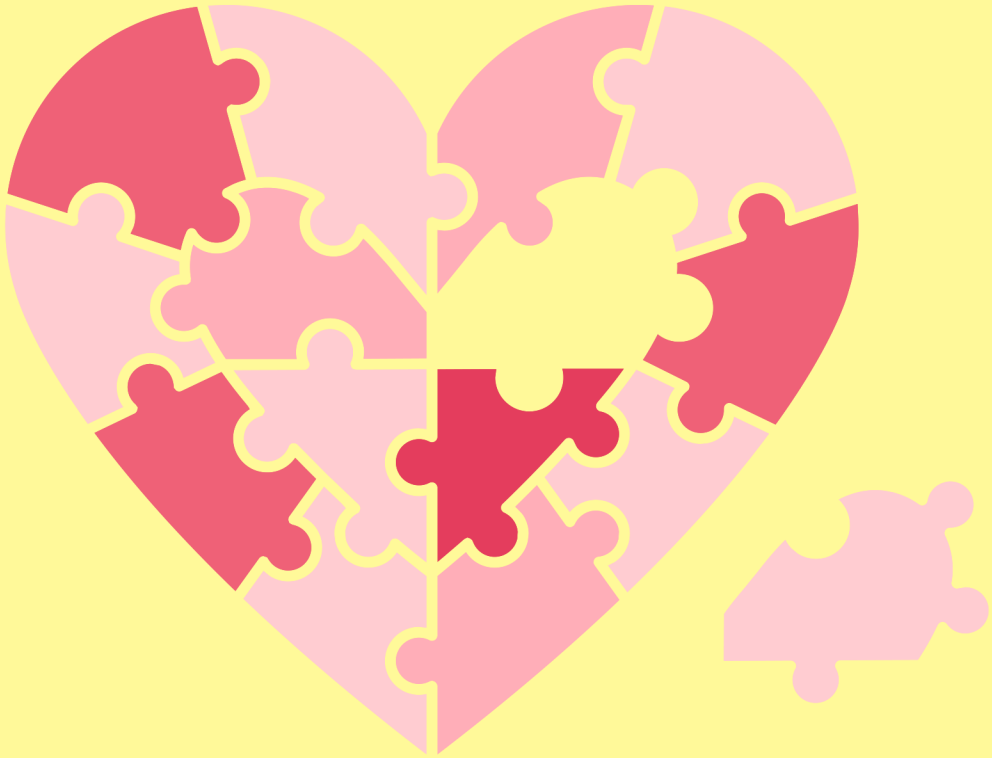
THE STREP A STORY: WHAT'S MISSING?



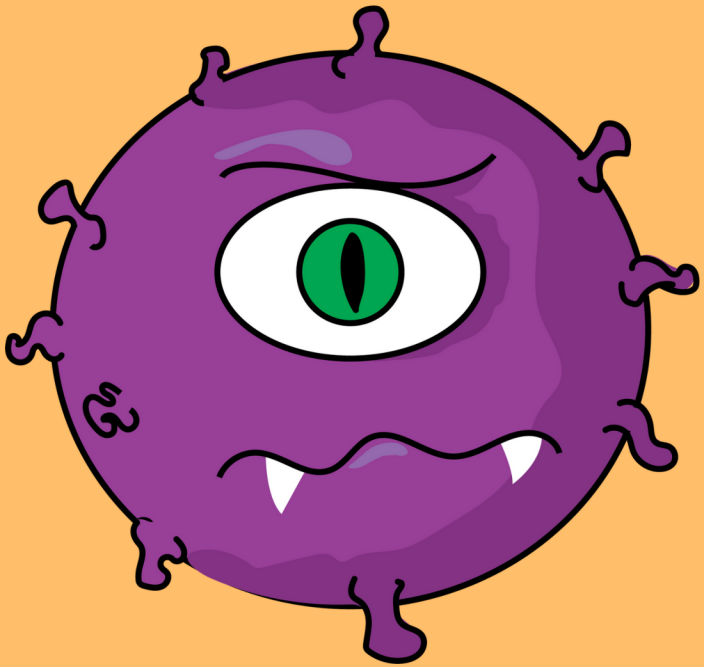
HAVE YOU EVER HAD A SORE THROAT?





HAVE YOU EVER HAD A SKIN SORE?

Strep A is a cheeky bug that can cause sore throats and skin sores.



This bug is so tiny you can't see it, but it can make you sick.

Sore throats can make it hurt when you eat and drink





Your skin can get really hot.





And you can feel unwell.

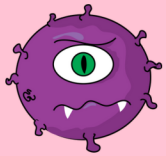
Skin sores can look like yellow and brown scabs or have yellow pus. Sometimes they bleed too.



They can also make your skin itchy.

It's important to go to the doctor if you have a sore throat or a skin sore to stop you from getting sicker and to keep you healthy.





Strep A can make you sicker because it causes:

ACUTE RHEUMATIC FEVER

RHEUMATIC HEART DISEASE

How do we say 'rheumatic'?

ROO - MAT - ICK

RHEUMATIC FEVER can make you sick in different ways.

Sore joints



Tiredness



Fever



Rheumatic Fever can cause

RHEUMATIC HEART DISEASE,

which hurts your heart.



This can make people really sick because their heart is hurt for a long time and needs to be fixed.

But there are still some missing pieces. Scientists don't know everything about what causes Rheumatic Heart Disease.

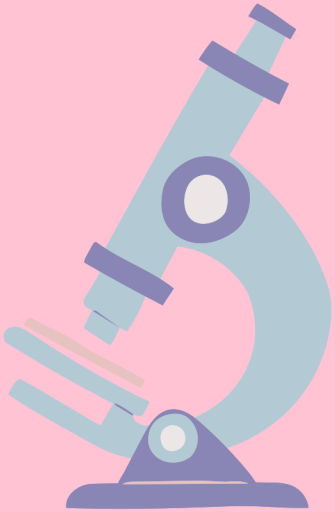



They need help
from communities
like ours to help
find out the
missing pieces.

Scientists and our community have come together to create The Missing Piece Study to find out...

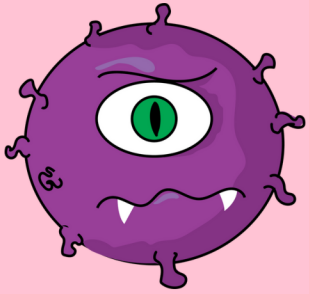
If there is Strep A in our community?





How much Strep A there is?

If Strep A is causing sore throats and skin sores?





But they need our help!

HOW?





By looking at people when they are sick and healthy.

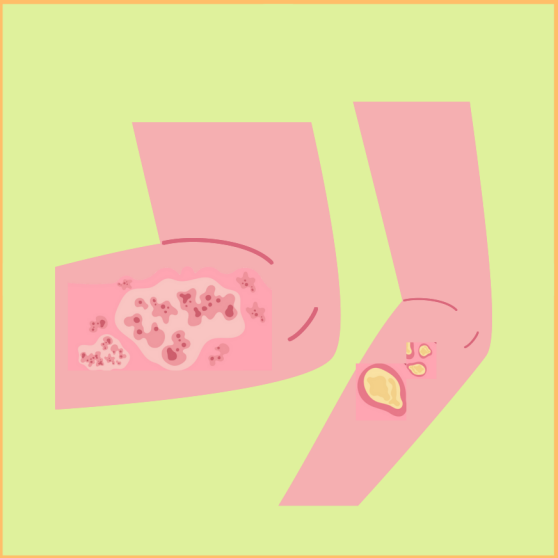
They look at our...



throats



blood



skin

All of these things will help them learn more about Strep A so we can keep our community healthy.

Photos of communities/ with Missing Piece project members

One big group photo

Community photo/significant place


TELETHON
KIDS
INSTITUTE