

World Champions

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



Country focus:
Sweden

Topic:
Do what God wants

Welcome to Sweden, land of Vikings!

Nowadays, you won't see any Vikings walking around there, but people a lot like you and me. Sweden is home to about 9 million people. Many would call themselves Christians because they belong to a church, but for most of them, this is just a cultural thing. They don't really think much about God and don't do what He wants. Many people think that God and the Bible have nothing to do with them.

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



Bible reading:

Would you drop everything to follow a stranger?

Peter, Andrew, James and John did!

Read **Matthew 3:16-23**

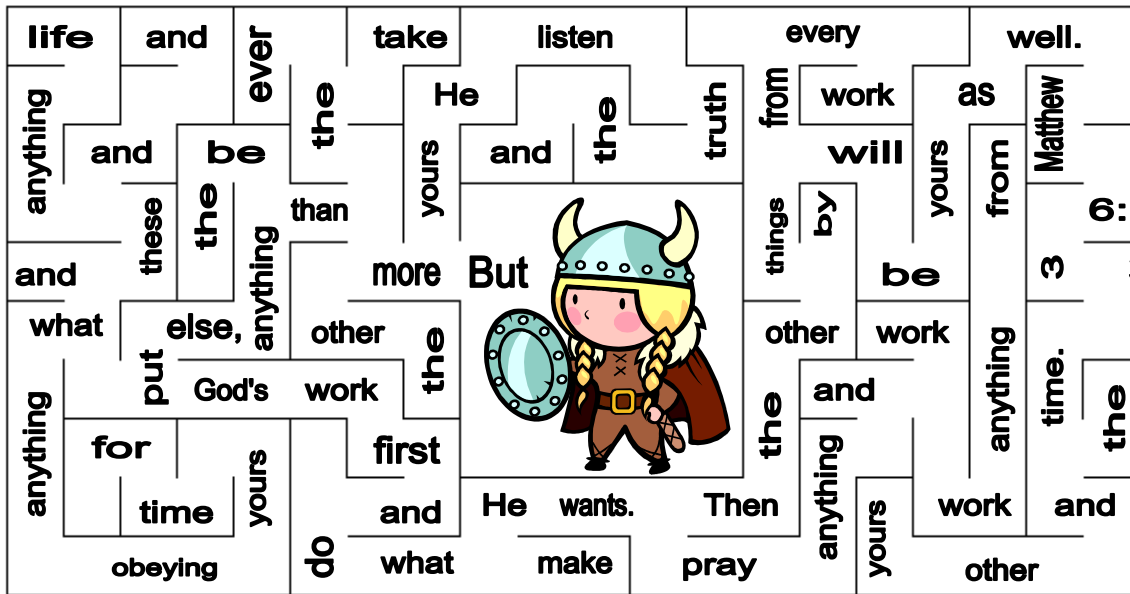
Why do you think they did? How do you think they knew that was what God wanted?

This month's memory verse:

Help the Swedish Viking find her way through the maze to her ship.

Write down all the words she has to pass to get there. These will make up this month's memory verse.

We have written the first and last words to help you.



But _____, _____
 _____.
 _____: **3** (CEV translation)

You can speak Swedish!

Without knowing it, you may already be able to speak some Swedish words! Do you know these words:

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hoot

smorgasbord

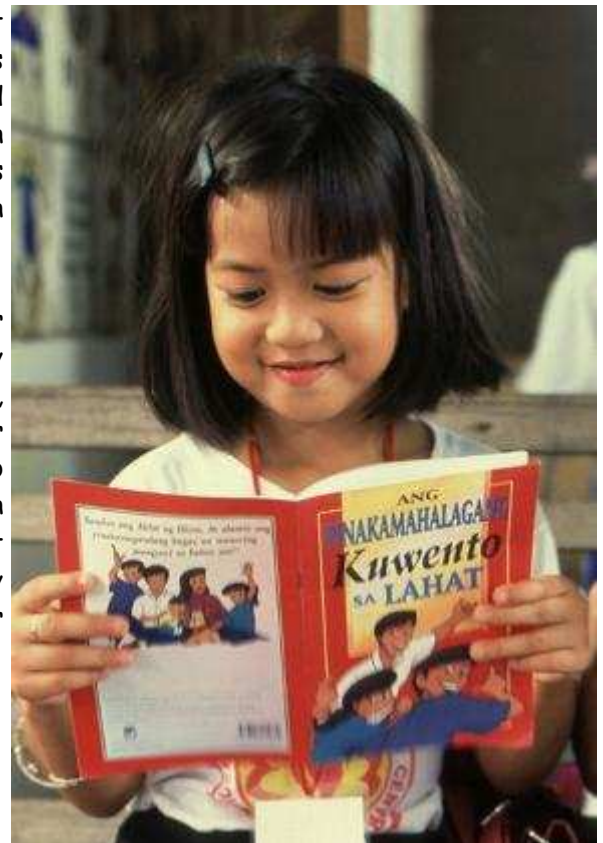
boulder

They are all originally Swedish!

The Arabic Sunday School - World Champions in Sweden:

Not long ago, an OM team visited churches in Sweden to let people know about the work we do. One church they visited was an Arabic church in Stockholm, the capital city. The team told everyone in the church about a book we give away to children around the world, called "The Greatest Story Ever Told". This cartoon book tells the story of Jesus in a clear way to children in their own language.

The team told them that 10 Swedish kronor could pay for four of these books to be printed. After the meeting, the Sunday school shared that they had been saving up money for months, so that they could all do something together during the summer as a treat. But they had decided that the money should go to "The greatest story ever told" project instead, so that children around the world could hear about Jesus. Because they felt that God wanted them to do this instead of saving their money for a treat, they gave all that they had saved! That paid for over 200 books!



A girl in the Philippines reads 'The Greatest Story Ever Told' in her language. She was given this book by an OM team, and it was paid for through donations by people like the children in the Arabic Sunday School in Sweden.

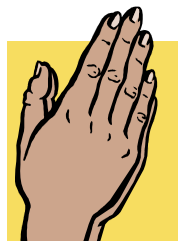
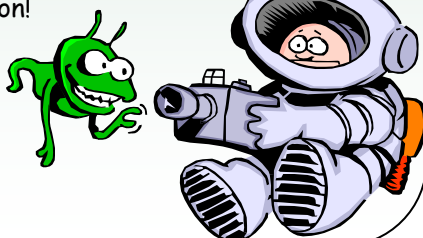
Super Swedish Inventions!

Swedish people must be clever, since some great inventions have come out of Sweden. How many of these Swedish inventions have you ever used?

- Zipper
- Fridge
- Colour screen on computers
- Thermometer with degrees in Celcius
- Computer mouse



Swedish people also invented the pace-maker, which helps people with weak hearts, as well as the first camera to take pictures on the moon!



World Champions... Pray!

Can you remember this month to pray for the people in Sweden?

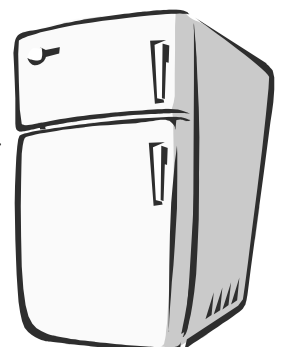
Here's some things to pray for:

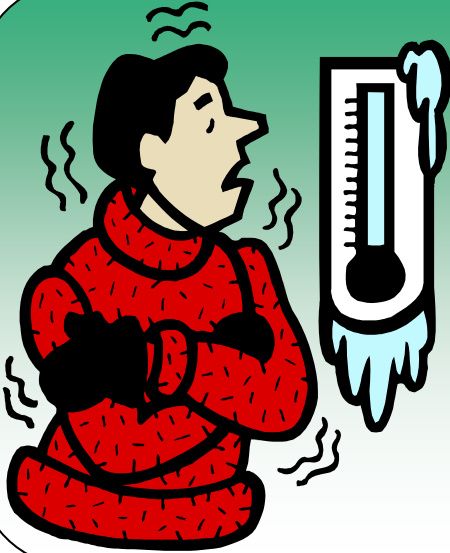
- Pray that people in Sweden will do more than just think they are Christians because it is part of their culture. Pray that they will understand that God loves them, and do what He wants.
- Thank God for the children in the Arabic Sunday School, that even though it meant missing out on a special treat together, they did what God wanted.
- Pray for children around the world who get the booklets of 'The Greatest Story Ever Told'. Pray that they will follow Jesus as a result.

How can you remember to pray? Well, since Swedish people invented fridges, why not make a big poster to put on your fridge? You could write this month's memory verse on it, as well as some things to pray for. Decorate it and stick it up!

Whenever you see it, pray for Sweden.

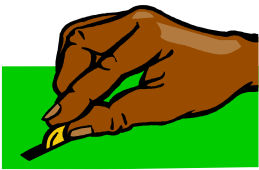
Send us a picture of your poster on your fridge, and we'll find a special prize for you!





Did you know:

Because Sweden is near the North Pole, it can get pretty cold! Each winter, visitors come from all over the world to stay at the famous Ice Hotel in a village in Sweden. Once temperatures go below freezing, workers start carving the hotel out of ice and snow. Everything in the hotel is made from ice and snow, including the beds, chairs, and even the glasses people drink out of! It's cold inside, so there are reindeer skins and warm blankets for visitors. When spring comes and temperatures rise, the hotel slowly melts away and nothing is left except for puddles of water. The next winter, a new hotel gets built all over again from the ice!



World Champions... Give!

One way to be a World Champion for God is to give things to others. How can you do what God wants by giving this month? Maybe you know somebody who needs help or a friend. You can give your time or your help to them. Does your church have an offering that they use to help other people? Pray and ask God if you should put something in it this month. Perhaps you and a group of friends can be like the children in the Sunday School in Sweden. What could you save up some money to give to? Talk to someone about ideas they have. People at your church may know of some great projects you could give towards.



Did you know:

There are over 100 000 lakes in Sweden!
 There are also over 25 000 islands!
 The capital city, Stockholm, is built on a number of islands. Water covers a third of the city's area. It's so fresh that you can catch fresh salmon in the middle of the city!

So how many islands is Stockholm built on? Find out how many times the word island is in the word-find. The total amount equals the number of islands Stockholm is built on. The answer is also on the last page if you get stuck.

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World Champions... Go for it!

This month we're looking at doing what God wants. How do we know what God wants? The best first place to look is in the Bible. On every page you will find out more about what God is like, and how He wants His people to live. When is the last time you have looked in a Bible? Why not take some time now and see what you learn!

Another way to do what God wants is to pray. The more we pray, the more we will think about God through the day. When we see things happening, because God is important to us, we will think of ways to please Him in what we do.

Have you ever known that something is right or something is wrong, without people telling you? The Bible says that God gives His Holy Spirit to Christians, and He shows us in our hearts what God wants. So there are many ways to know what God wants. The difficult thing is to obey! How can you be a World Champion this month to the people around you, and do what God wants?



Swedish Jokes!

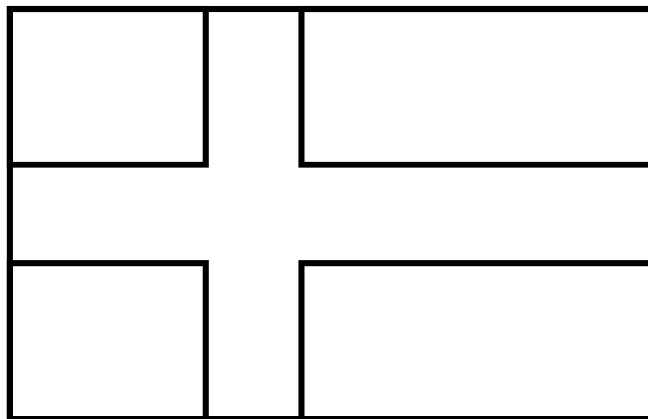
Knock Knock
Who's there?
Sweden!
Sweden who?

*Sweden sour is my
favourite Chinese meal!*

What do you call a
Viking's wife?
A Viqueen!



*How many islands is the city
of Stockholm built on?*



Colour in the Swedish flag.
The cross is yellow
and the rest is dark blue.

Learn a Swedish tongue twister!

Sju sjösjuka sjömän sköts av sju sköna
sjuksköterskor på ett sjunkande skepp.
English: Seven seasick sailors are taken care of
by seven beautiful nurses on a sinking ship.

Sex laxar i en "lax-ask".
English: Six salmon in a "salmon-box".

Flyg fula fluga, flyg, och den fula flugan flög
English: Fly ugly fly, fly; and the ugly fly flew.



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