



German children and German adults need a friend who will tell them about Jesus. Maybe God will send you to Germany some day to be that friend.

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GREAT COMMISSION KIDS

**GC KIDS**

**Germany  
And The Gospel**



*We* felt a bit sad that it was our last night together with our German friends after staying a week in their home. We had such a wonderful visit that we didn't want it to end. As we talked together, the conversation switched to our Christian faith. They had heard about it from their son who had lived with us as an exchange student.

They asked us many questions

"What does a personal relationship with Jesus mean?"

"What difference does it make in your daily lives?"

"How did you come to know about this relationship?"

We told them how we each heard that God loved us and sent

His only son Jesus to save us from our sins. We said, “We can accept God's forgiveness for our sins and start a personal relationship with Jesus by praying to God.”

They said, “We have never heard this before.”

No one had given them the Gospel's Good News yet! We explained. “God’s forgiveness is a free gift. We don't get it by doing good things. God gives it to us by his generous goodness when we believe in Him.”

They were curious but not ready to take this step of faith. They had already tried other ways of meeting their spiritual needs. Things like New Age meditation and Eastern religious beliefs. They did not believe the Bible could be a source of truth that could affect their lives.



We left excited about this chance to share how they too can have a personal relationship with God. But our hearts were also burdened even more for them and the German people.

A few years later, we now live in East Germany. We work full-time in the city of Cottbus, 1.5 hours southeast of Berlin. Here we build loving relationships with neighbors, new friends, and more people like this

curious German family. If we are their friends, they will listen to us tell them about a personal relationship with Jesus.

Will you help us by praying? Pray that God will give us chances to build friendships with the German people here. Friendships that will open their hearts and minds to hear His Good News.

**Also ask God to send more workers to join with us.**

★ *Think About It* ★

Greta wants to find her friend Ivan to teach him about Jesus. Can you help her find Ivan? How would you answer if Ivan asked, “Who is Jesus?”

# The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20 and more

## Jesus' Final Instructions

Jesus said to the  
FOLLOWERS, Go everywhere in the  
WORLD.  
Tell the TO EVERYONE.  
MARK 16:15

Find the word "go" in the picture. Can you find 11 of them?



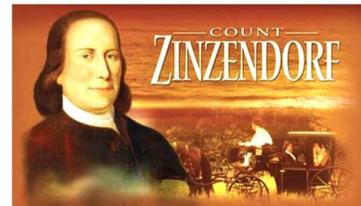
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## FAMOUS GERMANS

Many years ago, two German men did great things for God that still affect us now.



**Martin Luther** was born in 1483. That's over 500 years ago. He knew that almost everyone thought they were following God and would go to heaven if they paid money or punished themselves. Martin Luther taught them that was wrong, and started churches that taught the truth about God. What he taught has come all the way down to us and lets us know that God accepts us freely. We can do nothing to earn God's love.



**Count Zinzendorf** was born in 1700—over 300 years ago. He saw that Christians were not going to other countries to tell people about Jesus, as Jesus told us to do. So Count Zinzendorf started telling true Christians to be missionaries

and helped them to go even across oceans on boats to teach the Gospel to people. These missionaries were called **Moravians**, and are still an example to us today.

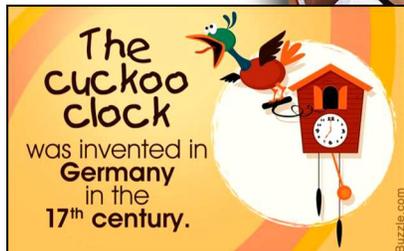
In spite of what Martin Luther and Count Zinzendorf taught, **most of Germany these days does not know the Gospel**. Only about two percent of them follow Jesus.

↳ In a soccer stadium of 10,000 people in Germany, only about 200 would know Jesus.

Those 200 people would fit into just one small church building. Martin Luther and Count Zinzendorf would be very sad to see this! If they were still alive, they would teach people to tell friends about Jesus both around the world and in their own country.

## Did you know...

Germany's flag is black, red, and yellow.



### Germany Facts: Geography

- The capital of Germany, **Berlin**, is nine times larger than the city of Paris, and actually has more **bridges** than Venice.
- Germany has the world's most **narrow** street in the city of Reutlingen. Called "**Spreuerhofstrasse**," the street is about one **foot** wide at the narrowest point, and nearly twenty **inches** wide at the widest.
- Love the **outdoors**? About one-third of Germany is still **forests**.
- Germany has close to 700 **zoological gardens**, wildlife **parks**, **aquariums**, and animal **reserves**. The Berlin Zoological Garden is also one of the world's largest zoos, with 84 acres and 1,500 species of animals.
- There are over 20,000 **castles** in Germany and most of them are at least 100 years old. Many of these castles were turned into **museums**, **hotels**, or cultural art centers for people to enjoy.

## Play a German game: Topfschlagen

In English, "Hit the Pot."

This is a traditional German game. Hide a pot containing a small present or piece of chocolate. The child who is "It" closes his eyes or is blindfolded and is given a wooden stick. He crawls on the floor, banging the spoon on the floor until he finds the pot. Spectators can help by shouting "hot" or "cold." When he finds the pot, he gets to keep what is inside. The pot can be hidden again and the game replayed for remaining children.

Find all the red words in  
"Germany Facts: Geography" (page 4).  
Circle them in this  
Word Search puzzle.  
(Up, down, forward, backward, diagonal.)

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