

World Champions

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



Country focus: Spain

Hola! Welcome to Spain! This sunny country in Europe is known for its parties, colourful dresses, bull-fighting, sunny beaches and great food - no wonder it's so popular with holiday-makers!

Spain is home to nearly 40 million people, which is ten times the population of New Zealand. Going to church and celebrating Christian festivals is a part of life in Spain, but many people think that by doing these things, they are doing enough to be Christians. They are putting their trust in things and not in Jesus. Because of this, many people in Spain don't know about God's love for them. Spain really need World Champions to Pray, Give and Go For It!

Topic:
Put your trust in Jesus
and not in things

Bible reading:

Read about how Peter trusted Jesus more than the boat he was in!

Matthew 14:24-33



This month's memory verse:

How well did you read the information about Spain above? Use the clues to unscramble the words. Then copy the letters in the numbered boxes to other boxes with the same number to figure out what this month's memory verse is.

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The country we are looking at this month.

REOPEU

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Spain is in the continent of _____.

SEPRATI

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Spain is known for its _____.

SEERDSS

7	33	42	21	34			

Spain is also known for its colourful _____.

BLLU-GIGTINH

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This sport is popular in Spain.

BACSEEH

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There are many sunny _____ in Spain.

DOOF

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Spain has great _____!

RYOFT LOMNIIL

23	17	1	18	36	10	4	41	19	11

There are almost _____ people in Spain.



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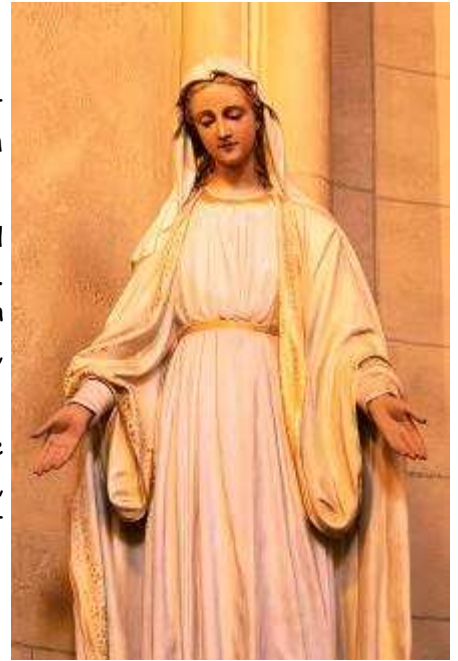
(CEV Translation)

Do Spanish people believe in God?

Many people in Spain go to church and believe in God, but they don't understand that God loves them and that they can have a relationship with Him.

People do lots of things like going to church, attending festivals and wearing crosses around their necks because it's a part of their culture. The photo is of a statue of Mary. Many people in Spain decorate or even carry around statues like this of Jesus or Mary. By doing all these things, they think that God will love them.

The Bible tells us that God loves the people of the world so much that He sent Jesus to earth to die for our sins. Jesus says that He is the only way, truth and life, that no person can go to God without Him. So it's sad that many people in Spain are putting their trust in things instead of in Jesus.



What do people put their trust in?

Different people put their trust in different things. It's great to trust other people, or your things, but the problem is when we trust them more than in Jesus. If we know that God wants us to do something, we should trust Him and obey, no matter what other people think.

Can you find this list of things that people can trust in more than Jesus in this wordfind?

How many times can you find the word 'Jesus' as well?

I found 'Jesus' _____ times!

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statues

friends

toys

church

cellphone

other people

computer

teacher

myself

television

Did you know:

There are many churches in Spain. Some, like this one pictured, are HUGE! They are also hundreds of years old and filled with beautiful designs.

It's sad to know that so many people who attend these churches don't trust in Jesus.



Meet Pedro, a Spanish World Champion:

Pedro* is 12 years old, and the son of a pastor in Spain. Sometimes people expect pastor's children to know lots about God and have no problems, but that is not true. Pedro never used to feel like he was good enough. He was sad a lot of the time, and nothing he had would make him satisfied.

In July, Pedro decided to go to a camp for teenagers run by the OM team in Spain. One evening, he decided to follow Jesus. When leaders talked about being World Champions for God, he said, "I know what God wants for me. I want to be a missionary and as soon as I get home I will tell my church."

A few days later, the boy's brand new cell phone was stolen. The leaders were worried that he would react badly. But Pedro surprised everyone when he said, "Before I came here, I was desperately asking my parents to buy this phone. By losing the phone, the Lord has taught me that I have to put my trust in Jesus and not in things!"

**This story is true, but the boy's name was not given. So we are using the name Pedro for him instead, because we don't know his real name.*

Did you know:

The oldest existing lighthouse in the world is in Spain. It was built about 15 years before Jesus came to earth!

Spanish is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world. Over 330 million people speak it! Why don't you try learning some of these words in Spanish:



Hello

Hasta pronto

See you soon

Te quiero
I love you

Feliz Navidad

Merry Christmas

Gracias

Thank you

Saludos
Greetings



World Champions... Pray!

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

- Pray that people will learn to put their trust in Jesus instead of things.
- Thank God for Pedro and pray that he will continue to follow Jesus.
- Pray for the OM team in Spain, that God will use them to show the Spanish people how much He loves them.



World Champions... Give!

You can also be a World Champion by giving.

If you would like to, you can ask an adult to help you send some money to us to send our team in Spain. This can help them to keep running camps like the one Pedro went to, as well as telling other people about God's love for them - that they don't have to do things to be acceptable to God, but must rather trust in Jesus.



World Champions... Go for it!

What do you sometimes put your trust in more than Jesus? People? Things? Yourself? Remember that we can trust other people or things. If we didn't trust cars, we would never get anywhere! But God wants us to trust Him most of all.

In the very first of the 10 commandments, God tells people not have any other gods before Him. That means that we should not let anything become more important to us than God.

He gives us great things sometimes, but instead of putting our trust in the things more than in God, we can thank God for them and trust completely in Jesus.

Pedro realised when his phone was stolen that he needed to put his trust in Jesus instead of in things. If anything becomes more important to us than God, it is like we are breaking the first commandment and putting other things as gods before Him.

Why not pray to God to help you trust more in Jesus instead of in things?

Sometimes God wants us to do things that may seem difficult or even impossible. When we trust Jesus and obey Him, even when we're not sure what people will think or do, or what else will happen, we know that God is kind to us. When we trust and obey Him, it's always the best thing for us. Remember the story about Peter getting out of the boat in this month's Bible reading?

Pray that you will trust in Jesus, no matter what happens!

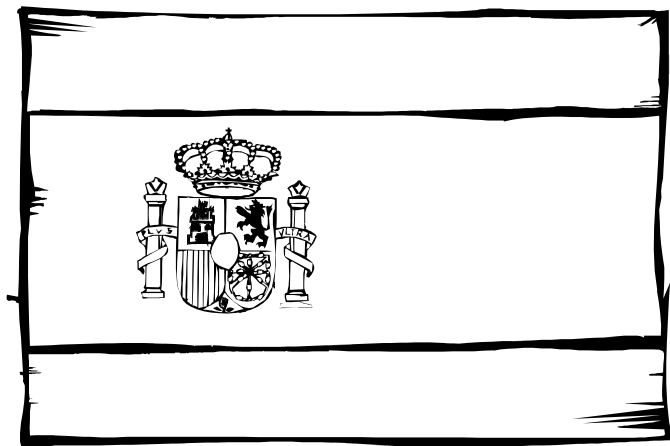


Did you know:

Perhaps you heard about the tooth fairy when you were little. Well, children who lose their teeth in Spain also put them under their pillows, but they wait instead for a small mouse called Ratonchito Perez. This little mouse is said to come in the middle of the night, take the tooth and leave a little treat in its place.



Colour in the Spanish flag! The top and bottom stripe are red and the middle one is yellow. The pillars, crown and right side of the shield are white. The middle of the shield and bottom of the pillars are blue and the castle and some stripes are yellow. The other stripes, ribbon, castle background, crown background, tops of the poles and shield in the bottom right corner are red.



'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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