

World Champions

OM New Zealand's newsletter for children who want to make a difference in God's World!

Country focus: Bosnia-Herzegovina



Imagine a country that has gone through terrible war, where thousands have fled to other parts of the world, and those who are left are mostly unemployed and poor. There are about the same number of people in Bosnia-Herzegovina as there are in New Zealand.

Most of them are Muslims and only a few thousand are Christians.

As you can see, Bosnia-Herzegovina needs some World Champions!



Topic:
Caring for the poor

Bible reading:
1 Kings 17:7-15

See how God cares for a poor boy and his mother in the Bible!



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Can you follow the instructions carefully to draw the national flag of Bosnia-Herzegovina?



1. Take a rectangular piece of paper and put it in front of you so that it is wider than it is high. (Landscape position)
2. Fold it across in half.
3. Fold it across in half again.
4. Unfold it and colour in the quarter on the far right blue.
5. Using a ruler, draw a line from the top of the first fold down diagonally to the bottom of the last fold.
6. You should see a triangle in the middle where the line joins the side of the blue rectangle you coloured in. Colour the triangle in yellow.
7. Draw 7 stars in the white space right by the yellow triangle's edge. Take up the whole line
8. Draw half a star going off the page at the top and the bottom of that line of stars.
9. Keep the stars white. Colour in the rest of the flag blue.

Now check on the last page to see how close you were! Could you do it?

Nadya and Abigail - Kiwi World Champions!

Nadya and Abigail live with their family in Europe. Their parents work with OM, telling other people about Jesus.

In October, they decided to save money to buy Christmas presents for poor children. They began to work extra jobs around the house and collected their savings in a glass jar. In December they took their jar of savings to the shops to buy what they wanted to go into the parcels. They bought colouring pencils, paper, soap, and other small things. When they got home, they found a shoe box to fit them in, then found a few of their own toys to add. Soon the box was full, so they gave it to a friend who was going to Bosnia-Herzegovina. They prayed for the children who would get the parcel, but soon forgot about it. Then a letter arrived!



Nadya and Abigail with their brother, Toby.

"You should have seen the smiles on their faces as we gave the Christmas parcels you sent to two girls from a very poor family, for New Years. They are Muslim and do not celebrate Christmas, but from what we saw I am sure it felt like Christmas to them. ... Amanda (12 years) and Mindzi (5 years), with their mother, all live in one room, as the rest of the house is almost falling down. There is no proper toilet or kitchen. Their mother works cleaning the hallway in another building in order to receive \$90 NZ Dollars a month. Life is hard for them. The gift you sent is probably the only gift they have received in a long time."

Nadya and Abigail were so excited. They said to their mum, "Mama, God is using us to tell children that Jesus loves them, just like he uses you and Papa."

Can you work out what this month's memory verse is?

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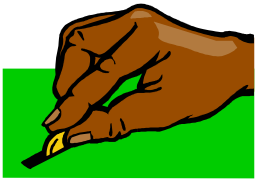
(CEV Translation)



World Champions... Pray!

So many children in Bosnia-Herzegovina do not know Jesus. Write a prayer for them in the space below:

Remember to keep praying this month for these children!



World Champions... Give!

You can care for the poor by giving, just as Nadya and Abigail did. Why don't you start saving now to buy a special Christmas present for a poor child in New Zealand?

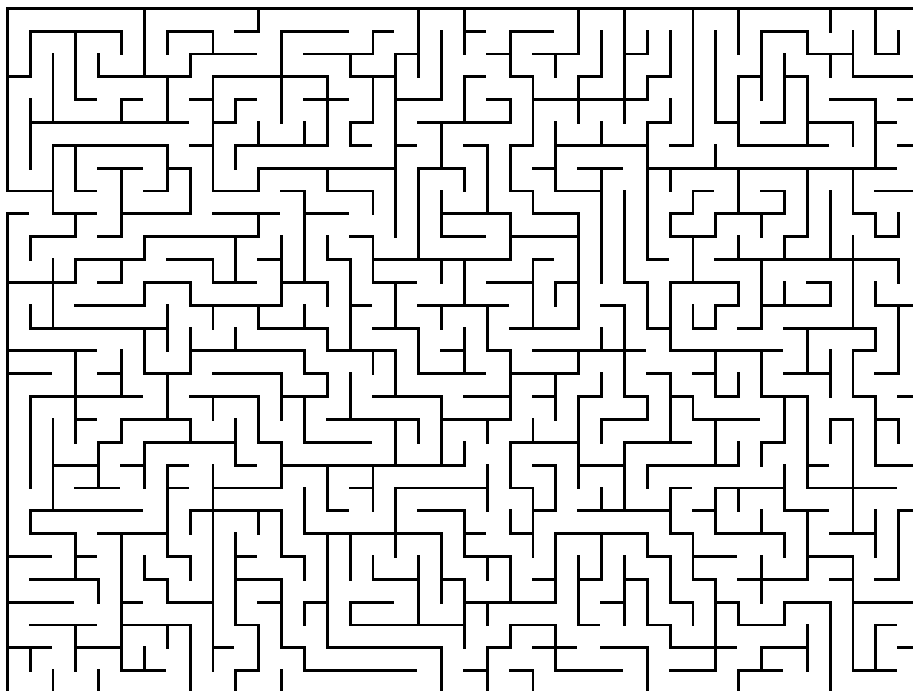
Ask your mum or dad who you could give the present to. Maybe a family has moved into your area from overseas, and they don't have much. Your church may have a food-bank to help people—you could add your present to that.

Otherwise, groups like the Salvation Army often collect gifts to give to poor children that they work with.

Remember to write a Christmas card with your gift—you may want to tell the child about how Jesus came as a gift to the world at Christmas time!



Sometimes a gift you prepare may go a long way to reach a child who needs it. Can you help this gift reach the boy with no toys?



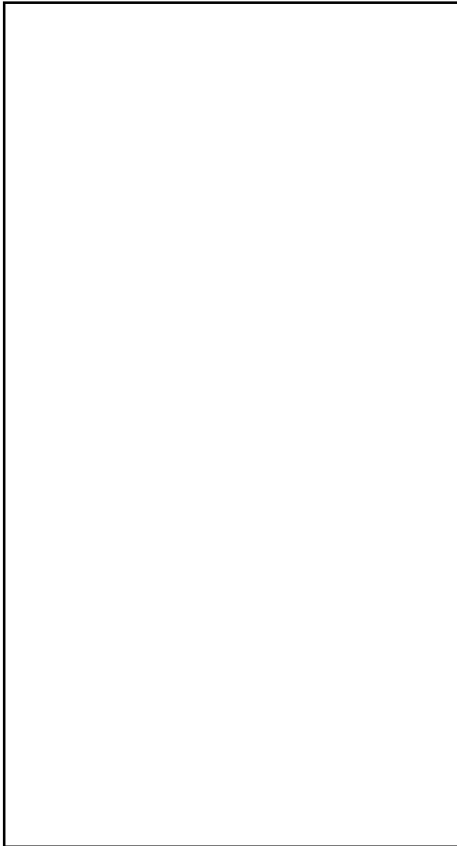
Children from Bosnia-Herzegovina

Maybe you would like to help the children in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Unfortunately, it's really expensive to send parcels there from New Zealand, but if you would like to save to give a money gift, we can send it for you to our workers there, and they will make sure it is spent on helping children, as well as telling them about Jesus' love.



World Champions... Go for it!

Remember the memory verse? How can we care for people now? Think of people you know that you could be caring towards. Maybe you know someone who does not have the same things you do. Maybe there is a new child at your school who doesn't have many friends. Even your brothers or sisters need to be cared for by you! Draw a picture of one person you want to be especially caring towards this month. Write how you plan to care for them, and... GO FOR IT!



Name: _____

How I will care for them:

Answer from page 1

Did your flag of Bosnia-Herzegovina look like this?



'World Champions' is made by OM New Zealand, where we want people of all ages to be a part of the wonderful things God is doing around the world. Why not contact us and see how else you can get involved?

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