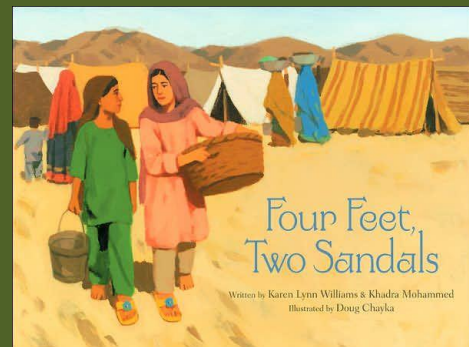
Children's stories are a great way to understand what it means to be a REFUGEE. Check out your local library and look online. Make sure to share the stories with your family, church, and friends.



Azzi in Between  
By Sarah Garland



The Whispering Cloth  
By Peggi Shea and Anita Riggio



Four Feet, Two Sandals  
By Karen Lynn Williams



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## WELCOME!

You, your church, and family can help those who are moving in lots of ways! Check out our partner organizations for the most up-to-date needs:

**Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries:**

[www.discipleshomemissions.org/syrian-refugee-resources](http://www.discipleshomemissions.org/syrian-refugee-resources)

**Week of Compassion:** [www.weekofcompassion.org/syria](http://www.weekofcompassion.org/syria)

**Church World Service:** [www.cwsglobal.org/helprefugees](http://www.cwsglobal.org/helprefugees)

## MAKE REFUGEE WELCOME KITS

### BEDDING KITS



2 pillows  
2 pillow cases  
1 queen (other) sheet set  
1 quilt/bedspread

### BATH KITS



2 bath towels  
2 hand towels  
2 wash cloths  
6 bars soap  
2 toothbrushes & toothpaste

### SCHOOL KITS



1 backpack, 2 notebooks  
100 sheets paper  
2 bottles glue  
2 packages crayons  
2 pair scissors  
4 pencils, 4 pens

(Note: School kit items should be new. Bedding & bath towels may be gently used. Items above are appreciated as a part of suggested "kits" OR in bulk quantities.)

RIM is a ministry of Disciples Home Missions.

Send Welcome Kits to your closest CWS affiliate office if you are within 50 miles ([www.cwsglobal.org/our-work/refugee-services/irp-affiliates.html](http://www.cwsglobal.org/our-work/refugee-services/irp-affiliates.html)) or use the web to research who is welcoming refugees in your area.

## MAKE A FRIEND!

When becoming a friend to a child who has had to leave their home, remember that this person has been through something really hard.

Older kids can watch a video to learn about some kids who have had to move because they were refugees: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=2N3ndNyuU2k](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2N3ndNyuU2k)



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# KNOW EVERYONE'S BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS

Read the flyer on the right. Talk with your parents or adults at church about these rights.

- How have you experienced these rights?
- Have you ever had these rights taken away?
- Do you know others whose rights have been taken away?
- What do you think you can do to help that?

**The Universal Declaration of HUMAN RIGHTS**

Adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1948, the Universal Declaration states basic rights and fundamental freedoms to which all human beings are entitled.

**WE ARE ALL BORN FREE AND EQUAL  
EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO THESE RIGHTS  
NO MATTER YOUR RACE, RELIGION OR NATIONALITY**

**EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO LIFE, FREEDOM AND SAFETY**

**You have the responsibility to respect the rights of others  
NO ONE CAN TAKE AWAY ANY OF YOUR RIGHTS**

No one has the right to hold you in slavery.

You have the right to own property.

No one has the right to torture you.

Everyone has the right to belong to a religion.

You have the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law.

Freedom of Expression: You have the right to free thought and to voice your opinions to others.

We are all equal before the law and are entitled to equal protection of the law.

Everyone has the right to gather as a peaceful assembly.

You have the right to seek legal help if your rights are violated.

You have the right to help choose and to take part in governing your country, directly or through chosen representatives.

No one has the right to wrongly imprison you or force you to leave your country.

You have the right to a fair and public trial.

Everyone is innocent until PROVEN guilty.

You have the right to privacy. No one can interfere with your reputation, family, home or correspondence.

Workers' rights: Every adult has the right to a job, a fair wage and to join a trade union.

You can travel wherever you want.

You have the right to leisure and rest from work.

You have the right to seek asylum in another country if you are being persecuted in your own country.

Everyone has the right to an adequate standard of living for themselves and their family.

Everyone has the right to a nationality.

Everyone has the right to education.

All adults have the right to marriage and to raise a family.

Your intellectual property as an artist or scientist should be protected.

We are all entitled to social order so we can enjoy these rights.

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# 5 See the **BIG** PICTURE!



There are **REFUGEES**, everywhere.

There are even people in our own country who have had to leave because others were hurting them.

Those places listed above are just a few of the places where wars and hatred have caused people to need to move to a new place.

## Talk about It

How does it make you feel to know there are so many children who are not being treated nice?

How can we find ways to be nice in our own country?



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## Family Learning

### How to Talk to Children about Syria:

[www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-syria](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-syria)

### Resources for Families and Older Elementary Kids to learn about REFUGEES:

<http://learningtogive.org/lessons/unit189/lesson4.html>

### Cheat Sheet on Syrian Conflict:

[www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/your-cheat-sheet-to-the-syrian-conflict](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/your-cheat-sheet-to-the-syrian-conflict)

### Children in Syria:

[http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/2015\\_SYR\\_Regional-Map-Dashboard\\_July2015.pdf](http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/2015_SYR_Regional-Map-Dashboard_July2015.pdf)

[www.worldvision.org/news-stories-videos/syria-war-refugee-crisis](http://www.worldvision.org/news-stories-videos/syria-war-refugee-crisis)

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## FUNDRAISE!!!

You can contribute to the work Disciples are already doing by sending money that you fundraise to Week of Compassion.

Mail donations to:

**Week of Compassion**  
**PO Box 1986**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46206**



100% of your gifts designated "Syria Humanitarian Crisis" will directly go to help Syrian refugees and those who are internally displaced in the Middle East and in Europe. Learn more about how Week of Compassion helps Syrian refugees and other people in crisis at [www.weekofcompassion.org/syria](http://www.weekofcompassion.org/syria)

### For fundraising ideas go here:

[www.better-fundraising-ideas.com/fundraising-ideas-for-kids.html](http://www.better-fundraising-ideas.com/fundraising-ideas-for-kids.html)

[www.signupgenius.com/nonprofit/50-creative-and-easy-fundraising-ideas.cfm](http://www.signupgenius.com/nonprofit/50-creative-and-easy-fundraising-ideas.cfm)

**Or make up your own!**

## The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Family & Children's Ministries: [www.docfamiliesandchildren.org](http://www.docfamiliesandchildren.org)

Refugee & Immigration Ministries:

[www.discipleshomemissions.org/refugee-immigration-ministries](http://www.discipleshomemissions.org/refugee-immigration-ministries)

Week of Compassion: [www.weekofcompassion.org/syria](http://www.weekofcompassion.org/syria)

Global Ministries: [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org)