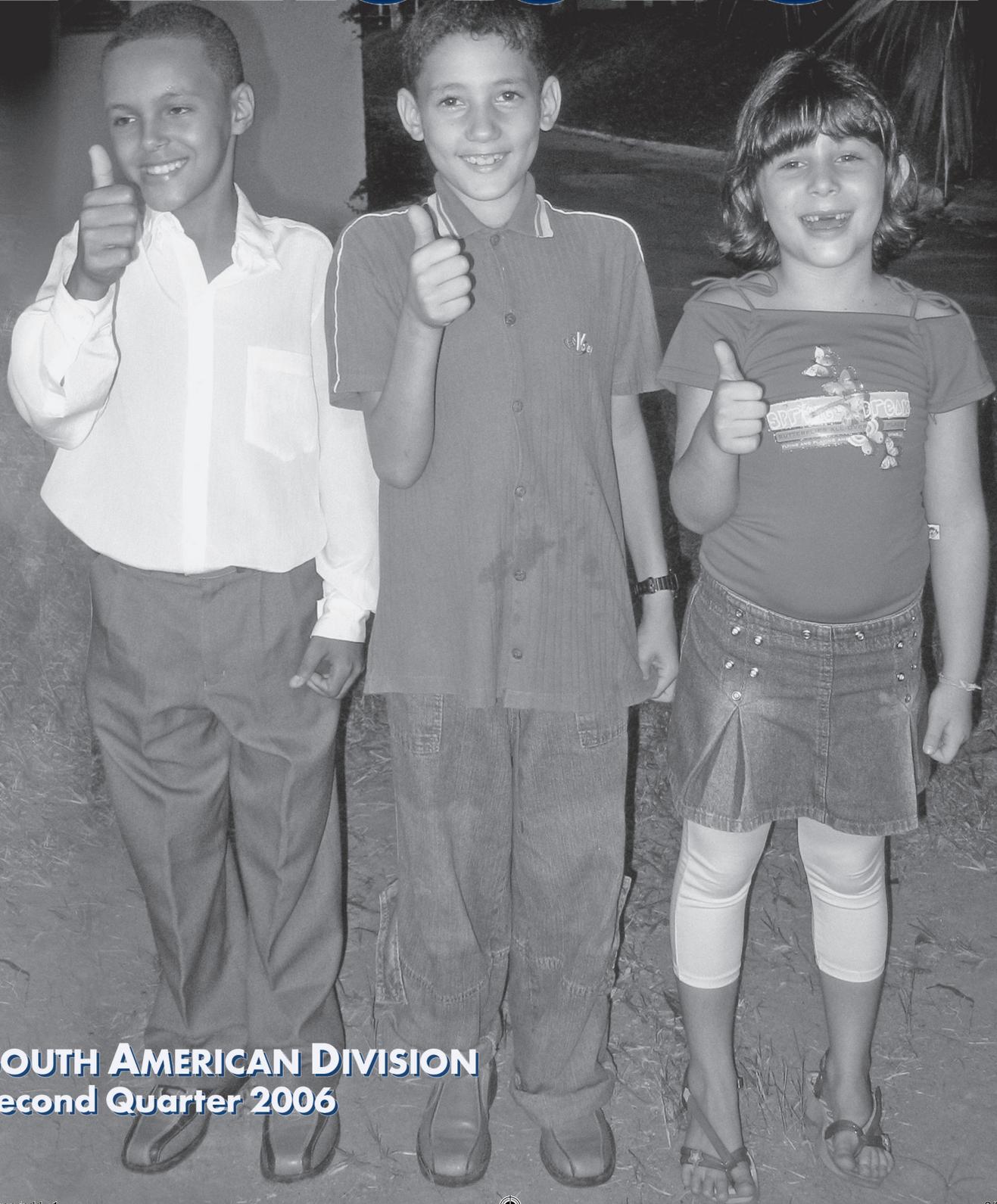


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SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION
Second Quarter 2006

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Language Fun

The countries being featured this quarter are Argentina and Brazil; their official languages are Spanish and Portuguese, respectively. Words and phrases from these languages are featured on pages 12 and 16. During the first six weeks of the quarter teach the children some Spanish words and songs, and during the rest of the quarter teach them some words and songs in Portuguese.

Teach the children several of the familiar songs from pages 14 and 18, or a new song in Portuguese on page 20.

Make a Mission Scene/Mural

Make a mural to depict life in northern Argentina. Look in encyclopedias, travel books or brochures, *National Geographic* magazines, or on the Internet for pictures to give you ideas. Mount a large sheet of plain white paper (butcher paper) on the wall, and pencil in outlines of mountains and a simple Argentine village, typical of the region that will receive this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. Include pottery, ponchos or colorful blankets, or gauchos on horseback.

Mission Potluck

Plan a mission potluck featuring the foods and cultures of Argentina and Brazil. (See recipes on pages 6, 8, and 10.) Label the foods with their name and country.

Decorate the church fellowship room with the mission mural or with pictures or posters of Argentina and Brazil. Decorate tables with seashells or tissue paper flowers made by the children.

Ask the children to greet people in Spanish or Portuguese as they arrive. After the meal let the children sing one or more songs they have learned in these languages.

Early Bird Activities

Mission activities provide great incentive to get children to Sabbath School early. Use pre-session time to work a puzzle (page 26) or color a picture (page 22), or the flags of the countries featured this quarter (page 28). Or provide a listening corner with recordings of favorite mission stories from this or earlier quarters.

Special Features

Invite a guest who has traveled to or lived in Argentina or Brazil. Ask them to wear traditional costumes and bring appropriate items for the children to see and touch.

Game Day. Invite the children to your home or a park to play some games from Argentina or Brazil. See page 24 for instructions.

Thirteenth Sabbath Program

On pages 29 and 30 you will find material and ideas for a Thirteenth Sabbath program. Review the program early in the quarter so that you can assign parts well ahead of time.

Create a Mission Resource

Each division is featured once every three years. Save your copies of *Children's Mission*. Past issues will provide extra puzzles, craft and activity ideas, and recipes that you might want to use again.

On the Cover
Thumbs up for Jesus from children in eastern Brazil.



children's MISSION news

Second Quarter 2006
South American Division

Welcome to South America

For the next few weeks we will meet children who live in two countries of South America: Argentina [ahr-jehn-TEE-nah] and Brazil [brah-ZEEL]. Argentina and Chile are the southernmost countries in South America. The Andes Mountains divide the two countries. Can you find Argentina on a map? Most of the people in Argentina speak Spanish.

Brazil is the largest country in South America; it covers about half of the South American continent. Can you find Brazil on a map? Most people in Brazil speak Portuguese, but large groups of people from Asia and Europe have moved to Brazil during the past 100 years, so many other languages are spoken as well. Brazil stretches from the Amazon River basin and the steamy jungles of the equator to the cooler climates of the far south.

Children all over South America have learned that God answers prayer. Let's meet two children from South America who know this firsthand.

Carla From Argentina

Carla lives in the city of Salta, in northern Argentina. Her father drank a lot, and when he drank, he fought with Carla's mother. Finally Mother took Carla to live with her grandparents. Carla thought all families fought and all fathers drank. Then she enrolled in an Adventist school, where she learned that some families lived together happily. Some fathers did not drink and shout at their wives or children; mothers did not have to run away.

Carla began praying that God would help her father change and become a kind and loving man. She prayed for weeks, for months, even for years. Carla grew older and decided to

be baptized. When her father learned about it, he was angry. Again Carla prayed for him.

On the day of her baptism her father came to the church. Instead of shouting or fighting, he sat quietly and watched the special service.

Carla's father and mother are together again. Father attends church with the family, and he enjoys the sports days the church sponsors.

"I have prayed for my parents for several years now, and God is answering my prayers," Carla says. "The answers are coming slowly, but God is blessing. I believe in prayer!"

Joao From Brazil

Joao [joh-AH-oh] lives in Brazil. Recently God answered an urgent prayer faster than he could say the words.

On Friday night as Mother closed the closet door, she felt a sudden sharp pain in her eye. A splinter of wood had broken off the door and pierced her eye! Mother cried out in pain, but her eye hurt too much to open so that Father could look at it.

Father told the children to stay home and pray while he took Mother to the hospital. But the doctors could not get the splinter out without surgery. Father did not have money for surgery, and it was Sabbath. Mother and Father returned home.

A few minutes after they arrived home, Joao knocked on his mother's bedroom door. "What's wrong, son," Mother asked.

"I want to pray for you," Joao answered. He knelt down beside the bed and prayed. "Dear Jesus, please fix my mom's eye tonight so she can come to church tomorrow. Help her to be OK. Thank You, Jesus. Amen."

Before Joao finished his prayer, Mother fell asleep. Later she dreamed that angels came



and one touched her injured eye. When she woke up the next morning, she realized that her eye did not hurt. She hurried to the mirror and looked at her eye. The splinter was gone, and the eye looked fine!

Mom woke Joao up and told him the good news. "Joao, Jesus answered your prayer. My eye is fine!" Joao smiled a sleepy smile and hugged his mother.

The family prepared for church as they always did. Several people from the church had heard about Mother's accident and were surprised to see her in church. "How is your

eye?" people asked. Mother smiled and told them that Joao had prayed and that God had sent an angel to heal her eye instantly.

Joao told his Sabbath School classmates how Jesus had answered his prayer. "Jesus will answer your prayers, too, if you ask Him. Prayer is the best!" Joao says.

Map Fun

Follow the dots to outline the continent of South America. Then, using a map, label the countries. Can you find Brazil and Argentina on your map?

- Argentina
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Chile
- Colombia
- Ecuador
- French Guiana
- Guyana
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Suriname
- Uruguay
- Venezuela

New School, New Friends, New Me!

GraceLink Connection: Community.

Noelia



Friends at school invited Noelia to church, where she discovered many new things about God.

[If possible, ask a junior or earlteen girl to present this first-person report.]

This week we start hearing mission stories from South America. *[Locate South America on the map].* My name is Noelia. I live in Salta, a city in northern Argentina. *[Locate Argentina on the map].*

When I was ready to start school, my mother enrolled me in the Adventist school, even though we attended a Protestant church in town. She was a teacher, and she wanted me to get the best Christian education possible. Mother did not have a job, so she worked in the school store to pay my tuition.

New Friends

I made lots of friends in school. They invited me to visit the Adventist church. I wanted to learn why these people worship on Saturday when everyone else I knew went to church on Sunday. I asked my mother if I could go, and she agreed.

I liked the church, and I wanted to go every Saturday, even though it meant that I went to church on Saturday *and* Sunday.

My father took me to church on Saturdays. But because he had to be at work by 8:00, he dropped me off very early. Sometimes no one was there except the deacon. So I followed him around and helped him put cards in the pews and make sure everything was ready for worship. We chatted as we worked, and soon we became friends.

New Faith

I learned things in Sabbath School that I had never known before. I wanted to know what was the truth, what did the Bible really say about these things. So I asked questions, especially about the Sabbath. My friends explained a lot to me. I learned that Sabbath is a special day that God has set aside to be with His people. So my friends went home after school on Friday and cleaned the house while their mothers cooked food for the Sabbath. That way they did not have to work on Sabbath; they could spend

the whole day with their family and with Jesus. They explained that a clean house and a clean heart make us more able to hear God speak to us. We are not distracted by dust balls on the floor or by having to prepare food for dinner.

This made so much sense to me. When I learned this, I told my mother that I did not want to clean the house on Saturday any longer because it is the Sabbath day. My mom was surprised by this, for she did not understand the Sabbath. But she was willing to learn.

But my father did not understand. When he came home from work on Saturday afternoon, he wanted to eat and watch TV. I told him, “No, Papa, don’t watch TV today. It’s the Sabbath.” But he said he was tired and wanted to relax, so he turned on the TV anyway and sat down to watch. I felt sad and went to my room to read the church paper and my Bible.

Grandmother Takes Me

For three years I went to both churches every weekend. Then I told my parents that I did not want to attend two churches every week. I wanted to attend just the Adventist church. Mother said that was OK.

About that time my father’s work schedule changed, and he could no longer take me to church on Sabbath. I cried. But when my grandmother learned about my disappointment, she told me that she would take me to church. She even stayed for the church service! She liked the worship service and kept on coming.

Then Mother became interested in the Adventist Church, and one day she told me that she was going to come to the Adventist church and bring the rest of the children, too. That week we all went to church together. Isn’t that great?

A year later Grandmother and Mother joined the Adventist Church together. I was very happy! Now everyone but my father goes to church every Sabbath with me.

I learned about the Adventist Church in school. Did you know that your mission offerings provide Adventist schools for children around the world? They do, and many children learn about God right in their school. Thank you! 🌍

Recipes from South America

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Empanadas (Turnovers)

Argentina

- ½ pound pastry or piecrust dough
- 2 cups flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 egg
- ½ cup milk
- 2 tablespoons vegetable shortening

Sift dry ingredients; add vegetable shortening. Beat egg and add to milk. Add liquid mixture to flour-shortening mixture. Form into a ball and roll out on a floured board until quite thin and cut into circles about 4 inches in diameter (use a saucer or small bowl as a pattern). The thinner the pastry dough is rolled, the more empanadas it will make. Cover half of each circle with filling. Moisten edges of circle by brushing with a little water. Fold the two halves of dough together and pinch closed by pressing with tines of a fork. Place the empanadas on a shallow baking pan, and bake for about 35 minutes at 400 ° F or until pastry is golden brown.

Chipitas

Argentina

- 2.2 pounds tapioca flour
- 14 tablespoons butter
- 4 eggs
- ¾ cups cheese, grated (can use two kinds of cheese)
- 4 teaspoons salt
- 1 cup warm milk

Mix everything well. Let rest 30 minutes. Make into small balls and place on a baking sheet. Bake at 375° F for about 10 minutes. Serve warm.

Vegeburger Filling for Empanadas

- 2 onions, chopped
- 1 pound (1 can) vegetarian burger
- 2 eggs, hard-boiled, diced
- cumin
- salt
- raisins
- olives, diced
- ¼ cup milk

Sauté onion in a small amount of oil. Add vegeburger, seasoned to taste with cumin and salt. Place a tablespoon of filling on one half of each pastry circle; sprinkle with hard-boiled egg, raisins, and some olive pieces. Moisten edge of pastry circle and fold the empty half over onto the filled half. Seal by pressing a fork along edge. Brush pastry with milk, and place on baking sheet. Bake at 375° F to 400° F for 15 to 20 minutes or until browned. Serve hot.

Cheese Filling for Empanadas

- 1 cup grated cheddar or mozzarella cheese
- 1 hard-boiled egg, finely chopped
- seeds of two cardamom pods, crushed
- salt to taste

Combine ingredients in a bowl; place a tablespoon of mixture onto one half of each pastry circle. Seal and bake as above.



Teaching the Teacher

Gracelink Connection: Service.

Ezequiel



One boy was not afraid to tell his teacher how sin really entered the world, and because he did, she came to church.

Ezequiel [ee-ZEE-kee-yehl] Ortiz [or-TEEZ] lives in northern Argentina. [*Locate Argentina on a map*]. He is just 10 years old, and already he has a star in his heavenly crown.

When Ezequiel started school, his mother enrolled him in the Adventist school in town. He liked his teacher, Señor [SEH-nyoh, (teacher)] Marisa. She was nice. But something puzzled him: He knew she was a Christian just by the way she talked about God. But Señor Marisa did not attend church on Sabbath.

Señor Marisa's Mistake

Then during Bible class one day Señor Marisa talked about Adam and Eve and the wonderful garden home that God had made for them. She told how the serpent tempted Eve to eat the fruit that God had told them not to eat. "That," she said, "is how sin entered the world."

Ezequiel's hand flew up. "Yes, Ezequiel," Señor Marisa said, and Ezequiel stood up.

"Señor Marisa," Ezequiel said, "sin did not start with Adam and Eve in the garden. It started in heaven before the world was ever made." His teacher's smile invited him to continue. "God had lots of angels, and one was especially beautiful. His name was Lucifer. He became proud of his looks and his brain. Then one day he decided that he was as good as God. But God would not let Lucifer into the meetings He had with Jesus, and Lucifer became jealous.

"Lucifer complained to other angels that God was not treating him right and that God would not give him the power he deserved. Many of the angels listened to Lucifer, and some other angels started talking against God too. Finally God had to tell Lucifer to leave heaven, but Lucifer did not want to go. So God kicked Lucifer and his angel friends out of heaven. Sin started in heaven, not in the Garden of Eden."

"He's right," said one boy. "I think so too," said another. The teacher was surprised that her students knew so much about the Bible.

Señor Marisa wondered, *How can these children*

know more than I do? I go to church every Sunday. What else do these children know that I don't know?

Teacher's Homework

That afternoon Señor Marisa went home determined to learn more about the Bible. She told her own children what Ezequiel had said in class, and her children agreed. They attended the Adventist school and had learned about Lucifer too.

"Well," Señor Marisa said, "I'm going to study the Bible more so I will know as much as my children." Her daughter was delighted. "Mother," she said, "you could go to the Adventist church and learn more about the Bible."

So on Sabbath Señor Marisa went to the Adventist church to see for herself what Adventists believe. When Ezequiel saw her enter the church, he greeted her happily. "Thank you for coming," he said. "I am glad you are here."

Señor Marisa liked the Bible study time in Sabbath School. As she listened in class, she realized why Adventists know so much about the Bible. She asked the pastor to study the Bible with her, and a few months later she asked to be baptized.

On the day that she was to be baptized Señor Marisa told the church, "It was my students at the Adventist school who started me on the road to studying the Bible. It was they who brought me to the Adventist Church, and I want to thank them now."

Señor Marisa's children were happy to go to church with their mother. They are glad that their mother has become an Adventist, and soon after their mother joined the church, her children also were baptized. Now the family prays that their father will come to church with them as well.

Ezequiel's Advice

Ezequiel has some advice for us. He says, "Don't be afraid to tell your teacher or other grown-ups about Jesus, because they need to know that God loves them, too."

What are some other ways that we can share God's love with people? [*Let children respond. Suggest that we can pray for people; talk to people whom we know; and give our mission offering, which helps in many ways to spread God's love all around the world.*] 

Recipes from South America

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Pascualina (Swiss Chard Pie)

Argentina

Crust:

1 cup white flour
1/4 cup hot water

1/4 cup oil
1 teaspoon salt

Mix well; let rest 30 minutes and then roll out two crusts; place one in pie pan. Save other for top. Note: If you prefer, use ready-made pie or pastry crust.

Filling:

1 cup Swiss chard
1/4 cup cottage cheese
1 cup chopped onions

1/2 cup chopped bell pepper
4 cloves garlic, chopped
1 egg

Mix everything together and pour into pie pan lined with dough. Top with remaining crust, and bake in a warm oven (275° F) about 30 minutes.

Pastafrola

Argentina

2 cups white flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 cup granulated sugar
3 egg yolks

2 tablespoons milk
9 tablespoons butter
quince jam

Cream together all the ingredients except the jam. Make a soft dough. Reserve a fourth of the dough, and press the remainder into the bottom of a 9-inch baking dish. Cover with a thick layer of jam. Cut remaining dough into strips and lay across the jam. Bake in a medium (350° F) oven about 20 minutes or until crust is slightly brown. Cool thoroughly and serve.

Licudo de Frutas (Fruit Punch)

Argentina

1 quart cold water or milk
3 oranges, peeled and seeded, or 1 cup orange juice
3 ripe bananas
sugar to taste

Blend all ingredients together and serve immediately.

Recipes from Argentina have been provided by Susana Quispe of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Black Beans

Brazil

Beans are a staple food in Brazil. Most often served with rice and manioc (cassava), beans—especially the small, shiny black beans—are virtually a national dish. A traditional dish often served at festivals is feijoadá, black bean stew. Another popular way to serve black beans is directly over rice with coarsely ground cassava flour sprinkled on top. Serve beans and rice with sautéed greens. Roll the fresh greens and shred with a knife. Sauté lightly with minced garlic in a small amount of oil until just tender. Serve with orange slices.



A Church for Babilonia

part 1

GraceLink Connection: Worship

Johana



Johana and her family learned about God's love, but they had no church to attend.

Johana and her family live in a rural area in northern Argentina. [Locate Argentina on a map.] They live on a farm far from the nearest town. The only public building near their home is the local school. Like them, their neighbors raise goats, cows, horses, and chickens and tend a small garden that provides fresh vegetables for their family. Everyone has jobs to do, for there is lots to do on a farm. They care for their animals, weed the garden, water the plants, feed the chickens, and gather eggs. They work hard, but they are happy. They do not mind living without electricity, running water, telephones, or paved roads.

Mother's Faith; Father's Fear

When Johana was still quite little, a man came to visit the people in their settlement. He offered to study the Bible with anyone who wanted to, so Johana's mother walked to the neighbor's house more than a mile away to study the Bible with the man. She loved what she was hearing, and soon she committed her life to God. Johana's father did not mind that Mother had become a Christian, but he was not interested in God. He was used to doing things himself, and he thought he did not need God.

Then one day Father woke up with pain in his chest and his arm. He could not raise his arm above his head without pain. When the pain did not go away after several days, he became worried that it was serious. He visited the traditional doctor, who treated him with herbs. But that did not help. Father feared that the pain was in his heart and that he might die. *What will my family do if I die?* he wondered to himself.

He went to the nearest city to see a medical doctor. He had to walk several miles to reach the main road where he could catch a bus into town. The doctor examined Father, but he could find nothing wrong that would explain the pain. Father tried another doctor, but still the pain did not go away.

Mother urged Father to ask God to heal him, but

Father did not want to ask for help. Then one evening after the children went to bed, Father prayed, "God, if You are real, take away the pain, and I will believe in You." Father stood still for a moment. He felt no pain. Slowly he raised his arm. No pain. He moved it higher. No pain. He was healed!

Father called Mother and told her that God had healed him. Mother thanked God that Father now believed in God. And the next time Mother went to the neighbor's house to worship, Father went with her. They studied the Bible together, and later they were baptized together.

A Burro and a Bicycle

Mother and Father wanted to attend a real church. But how? The nearest Adventist church was about 20 miles [30 kilometers] from their home, and the family had no car.

Father and Mother talked a long time, then they found a solution. "We have only a burro and a bicycle," Mother said. "We cannot ride the burro, and only one of us can ride the bicycle at a time." Finally they decided that one Sabbath Father would go to the church while Mother stayed home and taught the children. The next week Mother would ride the bicycle to church while Father stayed and taught the children.

It would not be easy to travel the 20 miles to church on a "road" that was little more than a rutted path. It would take more than an hour to ride to church. But what else could they do?

And so it was settled. Johana and her brothers and sisters would worship at home while one parent went to church. Johana wished that the children could go to church with their parents, but they knew that their mother or father would have something special to tell them the following Sabbath.

Boys and girls, how would you like to worship at home every Sabbath? Would you miss your Sabbath School class? I'm sure Johana and her brothers and sisters missed Sabbath School too. Next week we will hear about some trials—and some blessings—that came to Johana's family. Don't miss it! 🌐

Recipes from South America

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Polenta de Milho (Savory Cornmeal Teal)

Brazil

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| 1 small onion, chopped
oil | 1 to 2 cups tomato or pizza sauce
Parmesan cheese |
| 2½ cups water | black olives, optional |
| salt to taste | parsley, optional |
| 1 cup cornmeal | |

Sauté chopped onion in a little oil until onions are soft. Add water and salt to the sautéed onions. Slowly add cornmeal, stirring constantly. Bring to boil and cook until it is a thick porridge. Pour into an 8-inch square baking pan. Flatten out. Cover with tomato sauce. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Heat for 15 to 20 minutes at 350° F to melt cheese. Cut into squares, garnish with black olives and parsley sprigs, and serve.

Croquettes

Brazil

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| 2 tablespoons oil | 1 cup cooked, mashed potatoes |
| 1 clove garlic, minced | salt to taste |
| ½ cup grated onion | 1 egg, beaten |
| 1/3 cup green pepper, diced | bread crumbs |
| 2 cups shredded squash, with peeling | oil for frying |

In hot oil, sauté garlic and onion. Add green pepper and squash; sauté lightly. Add mashed potatoes and salt to taste. Cook, stirring, until mixture no longer sticks to the bottom of the pan, about 8 to 10 minutes. Allow to cool. Form the croquette mixture into balls or croquette shapes about an inch across. Dip into beaten egg and roll in bread crumbs. Fry in hot oil until golden. Makes about 24 small croquettes.

Puchero (Everything Soup)

Brazil

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| Almost anything a cook has on hand can be added to this dish. The following ingredients are merely suggestions. | |
| 4 carrots | 2 leeks |
| 4 Irish potatoes | 4 onions |
| 4 sweet potatoes | salt to taste |
| 4 ears sweet corn | ½ pound gluten |
| 2 stalks celery | 1 can Fri-Chik |

Wash and peel carrots and potatoes. Cut into large pieces and set aside. Clean ears of corn and cut into fourths. Clean celery and cut into 1½-inch pieces. Clean leeks; peel and cut onions into bite-size pieces. Sauté all vegetables in oil for a minute, then place in salted boiling water. Add carrots first, then potatoes, and allow them to cook a few minutes. Add onion, leeks, celery, and corn. Season with salt and margarine. Season gluten and Fri-Chik separately. Serve puchero by alternating vegetables and gluten and Fri-Chik in a serving dish.

Pão de Queijo (Cheese Bread)

Brazil

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| 3 eggs | 9 tablespoons grated cheese |
| 1 cup milk | 3 cups arrowroot powder |
| 3/4 cup oil | 2 teaspoons salt |

Place first three ingredients in blender and blend together. Add cheese, arrowroot powder, and salt; blend until smooth. Pour into greased muffin tins and bake in a hot oven (400° F) for 15 to 20 minutes.

Recipes from Brazil were provided by the women of the South American Division.

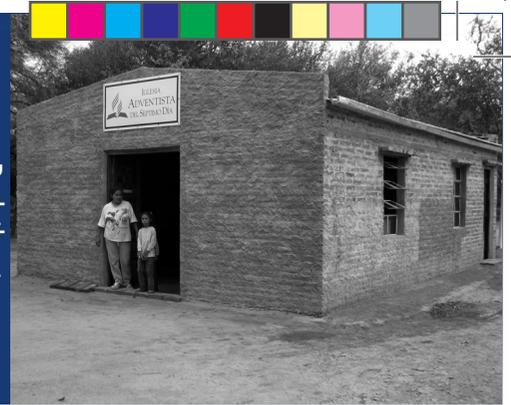


A Church for Babilonia

part 2

GraceLink Connection: Worship.

Babilonia



Johana's family had no church in which to worship. But God had plans to fix that.

Last week we learned about a family that lives in northern Argentina. [Locate Argentina on a map.] They live on a farm far from any town. When their parents became Seventh-day Adventists, they discovered that the nearest church was about 20 miles [30 kilometers] away, and they had no car. How did they get to church? [Let children respond.] Mother and Father took turns riding their bicycle to church. Sometimes they took one or two of the children with them, but the rest stayed home with the other parent and held Sabbath worship there.

Long Ride to Church

The trail to the church was long and windy. When it rained, the trail became slippery. And when winter temperatures dropped to near freezing, they had to bundle up in warm coats and two pairs of mittens. Still they became cold riding in the wind. So they stopped and built a fire to warm their hands before setting off to church. And when it was very cold, Johana could not go, for she had a heart condition that could make her sick if she spent too much time in the cold. So Johana often stayed home while her brothers or sisters went to church.

For eight years the family took turns riding to church on the bicycle. They wished the church were closer. They wanted to study the Bible with their neighbors and help them learn that Jesus loves them. Several of their neighbors had accepted Jesus into their lives, but they could not all travel to the distant village to worship. Some did not have even a bicycle, and others could not make the long trip.

A Chapel in Babilonia

"We need our own church," Father said one day. "We need a church here in Babilonia."

A church would make it easy for believers to worship together every Sabbath. A church would help Mother and Father and the children keep their promise to God to work for others. Everyone agreed: they needed a chapel.

They could not go to the store and buy bricks to

build a church, but Father knew how to make bricks. And he knew how to build a church. He began laying plans for the new church. It would be small, for there were not many people living in the area. But it would be big enough to hold everyone who wanted to attend a meeting there.

Father made a brick mold, and Mother and their eldest son started making bricks. They filled the mold with mud, packed it tightly, then carefully turned it over onto flat ground. The mud bricks dropped out onto the ground and were left to dry. Then they stacked the dried bricks into a tall pile and built a hot fire inside to burn the bricks so they would last many years.

Community Building Project

When the family had made 5,600 bricks, people came to help build the church. The water had to be carried from a pond to the building site and mixed with sand and cement to make mortar. It was hard work, but no one complained. They knew that soon they would have a church in which to worship.

Everyone helped, even the children. They carried water for the animals, helped Mother cook food for the workers, and carried bricks. In two months the church was finished.

Johana's parents invited their neighbors to come and worship with them. They provided a feast of foods from their garden to celebrate the opening of the church. People came from far and near to thank God for the new church.

Today the little chapel that sits on Johana's farm welcomes between 30 and 40 people for worship, including many children. The members are making more bricks now, so their children can have their own classroom in which to study.

Johana loves her family's church. At last she can worship God in a real church every Sabbath!

Aren't you glad you don't have to ride a bicycle or walk 20 miles to church? Are you happy that you have a nice church in which to meet? Our mission offerings help build churches for people who do not have one. Let's be cheerful givers and help someone today. 🌍



Fun With Spanish

For most countries in South America, Spanish is the official language. Following are some words and phrases you can use in your Sabbath School program to make missions come alive for your children. Spanish pronunciation is simple. Vowels are ah (as in awh), eh (as in bet), ee (as in bee), oh (as in oh) and oo (as in boot). The accented syllables are written in capital letters in the pronunciation column.

Common Phrases

Happy Sabbath
Welcome
to Sabbath School
Hello
Good morning
Please
Thank you
Yes
No
You're welcome
(or)
Goodbye
See you later
My name is . . .
What is your name?
How old are you?
I am 10 years old.
Happy Birthday

Write It

Feliz Sábado
Bienvenido
a la escuela Sábado
Hola
Buenos días
Por favor
Gracias
Sí
No
De nada
Está bien
Adiós
Hasta luego
Mi nombre es . . .
¿Cómo se llama?
¿Cuántos años tienes?
Tengo diez años.
Cumpleaños feliz

Pronounce It

fay-LEEZ SAH-bah-doh
bee-EN-ven-EE-doh
ah lah-es-KWAY-lah SAH-bah-doh
OH-lah
BWEH-nos DEE-as
por fah-VOR
GRAH-see-as
see
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day NAH-tha
ehs-TAH bee-EHN
ah-dee-OS
AHS-tah loo-EH-go
me NOHM-bray es . . .
KOH-mo say YAH-mah
KWAHN-tohs AHN-yos tee-EN-eh
TAYN-goh dee-EZ AHN-yos
koom-play-AHN-yos fay-LEEZ

Days of the Week

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday/Sabbath

Domingo
Lunes
Martes
Miércoles
Jueves
Viernes
Sábado

doh-MEEN-goh
LOO-nes
MAR-tes
me-AYR-co-les
HWAY-ves
vee-AYR-nes
SAH-bah-doh

Numbers

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ocho
nueve
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OO-no
dohs
trays
KWAH-troh
SEEN-koh
says
see-EH-tay
OH-choh
noo-AY-vay
dee-EHZ



Faithful to God

GraceLink Connection: Worship.

It is difficult to worship God when a parent does not approve. But Juanito is determined to put God first.

Juanito [hwan-EE-toh] is 10 years old and lives in Argentina. He enjoys playing basketball and soccer.

The Locked Door

Juanito remembers when his mother first took him to Sabbath School. When they tried to leave the house, they discovered that Juanito's father had locked them inside, and they could not get out. Instead of being upset, Mother prayed that God would help Father understand. When Father came in, she spoke to him kindly. "I want to go to church and learn about God," she said gently. "I want Juanito to love God too. Going to church will make us a happier family."

All week Mother prayed that God would soften Father's heart. On Sabbath Father allowed her to go to church and take Juanito as well.

But Father would not go to church with them or join them when Mother read a Bible story to Juanito. Then one night Juanito heard his father's angry voice arguing about God. "How can any church demand that people sit and study their Bible all day long?" he roared. "Why is it necessary to read the Bible all day?"

Juanito felt sad, for he and his mother prayed every day that Father would give his life to Jesus.

Child Preacher

One day Juanito was invited to preach during worship service. Juanito had seen other children preach during church, and he was happy that he could serve God this way, even though he was only 7 years old.

Juanito's pastor helped him prepare and memorize his sermon, which was about God's love for us. Juanito invited his whole family—his father, his grandmother, and his aunt—to come to hear him preach. When Juanito stood to speak, he was thrilled to see his father standing in the back of the church. Juanito prayed that his father would see how much God loves him.

When Juanito finished speaking, he saw his father slip out of the church. After the closing prayer Juanito and the pastor walked down the aisle to

greet the members. His grandmother hugged him, and his aunt patted him on the shoulder. Many of the members thanked him for a good sermon with a powerful message. But where was his father?

Juanito found his father waiting outside for him. "You did a good job, son," Father said. Juanito smiled, but he wished that his father had let God speak through the message. But in the weeks that followed, Juanito realized that his father still had not changed.

Basketball Dilemma

One day Juanito's father invited him to join a basketball league. Juanito loved basketball and was happy that his father wanted him to join the league. Even Mother agreed that it would be good for father and son to spend some time together.

Basketball practices filled Juanito's week, and Juanito's father seemed happier. But when the schedule of games was posted, Juanito was disappointed to see that the first game was on Sabbath. The coach said that everyone must come on time.

Juanito asked his mother what to do, and she said simply, "It is your choice, Juanito. Just know that whatever you choose, God loves you, and I do too."

That Sabbath Juanito decided to skip church and play basketball. His father seemed unusually happy that day, but Juanito felt an emptiness in his stomach. When Juanito returned home, Mother had lunch ready. She said nothing about the game, but Juanito saw a sad look on Mother's face. He thought, *If my playing basketball has made Mother this sad, how sad must God feel?*

Juanito decided that he did not want to play basketball on Sabbaths. When he told his coach, Father became angry. "Did your mother tell you not to play?" he asked. Juanito told him that Mother said it was his decision. "There are too many Christians in this house," Father said, and he stormed out of the house. Juanito worried that he had said something to make his father leave, but his mother assured him that he had done everything right.

Juanito has chosen to follow Jesus, no matter what his father or others say. He asks us to pray that his father will let God touch his heart. And Juanito wants to tell others who face difficult situations at home to be brave and be faithful to God. "God will work things out," Juanito says. And Juanito is right. 🌍

Juanito





Sing a Song in Spanish

Sing some favorite choruses in Spanish this quarter. See page 12 for a guide to pronounce Spanish vowels. The symbol ^ is used to link syllables that must be run together to fit the music.

Cristo Me Ama (Jesus Loves Me, chorus)

Cristo me ama	krees toh meh ah mah
Cristo me ama	krees toh meh ah mah
Cristo me ama	krees toh meh ah mah
La Biblia dice así	lah bee^blee ah dee say ah^see

La Biblia Es Para Mi (The B-I-B-L-E)

La Biblia es para mi	lah bee bleeoh^ehs pah rah mee
Palabra de mi Diós	pah lah brah deh mee^dyos
El ella solo confío yo	ehl eh yah soh loh cohn fee yoh yoh
La Biblia es para mi	lah bee blee^ah^ehs pah rah mee

Esta Lucecita Mia (This Little Light of Mine)

Esta lucecita mia	ehs^tah loo^seh^ee tah mee^yah
la dejaré brillar	lah deh hah reh bree yar
Esta lucecita mia	ehs^tah loo^seh^see tah mee^yah
la dejaré brillar	lah deh hah reh bree yar
Brillará, brillará, brillará	bree yahr ah bree yahr ah bree yahr ah

Por todo el mundo	pohr toh thoh el moon doh
la dejaré brillar . . .	lah deh hah reh bree yar . . .

Yo Tengo Gozo (I Have the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy)

Yo tengo gozo, gozo	yoh tehn goh goh zoh goh zoh
en mi corazón, (donde?)	ehn mee^koh rah zohn (dohn-deh)
en mi corazón, (donde?)	ehn mee^koh rah zohn (dohn-deh)
en mi corazón, (donde?)	ehn mee^koh rah zohn (dohn-deh)
Yo tengo gozo, gozo	yoh tehn goh goh zoh goh zoh
en mi corazón	ehn mee koh rah zohn
Gloria sea a nuestro Diós	glohr^yah seh^ah noo^ehs^troh dyos

Yo tengo a Cristo, Cristo	yoh tehn goh^ah krees toh krees toh
en mi corazón . . .	ehn mee koh rah zohn

Yo tengo la paz, la paz	yoh tehn goh^lah pahz lah^pahz
en mi corazón . . .	ehn mee koh rah zohn

Te Amo Dios (I Love You, Lord)

Te amo Dios y levanto me voz	teh ah moh dyos ee leh vahn toh mee vohz
Te alabaré y me gozaré	teh^ahl ah bah reh y meh goh zah reh
Acepta hoy este corazón,	ah seh pah oy ehs teh koh rah zohn
como una ofrenda de amor para ti.	coh^moh ooh nah^oh frehn dah^deh ah mohr pah rah tee



Sharing God's Love With Others

GraceLink Connection: Service.

Priscilla



No matter where we live we can serve God by sharing our faith with others.

Priscilla and her family live on the high plains of northern Argentina. [*Locate northern Argentina on a map.*] Not many people live in this area, and those who do are farmers and cattle herders. Priscilla's parents teach school. Except for the few families who live near the school, their nearest neighbors live an hour's walk away. And the nearest town is four hours by burro or five hours on foot. There is a road to the town, but in the rainy season it is impassable. So Father leaves his truck and walks several miles home.

Priscilla's family lives in a two-room adobe (mud brick) house, much like the houses their neighbors live in. Until recently they did not have electricity. How would your life be different if you did not have electricity? [*Let children respond.*] Do you think you would like to live where Priscilla lives?

School Days and Playmates

The children who attend the village school must walk or ride a burro for up to an hour to get there. Priscilla teaches the children games she has learned on visits to the city. She has taught some children to ride her bicycle—a real treat for children who do not own one of their own.

Priscilla enjoys taking care of the vegetables that grow in the family's greenhouse. Because of the cold weather where they live, most fruits and vegetables do not grow well. The greenhouse allows the family to have fresh vegetables much longer.

Priscilla has homework, too. Besides the course work for school, she studies several other classes that help her keep up with children who study in the cities. "I want to go to college, so I have to take extra courses. I want to be a doctor someday. There is no doctor in our area, and clinics are a long way from our home."

Church at Home

The nearest church is more than 100 miles away.

So on Sabbath Priscilla's family worships together at home. When children from the village join them, Priscilla leads the song service and teaches them new songs; then she leads them in prayer before their mother teaches the Sabbath School lesson.

Priscilla's family enjoys doing things together, such as reading and hiking in the mountains. "Once when we were hiking up to a lake, I saw God's hand protecting me. We each had backpacks filled with food and some books to read. The trail was really steep, and I slipped on some rocks. I felt myself falling, and cried out to God for help. I grabbed on to a stone and held on until my father could rescue me. But while I waited, I felt as though a huge hand was holding me up. I am sure God helped that day—if I had fallen, I would probably have been hurt, for it was a long way to the bottom. I am glad that I can call on God, and He answers. I know He is always near me."

Visit to the City

A few times a year Priscilla's family makes the long bumpy journey down from the highlands to the big city where her grandparents live. "I love visiting my grandparents," Priscilla says. "When we are there we get to go to a real church. I try to learn new songs to teach the children back home."

Priscilla notices all the things that city children have, such as cell phones, televisions, and video games. She enjoys these things while she is in the city, and sometimes she wishes that she had them when she returns home. But then she thinks of all the things that keep her busy at home, such as helping Mother with the housework, studying her lessons, and reading without being disturbed. "It's very quiet where we live," she says. "There are no roads and no cars. Instead of horns blasting, we may hear a burro bray or birds sing. It is peaceful here, and we have time to talk to God."

Boys and girls, whether we live in a big noisy city or in a quiet country place, God is always there. He can show us ways to help others learn about Jesus, no matter where we live. 🌐



Fun With Portuguese

In Portuguese the letter r is rolled and sounds almost like a d. A boy uses the i ending; a girl uses the e ending. The letters de often are pronounced as if they were jee.

Common Phrases

Good morning
 Good afternoon
 Happy Sabbath
 Welcome
 (to Sabbath School)
 Hello

 Please
 Thank you
 You're welcome
 Yes
 No
 Goodbye
 What is your name?
 My name is . . .
 How old are you?
 I am 10 years old.
 Happy Birthday

Write

Bom dia
 Boa tarde
 Feliz Sábado
 Bem vindo
 a escola Sabatina
 Oi
 (ola)
 Por favor
 Obrigado (-a)
 De nada
 Sim
 Não
 Tchau
 Qual o seu nome?
 Meu nome e . . .
 Quantos anos voce tem?
 Eu tenho dez anos.
 Feliz aniversario

Pronounce

bohn DEE-ah
 boh-ah TAHR-deeh
 fay-LEEZ SAH-bah-doh
 bayn VEEN-doh
 ah es-KOH-lah sah-bah-TEE-nah
 oy
 (OH-lah)
 por fah-VOR
 oh-bree-GAH-doh (-dah)
 jee NAH-dah
 seen
 now
 chow
 kwowl oo seh-oh NAW-mee
 meh-oh NAW-mee eh . . .
 quahn-tohs ah-nohs voh-SEH tayn
 EH-oh TAYN-yoh dehzh AH-nos
 feh-LEEZ ah-nee-ver-SAH-dee-oh

Days of the Week

Sunday
 Monday
 Tuesday
 Wednesday
 Thursday
 Friday
 Saturday/Sabbath

Domingo
 Segunda feira
 Terça feira
 Quarta feira
 Quinta feira
 Sexta feira
 Sábado

doh-MEEN-goh
 seh-GOON-duh FAY-ruh
 TEHR-suh FAY-ruh
 QWAR-duh FAY-ruh
 KEEN-tuh FAY-ruh
 SEHS-tuh FAY-ruh
 SAH-bah-doh

Numbers

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 DOH-ees
 trehz
 KWAH-troh
 SEEN-koh
 sayz
 SEH-tee
 OY-toh
 NAW-vee
 dehzh

Favorite Bible Texts

Psalm 23:1:

“The Lord is my shepherd.”

Oh Sen-YOHR eh MEH-oh pah-STOHR.

Psalm 119:105:

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet.”

LAHM-pah-dah PAH-rah ohs MEH-ohs
 pehz eh ah TOO-uh poh-LAHV-rah.



Brothers of Gold

GraceLink Connection: Worship.

Felipe and David



When these brothers found Jesus, they shared God's love with their mother and their friends.

Our story today is about two brothers who live in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. [*Locate Rio or Brazil on a map.*] Their mother calls them the “brothers of gold.” Now, most mothers think their sons are pretty special, but Felipe and David’s mother thinks they are especially special.

A Special Invitation

Two years ago the brothers’ neighbor invited Felipe [feh-LEE-peh] and David to attend church with him. The brothers asked their mother for permission to go. She knew that Adventists are good people, so she said yes.

The brothers liked Sabbath School. “We felt good there,” Felipe said. “And we wanted to go every week.” Often the brothers returned home from church chattering about what they had learned that day.

Their mother noticed some changes in her sons. They were kinder to each other, more helpful at home, and more obedient. She wondered what this church was teaching her sons that made such a difference in them. She decided to go to church with them and find out.

Felipe and David were delighted and introduced their mother to church members who welcomed her and showed her to a Sabbath School class. She felt a warmth and happiness that she had not known before. She decided to attend the next week.

New Adventures

David and Felipe joined Pathfinders. The brothers especially enjoy camping. “We have learned to live together as a family,” Felipe said. “My unit voted to make me their chaplain. I give the Bible study on Sabbath afternoon in my unit, and sometimes at our Sunday meetings I speak to the whole club. I like that!”

David likes learning about nature and how to find his way in the forest. Both boys like working with the Pathfinder Club in the community. Once a month their church gathers food for the needy.

Felipe and David continued to attend church with

their mother, and one day they asked to be baptized. They began studying the Bible to prepare for baptism. One day Felipe asked his mother a question about something in the Bible study, but she was not sure of the answer. “You’ll have to take these same studies when you are baptized, Mom,” Felipe teased.

When the brothers were baptized, they asked their mother when she was going to follow their example. Soon a church member began studying the Bible with Mother, and recently she was baptized.

Young Preachers

Felipe and David joined the Young Preachers Project, a program that encourages and teaches children to speak in front of groups. One day Felipe was invited to give the mission report. He did such a good job that church members asked him to preach during the children’s Week of Prayer. Since then he has been invited to speak in several neighboring churches. David also has preached in his church, and he enjoys it. The brothers like to sing special music in church whenever they are asked.

Sharing God’s Love With Others

Church members asked Felipe and David and their mother to start a children’s Bible club in their home. Felipe and David help with these meetings. They set up the chairs, prepare the music, lead the singing. And, of course, they invite children in their community to come to the meetings.

Felipe and David are brothers who are worth their weight in gold, their mother says. They have shared their faith with others, including their mother, and invited people to meet Jesus in church, in Pathfinders, and in the children’s Bible club.

“With Jesus in our home, every day is the best day of our lives,” David said.

“I want others to learn what we are learning,” Felipe added.

We can share God’s love with others too. We can invite our friends to Sabbath School, to Adventurers or Pathfinders, and we can give our offering, which tells many we will never meet that Jesus loves them. 🌍



Sing in Portuguese

The symbol ^ is used to link syllables that must be run together to fit the music.

Sim, Cristo Me Ama (Jesus Loves Me) *The SDA Hymnal, No. 190*

Cristo tem amor por mim,
Com certeza eu creio assim;
Por amor de mim morreu,
Vivo está por mim no Céu.

k'drees toh tehm ah mohr pohr meeng
kohn sehr teh zah eh^oh cray^oh^ah seeng
pohr ah mohr deh meeng mohr^hay^oh
vee voh^eh stah pohr meeng^noh seh^oh.

Chorus:

Sim, Cristo me ama,
Sim, Cristo me ama,
Sim, Cristo me ama,
A Bíblia assim me diz.

seeng k'drees toh meh^ah mah
seeng k'drees toh meh^ah mah
seeng k'drees toh meh^ah mah
ah bee blee^ah seeng meh deez†

Sim, Je-sus me tem a-mor,
E Se fez meu Sal-va-dor;
Hoje a-in-da tem pra-zer,
De cri-anças re-ce-ber.

seeng zehh zoos meh tehm ah mohr
ee seh fehzh meh^yoo sahl vah dohr
oh^zehh ah^een dah tehng prah zehr
deh kree^ahn sahs reh ceh behr

Meu Je-sus co mi-go es-tá,
E a-fi-nal me le-va-rá
Pa-ra o lin-do Céu de luz,
Pois me res-ga-tou na cruz.

meh^yoo zehh zoos koh mee goh^eh stah
ee^ah fee nahl meh leh vah rah
pah^rah oh leen doh seh^ow de looz
poys meh rehs gah toh nah crooz

Jóias Preciosas (When He Cometh) *The SDA Hymnal, No. 218*

Eis que Cristo vem à terra
Em bus-ca das jóias
Suas jóias mui preciosas
De muito valor

ehys keh k'drees toh vehn ah teh rah
ehm boos kah dahs zhoy ahs
soo ahs zhoy ahs mooyh preh syoh sahs
deh mooy tooh vah lohr

Chorus:

Como estrelas na aurora
brilhando em glória
Na coroa de Cristo
pra sempre estarão

koh mo^ehs tray lyahs nah^ow roh rah
bree yahn doh ehyn glor yah
nah koh roh ah deh k'drees toh
prah saym preh^ehs tah rah^ohn

Vem buscálas, vai leválas
Ao reino celeste
Suas jóias resplendentes
De muito valor

vehm boos kah lahs vai leh vah lahs
ow ray noh seh lehs chee
soo ahs zhoy ahs hehs plehn dehn chehs
deh mooy tooh vah lohr

† Can also be pronounced jeez.



God's Little Prayer Warrior

GraceLink Connection: Service.

Barbara



Barbara loves to pray for people, and God has used her prayers to lead a friend to Jesus.

Barbara Reis [reh-EES] is 7 years old and lives in the mountains of eastern Brazil. [Locate Brazil on a map.] From the time she was a baby, her mother sang songs about Jesus to her and held her on her lap as she told her Bible stories. Every day Barbara's mother called the children to join her for family worship. So it is no surprise that Barbara loves Jesus and loves to pray. She knows that God listens and that He cares about His children.

When Barbara was old enough to walk, she joined her mother and her older brother as they visited their neighbors, and even strangers, looking for ways to share God's love with others.

Barbara, the Prayer Warrior

As soon as Barbara could form letters on a paper, she began keeping a prayer list. Whenever she learned of someone who was sick or troubled or sad, Barbara added their name to her prayer list. And every night she would pray for the people whose names she had written in her little book.

One day she learned that their neighbor, Mr. Peter, had gout. Gout is a disease that makes joints in the body hurt. The pain is intense, and people with gout must get lots of rest. Barbara penciled Mr. Peter's name on her prayer list so she would not forget to pray for him. One day she went to visit Mr. Peter. She could see that he was in a lot of pain, so she promised him that she would pray extra that God would help him get better. That night she prayed that God would take away Mr. Peter's gout so he could move without hurting. She also prayed that Mr. Peter would give his life to Jesus.

Barbara visited Mr. Peter as often as she could. Mr. Peter liked to hear Barbara pray for him. Perhaps he knew that God loves to answer children's prayers.

One day Mr. Peter's wife stopped to see Barbara. "Would you please come to my house to pray for Mr. Peter?" she asked. "He is having a bad day."

"Yes, I will go pray for him," Barbara said.

She told her mother where she was going, then she walked to Mr. Peter's house. Barbara knocked on the door and went in. "How do you feel today, Mr. Peter?" she asked cheerfully.

Barbara's Strange Bargain

"My knee hurts terribly," Mr. Peter answered. Barbara could tell by his voice that her friend was in great pain. Gently Barbara laid her hand on Mr. Peter's knee and closed her eyes. "Dear God, You know that my friend Mr. Peter is hurting," she prayed. "Please take away the pain in this knee so he will know that You love him and want him to be well." Barbara said amen, then she told him, "Your knee will get better now."

Then Barbara looked at her friend and said something quite strange. "I am not going to keep praying for you, Mr. Peter, because if you do not ask Jesus to be your friend, He cannot answer our prayers, and things won't get better for you." Mr. Peter looked sad as he nodded to Barbara.

A Visitor in Sabbath School

A few days later Mrs. Peter knocked on Barbara's door. She told Barbara's mother, "My husband wants to go to church on Sabbath, but he does not have the money to buy a bus pass." Mother did not have much money, but she found enough coins to pay Mr. Peter's bus fare to church.

On Sabbath morning Mother and Barbara arrived at church to find Mr. Peter standing near the door.

"I'm so glad to see you!" Barbara told her friend. Mr. Peter smiled and told Barbara, "I have news for you. I have given my heart to Jesus, and I plan to come to church every week. I also want to be baptized." Barbara hugged her friend tightly.

Not too many weeks later, Mr. Peter was baptized. His gout has not bothered him, and he is able to walk without pain. He credits his healing to God's love and a young girl's prayers.

Barbara wants all of us to know that Jesus loves to answer children's prayers. And she's right. 🌍



Noah's Ark Song

The song begins with *Puhm, puhm, puhm*; this is Noah's hammering. He's building an ark, obeying what God told him to do. He's working every day, putting the boards together and

preaching that a flood is coming soon. *Tawk, tawk, tawk* is the sound of the animals' hoofs as they arrive at the ark; two by two they march into the ark to escape the coming flood.

Jonas Monteiro de Souza

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puhm puhm puhm e no eh keh eh stah bah tehn doh puhm puhm
 puhm puhm puhm kah dah jee ah trah bahl yahn doh puhm puhm
 tawk tawk tawk ah nee mais* jah vain sheh gahn doh tawk tawk

4

puhm ooh mah ahr keh eh stah fah zehn doh puhm puhm puhm ehl le eh stah oh beh deh
 puhm vai ahs tah bwahs ah zhoon tahn doh puhm puhm puhm eh lee seh m pree eh stah preh
 tawk doys ah doys zhah vain mahr shahn doh tawk tawk tawk eeh nah ahr keh vah oh ehn

7

sehn doh ah oh keh noh soh bohn deh ohs leh mahn doh
 gahn doh kyew jee loo vyoo ayn breh vee vee rah
 trahn doh eh lehs keh rehng dahz ah gwahs foo zheer



“Jesus Is My Captain”

GraceLink Connection: Community.

The young boy shook the pastor’s hand and stated firmly, “I want to be baptized.”

The pastor stood at the door of the church welcoming people as they entered for the first night of the evangelistic meetings. A family approached—Father, Mother, and two children. The pastor shook their hands. When he shook the little boy’s hand, 7-year-old Lucas announced, “I want to be baptized.”

The surprised pastor smiled broadly and promised to do what he could for Lucas. *I don’t remember seeing this family before, the pastor thought. But they seem to be Christians.*

When the pastor walked onto the platform a few minutes later, he saw young Lucas sitting alone on the front pew. Lucas worked hard to learn the theme song, “Jesus Is My Captain,” and soon he could sing with confidence.

Eager Young Christians

Every evening Lucas and his sister sat in the front of the church, even when their parents did not come to the meeting. Every evening he sang the theme song with enthusiasm. And every evening Lucas listened carefully to the sermon. He wanted to know all he could so he could be baptized soon.

During the meetings the pastor learned that Lucas’ schoolteacher was an Adventist, and she had invited him to Sabbath School several months earlier. His mother had let him go, and he loved it. Lucas often asked his parents to go with him to church, but they were usually too busy.

When the church announced evangelistic meetings, Lucas again invited his parents. And this time they agreed to go.

“I want to be baptized,” Lucas often reminded the pastor as the family walked into the meetings. “Well,” the pastor said thoughtfully, “7 years old is a little young to be baptized, but sometimes the church board makes exceptions. Let me talk with your parents about this. I must be sure that they will support you in your decision to give your life to Jesus.”

Youngest Pathfinder

The church was organizing a Pathfinder Club, and the pastor invited the young people attending

the meetings to join. Maria, Lucas’ sister, joined, but Lucas was too young. When the Pathfinder Club leader learned how disappointed Lucas was when he could not be a Pathfinder, he decided to adopt Lucas as the club mascot. Lucas was thrilled!

One Friday evening the pastor noticed that Lucas and his family were not in their usual seats. This was the first time Lucas had missed a meeting, and the pastor was sure something was wrong. But the church was full that night, and many people wanted to talk to him. It was late when the pastor returned home, and he did not call the family.

On Saturday evening Maria came to the church and told the pastor, “My brother is in the hospital. He is pretty sick.”

The pastor promised to tell the church about Lucas, and promised to pray for him that night. The next evening Lucas’ father came to the meeting and told the pastor that Lucas was worse. The infection that had made him sick had spread throughout his body. “The doctors plan to operate on Monday,” he added.

On Monday the Pathfinder Club left for their annual camping trip. Then the pastor and his wife drove to the town where Lucas was hospitalized. But when they arrived, they learned that Lucas had just died. They went into the hospital to be with Lucas’ mother.

The pastor had the sad duty to tell the Pathfinders that their friend Lucas had died. The campers stopped their activities and prayed for Lucas’ family. Then the pastor returned home to prepare for the funeral.

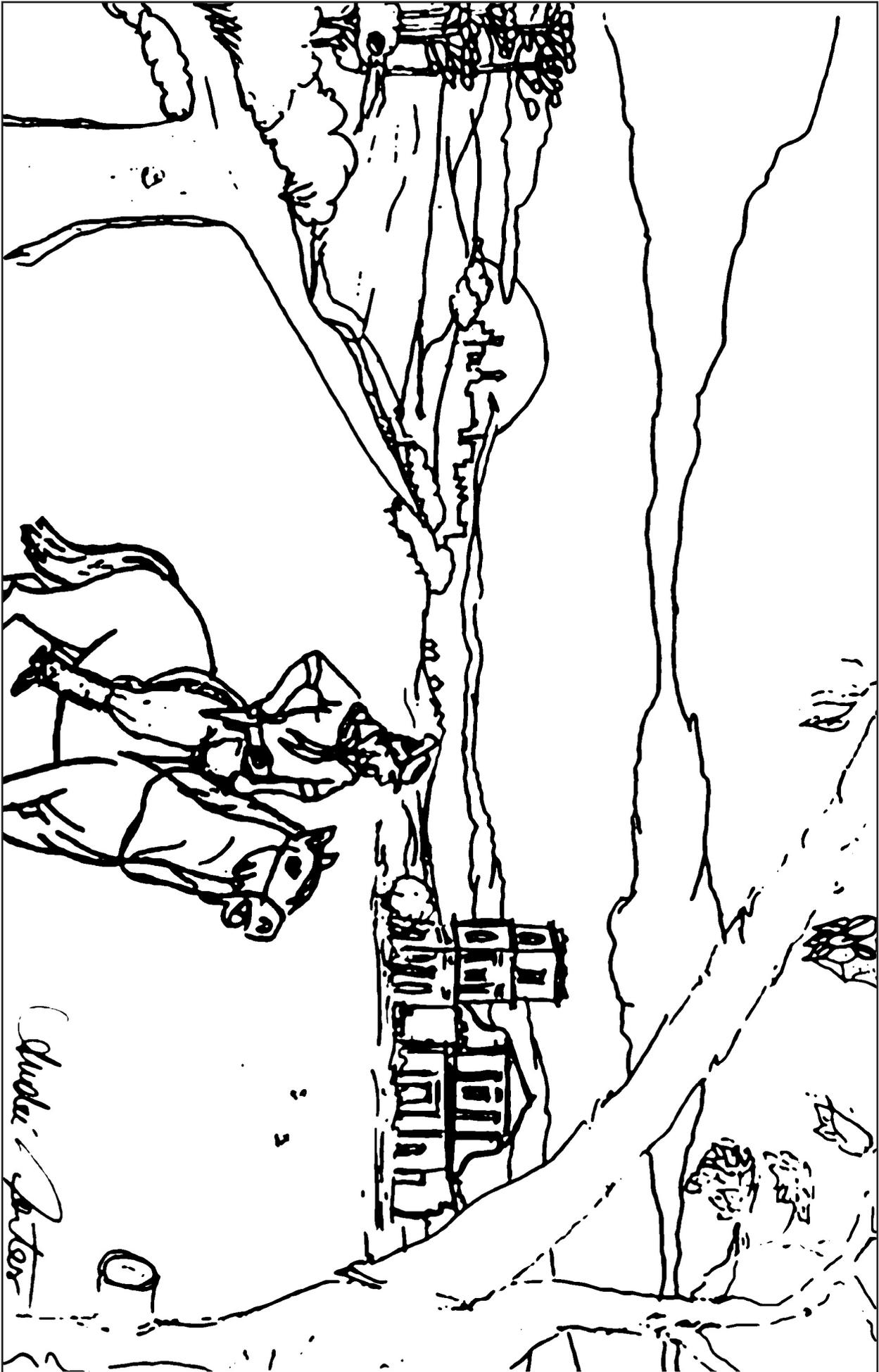
On the day of the funeral the church was packed. Lucas’ mother came to see the pastor before the service began. She told him, “The morning he died Lucas was singing, ‘Jesus Is My Captain.’” Then she added, “More than anything Lucas wanted to be baptized and be a member of God’s family. We—my husband, my daughter, and I—want to be baptized now.”

Many others answered the pastor’s call to give their lives to Jesus, just as Lucas had, and on the day Lucas was to be baptized, 40 people followed Jesus’ example and were baptized.

Today when the church sings “Jesus Is My Captain,” many people remember little Lucas, the boy who loved Jesus more than anything. 🌍



Coloring Page



Pathfinders Lead a Family to Jesus

GraceLink Connection: Community.

Eduardo



Eduardo's family did not attend church, but they felt that Pathfinders was a good program for their children.

Eduardo lives in a city in Brazil. His family did not attend the Adventist church, but his sister had joined the Pathfinder Club when she was younger. She enjoyed Pathfinders so much that when Eduardo was 8, his mother encouraged him to join Pathfinders as well. Eduardo remembered hearing his sister, Christiane [Chris-tee-AN], talk about all the great things Pathfinders did, such as camping, learning about nature, crafts, and other fun activities. Eduardo decided to join Pathfinders.

Christiane was right: Pathfinding was so much fun! Eduardo made new friends, enjoyed camping trips and sports days, learned how to march, and earned Honors. When the Pathfinder Club was asked to take the church service on Sabbath, Eduardo took part too, even though he did not belong to the church. The club members wore their uniforms and marched smartly into the sanctuary carrying the flag of Brazil. Some Pathfinders served as deacons, others took up the offering, and others led the singing or prayed. Then two or three Pathfinders preached. Eduardo was proud to be a member of Pathfinders!

Church Is Fun!

Eduardo's sister had graduated from the Pathfinder Club, but she still attended the church. Often she invited Eduardo to go to church with her, even when the Pathfinders did not have a part in the program. Eduardo's mother was glad that the children were attending church together, for her work as a nurse made it difficult for her to get time off work to go with them.

Eduardo enjoyed Sabbath School. He took a children's Bible study course and decided that he wanted to be baptized. Eduardo wanted his parents to be present at his baptism. He asked them, and both parents, who are nurses, agreed to take time off from their jobs so they could be present for his baptism. What a happy day it was for Eduardo!

When Eduardo's sister finished school, she moved to another city. Eduardo walked to church alone. His mother wanted to encourage him in his walk with God, and she felt bad that both she and

her husband worked weekends and could not take him to church. She decided to try to get Sabbaths off so she could take Eduardo to church.

Worship: A Family Affair

Not long after Mother started attending church with Eduardo, Father also started attending church whenever he had the day off. This encouraged Eduardo's mother to attend church every week. She went to her supervisor at work and asked to have Sabbaths off from work. She agreed to work extra shifts in order to have the Sabbath off. Her boss granted her request, and Mother began attending church with Eduardo every Sabbath. A year later, during weekly evangelistic meetings, Eduardo's father and mother asked to prepare for baptism. "Our son and our daughter have been good examples to us," Eduardo's parents said. "We want our family to be a Christ-centered family, starting with church."

Eduardo says, "I'm happy that God helped my sister and me lead our family to Jesus. Now when my friends in the neighborhood see me walking to church and ask me where I am going, I invite them to come along. When there's a special program at the church, I invite them. And I invite them to join Pathfinders, too. Two of my friends have joined Pathfinders. They think Pathfinders is a great program, and they have invited their parents to come to special Pathfinder programs at the church. If the parents have questions about the program, I go and explain it to them and tell them how important it is that they go and support their son or daughter. I hope that my friends and their parents will find Jesus through the Pathfinders, just as my sister and I did."

A Happy Family

Eduardo's mother says, "I am glad that we now worship God as a family. Because my children kept inviting us to worship with them, we are all in God's family today. We enjoy sharing God's love with our neighbors who do not attend church but are willing to come to our small group meeting in our home."

Eduardo's favorite verse is Joshua 24:15: "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve.... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (NIV). 🌐



Games From Brazil

Coelho na Toca (Rabbit in the House)

Choose one person to be “it.” Divide the remaining children into groups of three. Two children face each other and hold hands above their heads, forming a “house.” The third child is a “rabbit,” who enters the house.

Call out various phrases that mean nothing, such as “It is raining” or “The sun is shining” or “Children are playing.” Then call out “Rabbit in the house!” Immediately the rabbits must leave their houses and find a new house. “It” scrambles to find a house too. The child who is left without a house becomes “it,” and the game continues.

Peteca

Materials needed: two or more petecas (small bags or leather pouches of sand to which bands of feathers are attached (see illustration). To make a simple peteca, cut a piece of cloth and a piece of heavy plastic into seven-inch circles. Place 1/2 to 3/4 cup dry sand in the center of the plastic. Gather up the edges, and tie tightly with heavy thread or fishing line. Lay on top of cloth circle. Insert five or six feathers (about five inches long) into the gathered material of the inner circle, being careful not to puncture the plastic lining. Tie the outer circle in place with heavy thread or fishing line, binding the feathers in place.



If you cannot make petecas, try using badminton birdies, which are quite a bit smaller but will give the idea of the game.

Let the children practice hitting the peteca into the air with the palm of their hand as often as they can without letting it touch the ground. Once they have become somewhat skilled at it, divide the children into teams, and challenge them to see which team can keep the peteca in the air the longest. Each time the peteca is hit, children shout out a letter of the alphabet. The team that gets the farthest into the alphabet wins.

Gude (Marbles)

With masking tape or chalk, draw three circles about 12 inches (30 cm) in diameter on the floor to form a triangle. Provide three marbles for each child. The first player places a marble about 12 inches (30 cm) from the first circle and shoots it toward the first circle. If it goes into the circle, the player shoots another marble and

tries to hit the second circle, etc. If a marble does not go into the circle, that player’s turn ends. The second player repeats the play of the first player. However, if the first player’s marble lands near the circle, the second player may try to knock the first player’s marble out of play by shooting their marble at the first player’s marble. If that happens, the first player then plays from wherever their marble lands and tries to hit the appropriate circle. Players have three turns in succession. The winner is the player who has the most marbles in the appropriate circles.

Cabra-cega (Blind Goat)

Players form a circle facing a blindfolded child in the middle, the “goat.” The leader turns the goat around three times. Then the goat walks until it touches another child. The goat feels the child’s head and face and guesses who it is. If the goat guesses correctly, the players trade places.

Chefe Mande (The Chief Commands)

This game is similar to Simon Says, but the person who calls out commands precedes every command with the words “the chief commands.” Players follow the leader’s commands as long as the leader says “the chief commands.” If the leader gives a command without saying “the chief commands,” the players do nothing. The first player to make five mistakes becomes the new leader. Players soon learn to give several commands in rapid succession, using “the chief commands,” then following with a command that has no orders from the chief.

Minha Direita Desscocupada (There’s an Empty Place on My Right)

This game gives children a chance to use some of the Portuguese they are learning in class. Children sit on chairs in a large circle that contains one empty chair. Each child is given a number they must remember. The person sitting to the left of the empty chair calls out “There’s an empty chair on my right! Come here, number _____.” The child who has that number must be alert and respond when their number is called, or they must leave the game, and their chair is removed.

Try giving children numbers in Portuguese (see page 16). If the group of children is small, try using the names for the days of the week instead of numbers.



The Lost Dog

GraceLink Connection: Community.

Gustavo and Cafú



God used a big friendly dog to introduce a little boy and his family to Jesus.

Gustavo lived with his mother and his grandparents in southern Brazil. Sometimes when Gustavo came home from school, he would see his mother crying. She cried because his father had left her before Gustavo was born, and sometimes people would say mean things to her because he did not have a father.

Gustavo's mother worked in a clinic where people brought their sick animals. Some people also brought their dogs to get haircuts and baths. Gustavo loved to visit the dogs that were in the clinic.

Lost Dog

One day when Gustavo went to the clinic, he saw his mother petting a very big dog that someone had brought into the clinic. "Isn't he beautiful?" she said. "He is so gentle. Someone brought him here because he is lost. If the owner does not claim him, we will keep him," she said.

The next day Gustavo hurried to the clinic, hoping to see the big dog. Just after he arrived, a young man came in. Suddenly the big dog jumped up, barked, and trotted over to the man. Gustavo realized that this young man was the dog's owner. Gustavo was a little sad that he could not have the dog, but the young man, whose name was Carleston [carl-ston], promised to bring his dog by to visit them when he was in the neighborhood.

Sometimes Carleston stopped by the clinic with his dog, whose name was Cafú, just to say hello, but because Carleston was a college student, he did not have a lot of time to visit.

Then one day Carleston brought Cafú to the clinic because he was sick. Carleston told the doctor that his dog had cried all night because he had an earache. The doctor cleaned out the dog's ear and put some medicine in it. Then he told Carleston to bring Cafú to the clinic every day for a week to get more medicine.

Late every afternoon, just before the clinic closed, Carleston brought Cafú in for his medicine. And Gustavo was always there to greet his new friend. After Cafú's treatment, Gustavo's mother would close

the clinic, and then she, Gustavo, Carleston, and Cafú would go for a walk. Gustavo played with Cafú while his mother and Carleston talked.

During one of the visits to the clinic Carleston invited Gustavo's mother to go to church sometime. But Gustavo's mother did not go, at least not at first.

Soon Cafú's ear was well, and the treatments ended, but Carleston continued to stop by the clinic. After several weeks he asked Gustavo's mother to go out with him. Then Carleston again invited Gustavo and his mother to church. This time they went. After this, Gustavo and his mother went to church every week.

Gustavo loved Sabbath School, and when he returned home, he told his grandparents everything he had learned. He started praying at mealtimes and told his grandparents to bow their heads while he prayed.

Surprise for Gustavo

One day Gustavo's mother and Carleston had good news. They were going to get married, and Cafú would come to live with them.

The next year Gustavo enrolled in an Adventist school. In health class he learned that smoking causes serious health problems. When he arrived home that day, he begged his grandparents to stop smoking. They promised him that they would try.

Gustavo received a children's Bible, and he often looked at the pictures in it. One week a woman was preaching about the beasts of Revelation. While she was describing the animals, Gustavo told his mother, "Look, the animals that the woman is talking about are here in my Bible!" He opened the Bible to the page that contained the picture of one of the beasts.

When he told his grandmother about the beasts of Revelation, she told him that the beasts frightened her. "Don't be afraid, Grandma. The animals aren't real; God just uses these animals to teach us important things. I'll teach you about Revelation, Grandma," he offered.

And Gustavo is doing just that, because he wants his grandparents to be in heaven with him. Gustavo is glad that someone brought a big friendly dog to his mother's clinic one day, because that visit helped him and his mom learn about God's love. 🌍



Find the Countries

Find the 13 countries of South America in the puzzle below. Then find Jesus, the heart of God's love for South America. (Five of these countries, Colombia, French Guiana, Guyana, Suriname, and Venezuela, do not belong to the South American Division.)

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Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Ecuador
French Guiana

Guyana
Paraguay
Peru
Suriname
Uruguay
Venezuela
Jesus

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Five Bars of Soap

GraceLink Connection: Service.

A teacher's story helped children learn that helping even a little helps a lot.

Adriana* was a student in a boarding school. She was preparing to leave for Sabbath School when she heard a voice whisper something behind her. The voice seemed to come from under her bed! She looked, and there lay Maria,* another girl who studied at the school.

"What are you doing under the bed?" Adriana asked, surprised.

"I cannot go to church!" Maria whispered.

"Why can't you?" Adriana said.

"Because I have nothing to wear to church!"

Maria whispered desperately. Before Adriana could ask another question, Maria slid out from under her bed and stood up. Tears filled her eyes. "I have only my school uniform, which I wear every day of the week," Maria said. "I wash it on Friday, but it is not dry. So I have nothing to wear to church. Please do not tell the dean!" she pleaded.

Adriana promised not to get Maria into trouble. But knowing Maria's need made a deep impression on Adriana.

Later that day she told another friend what had happened. "It is a shame that students such as Maria must work so hard to pay their school fees, and yet they do not have the basic things they need to make their life at school a little easier," she said. "There must be something we can do to help such students."

A Special Project

The teacher stood before her Sabbath School class. "I was the girl who discovered my friend hiding under my bed. And I still think God wants us to help such students. Will you help me?"

"What can we do?" asked one boy.

"We can bring things that students need," a girl answered.

"But what do students need?" someone else asked.

The teacher suggested that the class make a list. "What do you think you would need if you lived in a boarding school?" the teacher asked.

The children began listing things they thought students might need. What do you think they listed? *[Allow children to offer suggestions, including soap, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, combs, lotion, warm gloves, laundry detergent, pens and pencils,*

etc. Write suggestions on the board.]

Now, that is a good list! Students need all of these things.

The "We Care" Box

The teacher suggested that the children begin bringing gifts the following Sabbath. During the week the teacher made a "we care" box to hold the children's gifts. But she wondered if the children would remember to bring their gifts on Sabbath.

On Sabbath morning one student brought in a sack and placed it in the box. Then she took her seat in class. Other children arrived, but they did not put anything in the box.

"Oh, I forgot my things!" one said.

"That is OK," the teacher said. "We will keep the box here all quarter and gather lots of things for the students."

When class time began, the teacher asked the girl who had placed the sack in the box to come forward. "Elena was the first one to put something in our box. Elena, can you tell us what you brought?"

Shyly, Elena told the class that she had brought five bars of soap that she had bought with her allowance.

"Next week, be sure to bring your gifts," the teacher reminded the students as they walked out of Sabbath School.

Keep on Giving

And they did. The following Sabbath the box began to fill up as students brought more bars of soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry soap, and other items that they thought students might need.

The students in that Sabbath School in southern Brazil kept bringing things to put in the "We Care" box. In one year they had collected almost 1,500 items to help students in boarding schools near their homes.

The class liked the project so much that the next year their gifts almost doubled. They planned a special trip to one of the boarding schools to take their gifts to the students who needed them. Those children are still collecting items for students in need.

Do you think Jesus is happy with their "we care" box? Would you like to try something like this in your Sabbath School? You may not be able to give much, but remember, the first gift in the "we care" box was just five bars of soap. 🌐

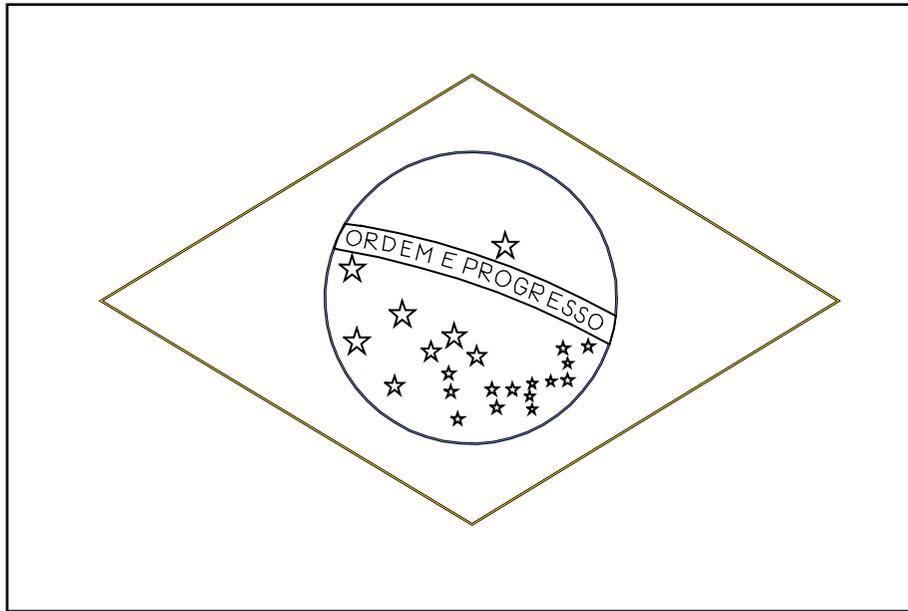
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Gifts of Soap



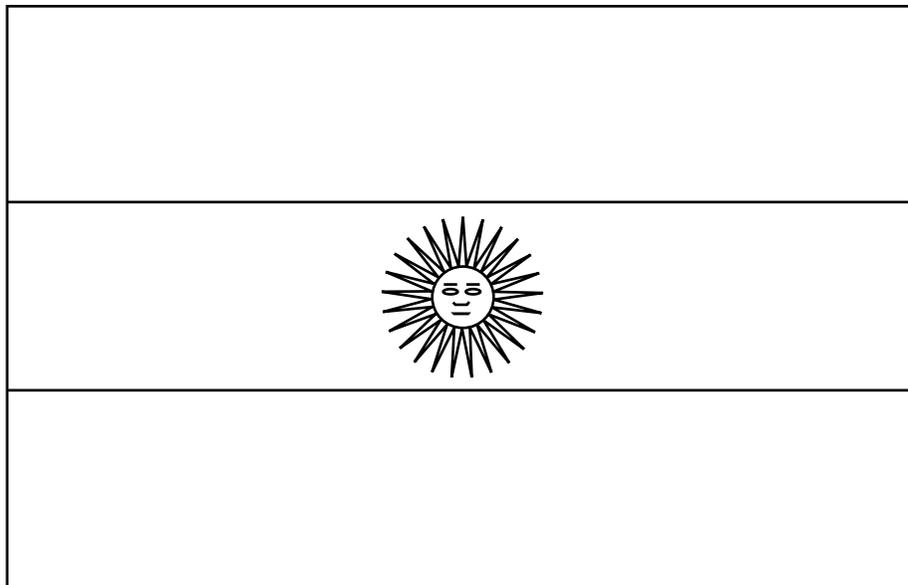


Flags of Argentina and Brazil



Brazil

background: green
diamond: yellow
circle: blue
stars and banner: white



Argentina

Top and bottom stripes—
slate blue
Middle stripe—white
Sun—yellow





THIRTEENTH SABBATH PROGRAM

If your division will present the Thirteenth Sabbath program for the adults, the following suggestions should help you plan.

- Practice the songs on pages 14, 18, and 20 during the quarter so the children know them well.
- Ask an adult to present the story and appeal for the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. The presenter does not have to memorize the story, but should be able to tell it in their own words.
- A week or two before Thirteenth Sabbath, remind the children to bring their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering.

If your division will not join the adults for a special program, use the suggestions that follow to make Thirteenth Sabbath special:

- Remind the children to bring their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering.
- Present the following program for your Sabbath School class, or
- Invite a guest to speak to the children about one of the countries featured this quarter. See “Making Missions Fun!” for more ideas and suggestions.

The Church in a Garage

Children throughout South America enjoy learning about God and telling others that Jesus loves them. Part of our offering today will help build chapels in northern Argentina [*locate on map*] and eastern Brazil [*locate on map*]. Our story today is about a group of people who will receive a portion of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering to help them build a chapel. The place is in a very poor neighborhood called a favela [*fah-VEH-lah*] near Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Three little girls (sisters)—Juliana, 6; Julia, 4; and Jessica, 2—step out of their little house and onto the dirt road. Juliana holds her sisters’ hands and watches for any sign of trouble. She is not just watching for cars, but for gangs of boys who may carry guns, drug dealers, or anyone who could spell trouble for the girls. All seems quiet, so Juliana guides her sisters up the road toward the small garage two blocks away. The girls run the last few feet and enter the garage. Inside, they are safe from the dangers of their neighborhood.

Miss Marlene, the leader, bends to hug Julia and Jessica, then reaches out to hug Juliana. “Welcome,” Miss Marlene says quietly. “I’m glad you are here.”

The sisters are the first to arrive, and they begin helping Miss Marlene set up felts for the program. Other children enter, and soon the little building bubbles with excitement. It is time to start their Bible club.

Bible Club

Miss Marlene welcomes everyone and leads them in an energetic song. “This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine.... All around the neighborhood, I’m going to let it shine...” The children sing joyfully as they hold up their finger “lights.”

The Bible club is a bright spot in the children’s

lives. Here they learn about love and peace and joy; they sing songs and listen to stories about their friend Jesus. Their Bible club meets in a garage that was donated by a church member who helped paint it a bright color so that children would feel welcome there.

Juliana and Julia have learned to sing, and sometimes they sing a special song. They have learned to pray, too. One day 4-year-old Julia volunteered to pray. Her prayer reflected the realities of life in the favela. “Dear Jesus,” Julia said, “Thank You for Bible club. Please take care of the children, and don’t let a bullet hit my baby sister, Jessica.”

Juliana listens carefully to the stories about Jesus. When she goes home, she tells her mother the stories. She asks her mother to read the Bible to her instead of watching television. Before long, Juliana’s mother decided to visit the Bible club to see what her girls were learning.

Island of Joy

For the children of the favela, the Bible club has brought joy and hope. Many of the children live in homes that have no running water or electricity. The children have no place to play, and the streets are filled with danger. The sound of gunshots is common there. People who try to enter the neighborhood without permission risk being shot before they can explain their reason for coming.

But Miss Marlene and her husband are not afraid. They visit homes in the favela, listen to people’s needs, offer their counsel, and pray for them. One family had no food in the house, and the baby was sick. Miss Marlene brought medicine for the baby and food for the rest of the family. At another home the children were hungry, but they had no idea where their mother was. They did not know their





father. Miss Marlene left for a while and returned with food and clean clothes for the children.

One day four children came to Bible club dressed in rags. When Miss Marlene asked them where they lived, they said in a box. Surprised, Miss Marlene asked the children to show her their home. They took her to their home—a large cardboard box that they shared with their mother and grandmother.

No one should have to live like this, she thought. Miss Marlene asked some church members to help them build a simple home on the land where the cardboard box stood. Today the family has a roof, four rooms, and a bathroom. They feel rich. The entire family attends the Bible club meetings.

A Growing Group

As word spread about the Bible club and other meetings held in the garage church, more and more people came. Parents came, and Miss Marlene taught them how to live clean and healthful lives and how to cook the simple foods they could afford. She tried to help those who struggled with smoking or drugs.

As word of the garage church spread, the group grew until the garage became crowded. People squeezed together on the wooden benches to make room for more.

Miss Marlene helped organize an Adventurer Club and a Pathfinder Club, and the children loved it! The clubs grew so rapidly that the meetings moved to the Adventist church, located a mile from the garage church. But some children cried when they could not get to the church, for they missed their meetings.

“This community needs its own chapel, a larger place where people can worship, children can learn, and teens can feel safe,” the pastor said. And because the street gangs know the pastor and the church, it would be safe to build a church here.

Part of today’s Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help build a church in the favela, so that everyone in the neighborhood can worship and learn about God’s great love for them. Then all the children can attend Pathfinders and Adventurers, and the hundreds more can come and learn to live healthful lives and meet Jesus, the light of the world.

Let’s give a generous offering today so that the children of this favela and their parents and friends will see that God has something better for them than the hopelessness they see on the streets of their dangerous neighborhood.

Sálon and Marlene da Costa minister in Vista Alegre, Brazil.

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Mission Resources

Following are sources of information that have proved helpful in preparing programs for *Children’s Mission*. You may want to order these for your own Sabbath School.

Books

Children Just Like Me, Barnabas and Anabel Kindersley (New York: Dorling Kindersley Books, 1995, \$18.95). A beautifully illustrated large-format book that introduces children to many different cultures through reading about other children. Includes information on the children’s hobbies, homes, schools, and lifestyles.

A World of Children’s Games, Mary Duckert (Friendship Press, PO Box 37844, Cincinnati, OH 45222-0844). Describes more than 100 games from countries on all continents.

Reference

The Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook (Hagerstown, Md.: Review and Herald Pub. Assn., 2001). Contains names and addresses of

virtually all Seventh-day Adventist institutions and workers around the world. Available through local Adventist Book Centers.

Young People’s Pocket Atlas. Linda Sonntag (New York: Kingfisher Publications, 1997). A colorful, child-friendly atlas presents facts on countries in an interesting way to children.

Videos and Visual Aids

Kids’ Mission Discovery Kit has a mission wall mural to color that illustrates the mission stories for the current quarter. It contains felt figures to help tell the weekly mission stories. BJK Triplets, E. 601 Cameron Road, Spangle, WA 99031.

For More Information

Library: Browse through the children’s section and travel section of a public library or bookstore for picture books on Argentina or Brazil and discover more about the culture and life in these countries.





Travel agencies: Often travel agencies have colorful brochures on popular tourist destinations. Call or visit one, and ask what they have available to help you portray the scenery and culture of these countries.

Embassies: Sometimes embassies or tourism offices are able to provide interesting information on their country. In North America, you may contact the Embassy of Brazil, 3006 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20008 (202-745-2828); or the Brazilian American Cultural Center (212-730-0515). Visit the Brazilian embassy's Web site at www.brasilemb.org for interesting facts and photos about Brazil and its people.

Contact the Embassy of Argentina at 1600 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20009 (202-238-6400) or visit one of the following Web sites for more information: www.embassyofargentina-usa.org or www.turismo.gov.ar/eng/menu.htm.

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Mission Projects

- 1 Rebuild boys' dormitory at Petropolis Adventist Academy.
- 2 Rebuild boys' dormitory at Espirito Santo Academy (EDESSA).
- 3 Seven churches in newly entered regions in the East Brazil Union.
- 4 Chapels for existing congregations in Northwest Argentina Mission.

For more information, visit www.adventistmission.org



Unions	Churches	Companies	Members	Population
Austral Union Conference	542	328	108,485	47,300,000
Bolivia Union Mission	253	686	143,029	8,766,000
Central Brazil Union Conference	828	621	174,668	44,128,022
Chile Union Mission	518	244	117,730	15,988,000
East Brazil Union Conference	861	902	145,455	33,955,654
Ecuador Union Mission	111	307	52,524	13,402,000
North Brazil Union Mission	1,409	1,180	543,221	17,371,828
Northeast Brazil Union Mission	995	1,403	236,015	43,877,295
Peru Union Mission	1,568	2,538	664,016	27,547,000
South Brazil Union Conference	669	835	140,424	25,717,467
West Central Brazil Union Mission	409	578	89,041	14,040,734
Total	8,163	9,622	2,414,608	292,094,000

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