

# World Champions

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



## Country focus: Libya

A hot desert nation of nearly 6 million people, Libya is not a country that people know much about.

Unfortunately, a lot of the things people have heard about Libya over the last few years have been bad.

Nearly all the people living in Libya are Muslims. Because Muslims believe very different things to Christians, a lot of people don't like them.

Libya has also had a man ruling it for many years who is not popular in other countries. People have been warned not to travel to Libya because it is dangerous. Some countries didn't want to help Libya because they didn't agree with things the ruler was doing.

But God loves people in Libya, and people there need to know about His love.

Libya really need World Champions to Pray, Give and Go For It!

**Topic:**  
God can turn enemies into friends

### Bible reading:

Saul was a bad man!  
He made a lot of trouble for Christians, and even caused some to be killed. When God told Ananias to help him, how do you think Ananias reacted?  
**Acts 9:1-22.**



### This month's memory verse:

Learn more about Libya and find the bold, underlined words in the word-find. When you have found them all, write down all the letters left over in order to figure out what this month's memory verse is:

- The capital city of Libya is **Tripoli**.
- The main religion is **Islam**.  
This means people are Muslims.
- Libya is found in **North Africa**.
- Libya's neighbouring countries are **Egypt**, **Sudan**, **Chad**, **Tunisia** and **Algeria**.
- People in Libya speak **Arabic**.
- Libyan money is called the **Dinar**.
- Libya borders the **Mediterranean** Sea.

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One Libyan Dinar. Can you see the Arabic writing?

## Meet Liese and the Logos 2 crew - World Champions in Libya:

Liese is from Germany and she works on one of our ships, called Logos 2. In January, the Logos 2 visited two cities in Libya for the first time. Liese and everyone else on the ship were excited to meet up with people there, since not many people from other countries get to visit Libya.



*Libyans meet a Korean on Logos 2.*

Some may have been nervous to go there because of the bad things that get told about Libya. They also knew that because most people in Libya have never met a Christian, many think that they are bad people and their enemies.

Many people came to visit the Logos 2, and Liese and the others on board enjoyed speaking with them and getting to know them. Thousands of school children visited the ship, where Liese helped present programmes to them. Children learnt about the crew's different cultures and goal to bring knowledge, help and hope wherever the ship goes. Some schools came on board prepared with items to present to the Logos 2 crew.

Soon everyone on board realised that Libyan people, while they had a different culture, were just the same as other people around the world. The Libyan people also discovered that Christians were not like they thought. But because Liese and the Logos 2 crew obeyed God and showed love and kindness to everyone, the Libyan people became their friends.

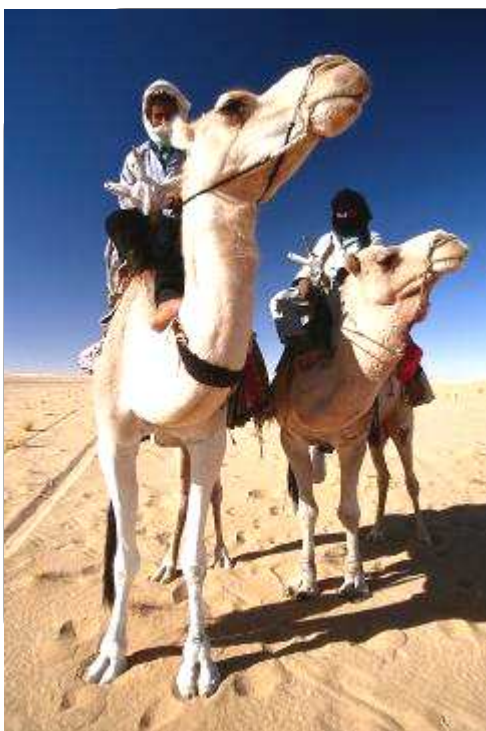
One child stood up in a meeting on the ship to thank Liese and her helpers.

"Thank you for reminding us that despite differences we can all live in peace." they said.

Liese smiled and replied, "You were talking about

peace, and we will be talking about the importance of friends. To have peace starts with friendships."

*Libyan children at a school programme on Logos 2.*



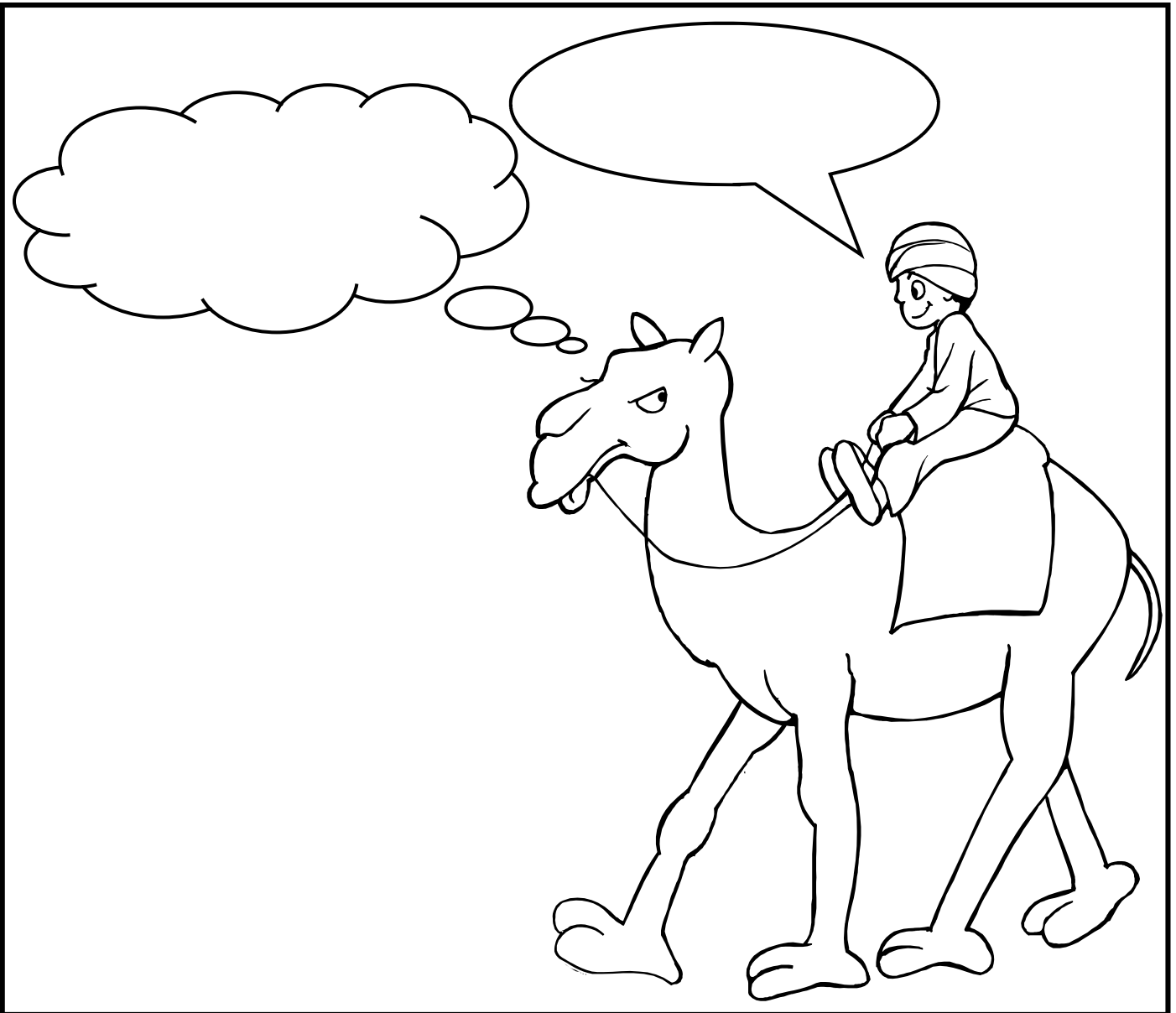
### Did you know:

- Libya is the hottest place in the world! The highest temperature ever recorded on Earth was in Libya in 1922. It was 58°C!
- Libya is also one of the driest parts of the world. 90% of the country is in the Sahara desert, and it is the driest part of the Sahara. There is no moisture, no watering holes and very few plants. Instead, there are huge sand-dunes as far as you can see!
- The best way to get around the desert in Libya is by camel. All camels in Libya have only one hump. Many people think camels store water in their humps, but this isn't true. Their humps are made of fatty deposits. Ew!

## The grumpy camel:

Camels are known for their bad tempers. They like to kick, spit and moan. But even grumpy camels can be turned from enemies into friends with a little care and love from their masters.

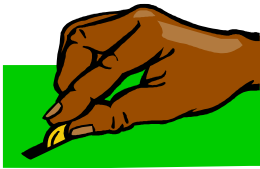
Colour in this camel and its kind master, and fill in the speech and thought bubbles to show what they are thinking and saying. Fill in the background as well to show them travelling in the hot Libyan Sahara desert.



### World Champions... Pray!

Can you remember this month to pray for the people in Libya? Here's some things to pray for:

- Thank God that the Logos 2 could go to Libya and show people that they could be friends.
- Pray for people in Libya to hear about God's love for them and how they can be friends with God because Jesus died for their sins.
- Libya is one of the countries that has the least Christians in the world. We do not even know if there is one Libyan Christian in Libya! It is dangerous for people to follow Jesus there. Their families can disown them, throw them in prison or even worse. Please pray for God to give His protection and strength to any Christians that are in Libya.
- Pray for more people to tell people about God's love in Libya.



## World Champions... Give!

You can also be a World Champion by giving. Giving is a great way to show kindness to people and it's not just money that you can give. You can give people help, time, things they need and friendship.

How can you do what God wants by giving this month? Who could you give something to? Maybe God will use your giving to help turn one of your enemies into a friend.



## World Champions... Go for it!

Do you have any enemies? Is there anyone you don't get along well with? Who annoys you most? Jesus tells us in Luke 6:27-28:

**" Love your enemies, and be good to everyone who hates you. Ask God to bless anyone who curses you, and pray for everyone who is cruel to you. "**

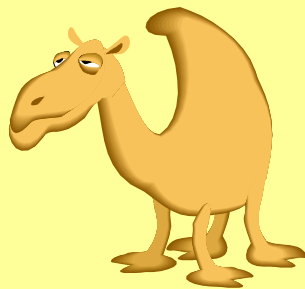
That's not easy to do, but we know that's what God wants us to do. We also know from this month's memory verse that when we do what pleases God, that can turn our enemies into friends.

Pray now for God to show you how you can do the right thing and show love to your enemy.

What is one thing you can try to do for them this week?



- What do you call a camel with three humps?  
*Humphrey!*
- What do you get if you cross a cow with a camel?  
*Lumpy milkshakes!*
- What Christmas carol is heard in the desert?  
*O camel ye faithful!*
- What's brown, has a hump, and lives at the North Pole?  
*A lost camel.*



### Did you know:

- Libya has the easiest flag to draw in the world. It is the only country with only one colour on their flag: green. Green represents Islam.
- People in Libya eat more onions on average than anyone else in the world. Each Libyan eats about 152 onions a year. That's about half an onion a day, every day!



'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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