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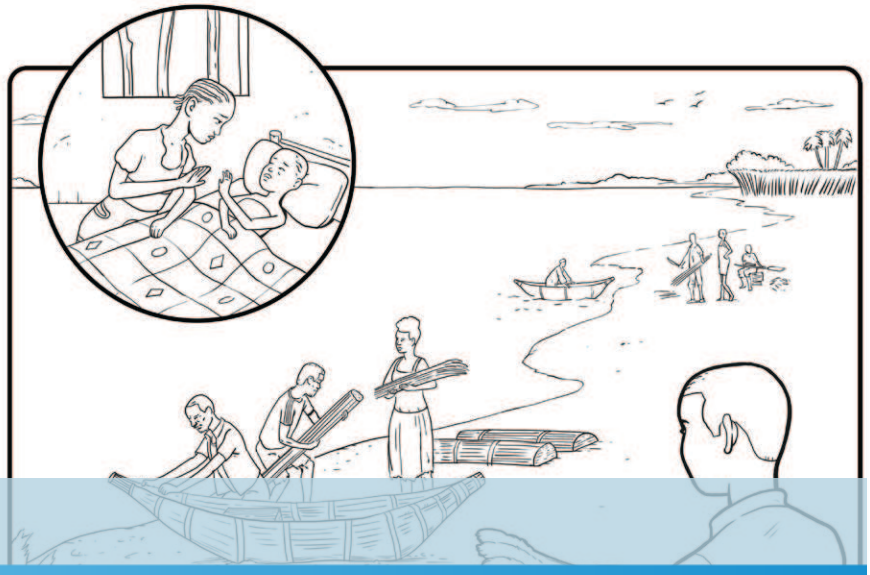

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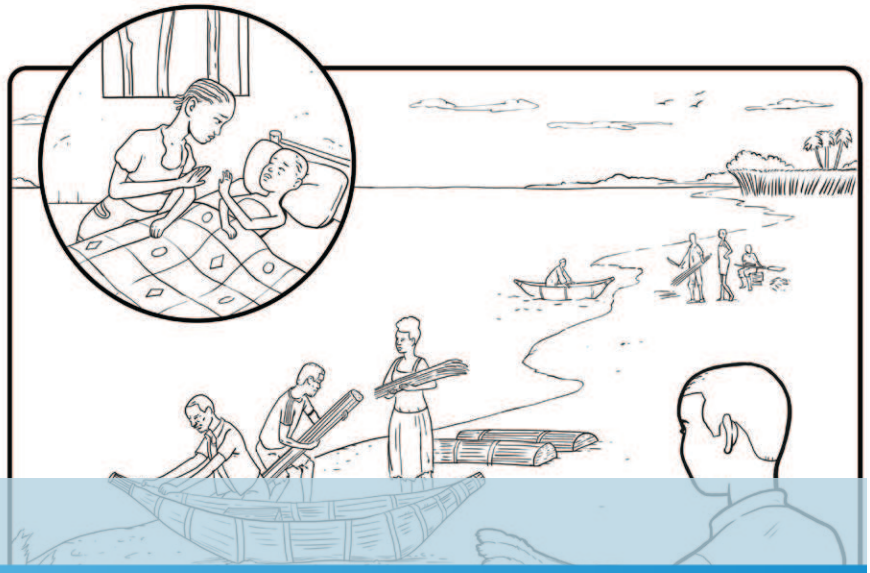

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Answers will vary but should mention that Salva has experienced significant loss and been abandoned by others. An example is: Salva fears losing Uncle Jewiir because he has already experienced significant loss. His family is missing, Marial has died, and others, like the group in the barn and the old woman, have left him behind. Uncle is the only person he has left who provides him with guidance, protection, and emotional support. This fear is valid given Salva's sad experiences and the instability he has had to face and overcome. The text supports this when Salva pleads, "But, Uncle, I will have no one! Who will be my family?" This shows that Salva depends on Uncle and is still trying to deal with all the loss he has faced.

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