Day 1: Imagine No Malaria

Websites of Interest:
- Imagine No Malaria website: [http://www.imaginenomalaria.org](http://www.imaginenomalaria.org)
- Imagine No Malaria Resources: [http://www.imaginenomalaria.org/resources/activity-ideas/](http://www.imaginenomalaria.org/resources/activity-ideas/)
- Imagine No Malaria YouTube site: [http://www.youtube.com/user/ImagineNoMalaria](http://www.youtube.com/user/ImagineNoMalaria)

Learning Activities:
- **Pipe-Cleaner Mosquito**
  Fun and easy to make chenille-stem mosquito
- **Mosquito Coloring Pages**
  Choose between several drawings to download and color:
- **Balancing Mosquito**
- **Imagine No Malaria Activity Page**
  This is a fun activity sheet for older elementary children. *(See page 5 of this resource.)*

**Children's Story For Use in Worship or Christian Education Settings:**

*Materials:* Several mosquito coloring pages, tape, markers, dried sticks (approximately 24" long), mosquito net (found at camping or sports stores)
Preparation: Print a copy of the family bed-net picture. (See page 6 of this resource.) Download and color several mosquito coloring pages. Tape a page to a stick to make “mosquito puppets.” Open the mosquito net and cover yourself with it. Invite several youth to be the mosquito puppeteers. Review the action with the puppeteers prior to the presentation.

I think I have it figured out! Yes, I do! Hmmm...let me tell you a bit more about the situation. I hate getting bit by a bug. It seems that no matter who else is around, once it starts to get dark, these pesky critters come and find me. So I have decided to wear this mosquito net all of the time. There! Problem solved!

There are some places in the world where the bite of a mosquito is very dangerous. It can make people very sick. Often those people—babies, boys and girls, even grownups—get so sick they die, because they can’t get the medicine to make them better. The United Methodist Church is dreaming of a world where no one will die from malaria. Imagine, NO malaria! How are we going to stop this disease? One way is by making sure that people who live in areas where the mosquitos carry the disease have treated nets to cover their beds, so they don’t get bitten at night while they sleep. Let’s pretend I’m in bed sleeping with my family in an area of Africa where the mosquitos carry the malaria virus. Along come the mosquitos looking for someone to bite. (The youth helpers carry in the mosquito puppets and pretend they are looking for someone. They come near the speaker and gently tap the net as if trying to bite.)

The mosquitos can’t get to the families asleep under the treated nets. Through our donations and the work of UMCOR, we are giving nets to families. We are teaching families how to use the nets, and also what to do to help prevent the mosquitos from growing in their communities. We are helping to build clinics, provide medical tests, and provide the medicine they need. People all over The United Methodist Church are donating $10 to buy a net. Here is a picture of a family who has installed a net in their home in Africa. (Show picture.)

I don’t have to wear a net here in [insert name of your town]. I can buy bug spray. I know that the mosquitoes here don’t carry the malaria disease. But I can’t stop thinking about and praying for the people who do live in the areas where there is malaria. I’m also thinking that I need to try to do an extra chore or two around my home to earn $10 to buy a net.

I am going to join all of my friends in The United Methodist Church and commit to working to stop malaria from hurting any more boys and girls. Together we are imagining a world with no malaria!

Let us pray together:

**Dear God, we pray for all of the people who live in areas where there is malaria. We especially pray for those persons who are sick with malaria and ask that you let them feel our love. Help us to work together to find ways to stop malaria from hurting anyone else. We thank you for everyone who has donated a net and for those persons who are working with UMCOR to give those nets away. Help us to create a world where there is no malaria. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**
GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

We know that children want to learn how people are helping other people in their neighborhood and all around the world. This packet of ideas, resources, and stories will help you discern the best way to engage the children in your setting into the 10-Fold experience!

Here are some program options to consider:

• 10-Fold Sunday school/Wednesday-night program: Design a fun experience by creating a learning center for each project. Children would visit each area to hear a story and learn more about the project. Consider having a craft or coloring page at each learning center, or a separate learning center for creative activities. You can also send the coloring pages or other activity pages home with the children. Make sure to send home information about 10-Fold so their families can participate.

• 10-Fold Morning “Mini-Retreat”: Plan a special morning of learning, activities, and experiencing mission. Enlarge the learning centers to include the crafts, stories, and a game from the 10-Fold emphasis, as appropriate. In the weeks prior to the event, encourage the children to do something extra at home to earn money for a special offering for one of the projects. The entire church may want to help the children in raising funds for their project. If you have an on-site internet connection, one learning center could be a visit to the 10-Fold website. Contact your Annual Conference mission coordinator to discover if there is a missionary appointed within your conference. You may be able to arrange for a call, an email, or a Skype visit with this missionary.

A quick search on the internet and at your public library will give you many ideas for crafts and games from around the world. Your local library and bookstores may have these available to review as you discern which resource will fit your program needs. Most important, for more information about the mission, ministry, and people of the General Board of Global Ministries go to: www.gbgm-umc.org.

Music


Faith-Based Resources

Crafts & Activities

Cookbooks

Games

General Information
A short full-color picture book that reminds children that although we may all live in different places, we may not look the same, and our schools and languages may be different—inside we are all alike.

World Map
United Methodist Mission Map: go to cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=693514 to download a free world map that indicates all of the countries where there is a UMC mission presence.

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