



World Champions

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

Country focus: Brazil



Topic: God's Word changes lives



Get ready to think big!
 Brazil takes up half of the South American continent and it's the fifth largest nation in the world. The earth's longest river and largest rainforest (both called Amazon) are in Brazil, as well as the second largest city in the world. But Brazil also has big problems. Many people are very poor, and millions of children live on the streets. There are also many people who do not know God or have ever seen a Bible.
 Brazil needs World Champions!

Learn Portuguese!

People in Brazil speak Portuguese. Learn these simple phrases to wow your friends!

Oi - Hello *Obrigado* - Thanks

Eu me chamo ... - My name is...

Como você vai? - *Tudo bem* -
How are you! Very well



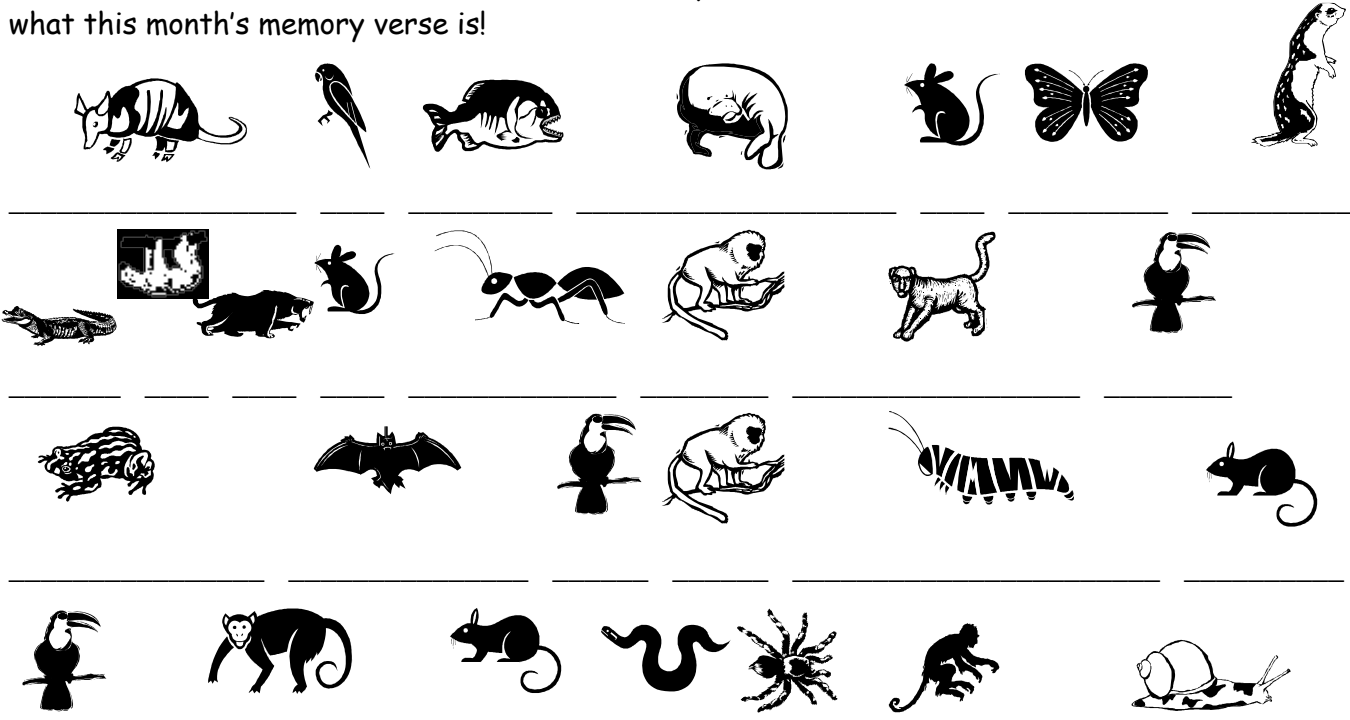
Adeus - Goodbye

Bible reading:
 2 Kings 22:1-23:25
 Josiah became king when he was eight years old!
 See how he makes HUGE changes in his country after discovering God's Word.



Go on a Brazilian safari!

Sorry, it's a bit expensive for us to fly you there, but have a hunt through this newsletter to find animals from Brazil. See what word each animal represents, then fill it in here to find out what this month's memory verse is!



Marcio—bringing God's Word to fishermen



The waves smashed against Marcio's small boat as the storm howled around him. He had to jump and swim to survive! He grabbed his precious packet, and struggled to the shore by a small fishing village. Villagers ran to meet him, amazed that he was alive and so calm. One of their people had died in a storm the previous week.

A hundred people gathered around Marcio as he explained that God had saved him for a reason. He had brought them something special... a book written by a fisherman! Reaching into his packet, he pulled out some Gospels of John.



Marcio works with others to take the Bible to people in fishing villages in Brazil, where they have never heard of God before. When they started, there were about 2000 unreached fishing villages. Now, thanks to their work, there are only about 400 villages that they still need to take God's Word to.

People in one village they went to worshipped spirits. After two years working there, five churches had been started. In less than five years, there were about 5000 Christians in that area!

God's Word has changed their lives completely!

Marcio explains that the change not only happens to people, but their whole community. He compares a village where people became Christians with one where they didn't: "If you visit them today you'd think you were on two different planets! The Christians have brought in sanitation, clean water, education. The other village has nothing."



This huge statue of Jesus in on a hill for everyone to see in Rio de Janeiro, one of Brazil's cities.

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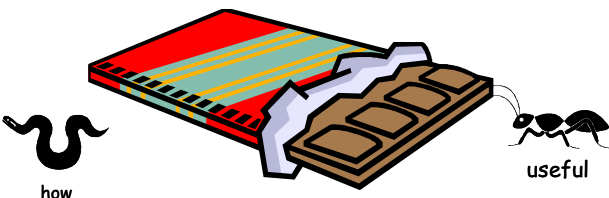
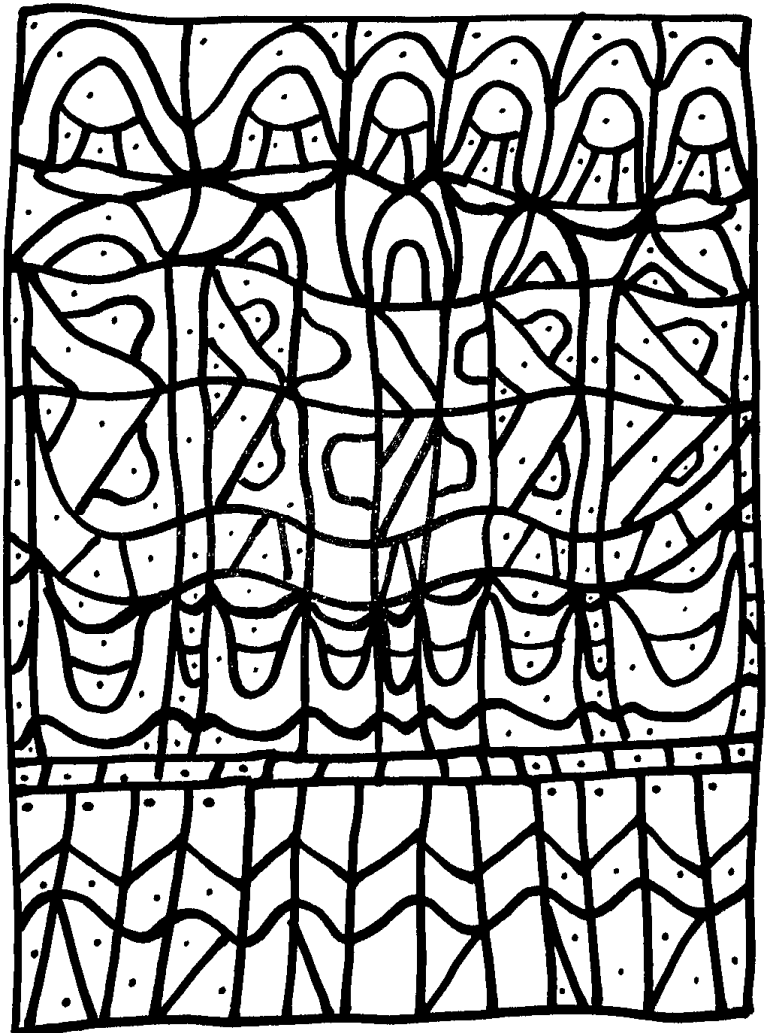
Sadly, many people do not know that Jesus is more than a statue and that he can change their lives.

Mmmmm... CHOCOLATE!



It's a great thing that Brazil is such a big country — it supplies the main ingredient for most of the world's chocolate!

Chocolate is made from cocoa beans, which grow on cocoa trees, which, you guessed it—grow in Brazil!



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World Champions... Pray!



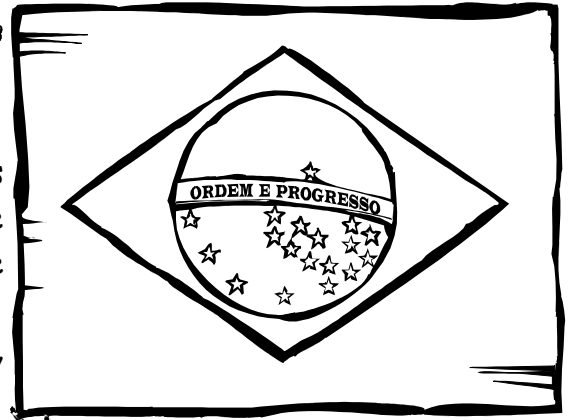
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Please pray for people in Brazil this month:

Pray for Marcio and others bringing God's Word to fishing villages. Thank God for the lives that His Word has already changed. Pray for the 400 villages whose people have not yet been reached.

Pray for the millions of street children in Brazil. Pray that God will use Christians in the country to show His love to them. Pray that God keeps them safe from crime and lets them sleep well tonight.

Now how are you going to remember to pray for Brazil? Easy! Every time you see chocolate, you know what to do!



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Colour the planet blue, the diamond yellow and the outside green to make Brazil's flag.



everything

Helen Cadbury—a twelve year old World Champion!

Believe it or not, chocolate is a great way to introduce this month's World Champion, Helen Cadbury. (Recognise the last name?)

Helen was born in 1877, the daughter of the founder of Cadbury's chocolate factory. When she was twelve, she became a Christian. She was so excited about sharing God's love with her friends at school but she was shy and didn't know what to say. She said, "I don't have great persuasion skills, but God says it pretty well in His Word."

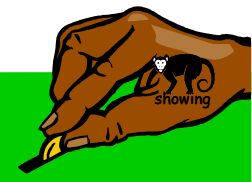
So she started taking her huge family Bible with her to school every day, letting her friends look inside to see what it said. Many of her friends became Christians after reading God's Word with her.

Helen's dad was worried that something might happen to the Bible, which was a family treasure, so he organised for pocket-sized Bibles to be printed for Helen and her friends to have instead. The girls sewed pockets on their dresses so they could carry the Bibles with them. They started a club called the Pocket Testament League, which is still going today, over 100 years later! Over 100 000 000 Gospels have been shared with people since the League started. People can join the League for free, and members are encouraged to do three things:

Read God's Word every day,

Carry God's Word with them wherever they go, and

Share God's Word with others as He gives opportunities.



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World Champions... Give!



people

If you would like to give towards OM's work in Brazil with the fishing villages or street children, you can send money to us and we will make sure they get it.

Here's another great giving idea: You've read about how God's Word changes people's lives. Why not give God's Word to someone? Why not get a Bible to give to a non-Christian friend as a special gift!



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World Champions... Go for it!

Marcio went for it and God's Word changed lives. Helen Cadbury went for it and God's Word changed lives! You can go for it too!

Why not do what Helen did and carry a small Bible with you to share with your friends? You could even join the Pocket-Testament-League that Helen started.

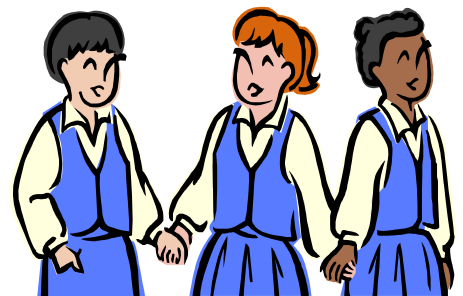
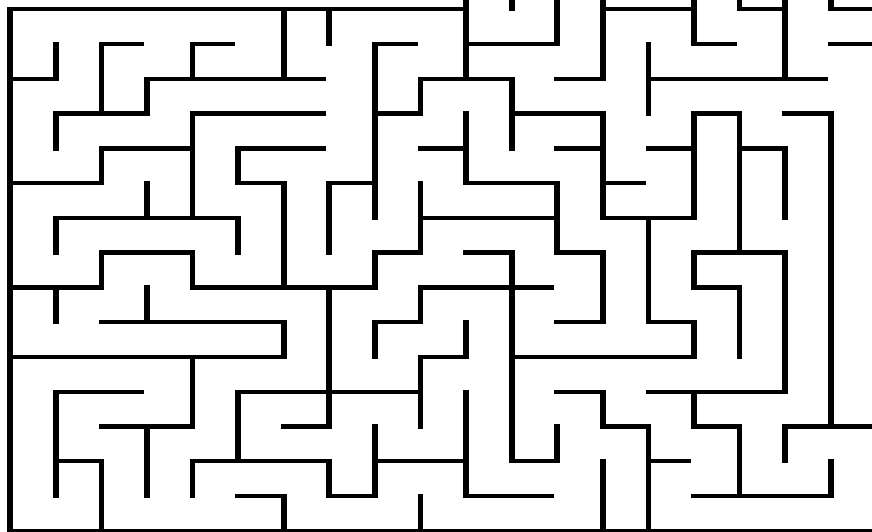
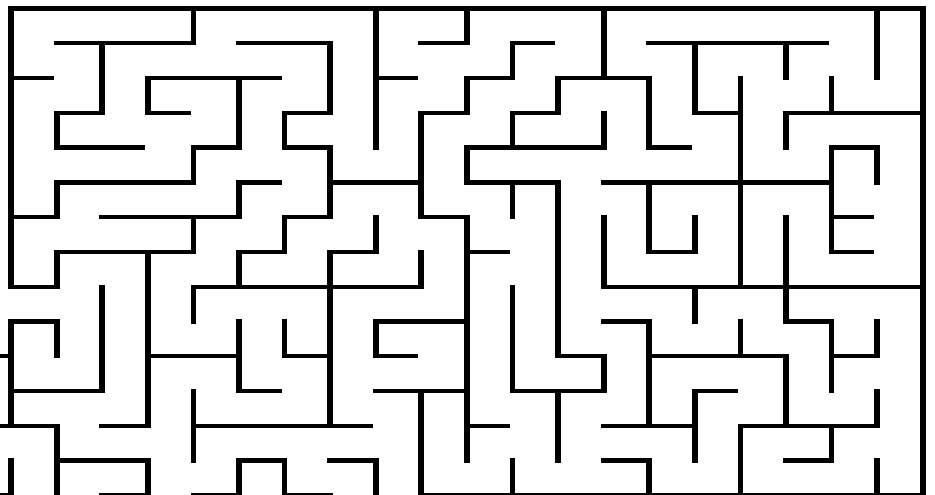
Their website is <http://www.ptl.org/>



Even in New Zealand, children are taking their Bibles to school to read. One class in Auckland had a nine-year old boy in it who read his Bible in the class before school started every day. His classmates wanted to know what he was reading and soon there was a big group of them all reading God's Word together!



Help Helen Cadbury find her way to show her Bible to her friends:



'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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