

for children

# hello

## JORDAN

How do you greet someone in Arabic?



# marhaba

(Say MAR-ha-ba)



**My name is Mohammad.**

**Age: 8**

**Lives in: Amman, Jordan**

My family came to Jordan a few months ago. We used to live in Homs, Syria, but left because of the fighting. Syria is my country. It's where my home and friends were. Jordan is not my country, but for now we are safer in Jordan.

In Amman, I live in an apartment with my parents, my sister and my brother. My school begins at 7:30 and ends at 1. I eat lunch at home then go to an after-school program (that MCC supports through Jesuit Refugee Services). I take English and Arabic classes and play basketball and soccer there. My favorite soccer team is Barcelona.

At home, I play with the few toys I brought from Syria. One of my favorites is my stuffed animal, Eeyore. I also run errands for my mother, like buying milk or medicine, and my father oversees my homework.

### Welcoming strangers

Because of harsh conditions in the desert, Jordan's bedouins, or herders, would traditionally offer three days of hospitality to anyone who came to their tents needing a place to stay and food to eat. Today, the country of Jordan continues the tradition of welcome. More than half of the people who live in Jordan are refugees or born to refugees!

### Fill in the words of Hebrews 13:2

Do \_\_\_\_\_ neglect to show \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_, for by doing that some have  
entertained \_\_\_\_\_ without knowing it.

Answers: not, hospitality, strangers, angels

**My favorite food: fish**

**My favorite subject: English**

**What I want to be: engineer**



Shahed George leads activities for children in the after-school program Mohammad attends.



Mohammad, right, stands with his 9-year-old sister Hiyat and 5-year-old brother Milad.

