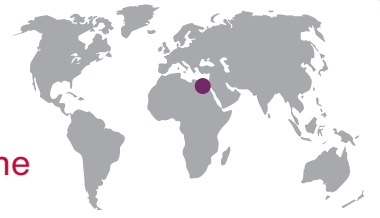


for children

# hello

## EGYPT

How can you greet someone in Arabic?



# keefak

 (Say key-fak)

(Keefak is one of many greetings in Arabic, and it means, "How are you?")

### My name is Vera Khaled John.

Age: 11

Lives: On the outskirts of Cairo, Egypt's capital and largest city

I was born in Sudan's capital city, Khartoum. I remember that it was hot, which I didn't like, but I loved the rains there. I moved with my family to Egypt when I was 6 years old. I live with my mother, father, three brothers and a sister.

My parents had friends who sent their children to St. Raphael Center (an MCC-supported school for Sudanese refugees), so I started coming. Going to school is my favorite part of the week.

I like to learn. I speak the language of my tribe, the Moro, and I speak Arabic. I'm learning English in school.

After school, I help my mom in the house. I wash the dishes, sweep the floor and do general cleaning. I also play with my siblings, especially my younger brother who is 6. I like to play basketball and sometimes we go to a local sports club to play there.

My favorite food: **Eggplant salad (a dip with eggplant, oil, peanut butter and spices)**

My favorite subject: **Arabic** What I want to be: **a pediatrician**



Welcome

**Think of a time** when you started a new class or visited a new town. What made you feel welcome there? Jesus invites us to welcome everyone. List five ideas for welcoming newcomers. Some ideas may take time, like baking cookies for a new neighbor, or they could be simple, like smiling at a classmate.

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