

## PRAY ABOUT IT



When he was a boy, Samuel Ajayi Crowther didn't know about Jesus. When he learned about Jesus, Samuel told everyone he could about the Lord. Who can you tell?

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Take Jesus to All



## Hero of Nigeria — Samuel Ajayi Crowther

*"But Joseph replied, 'Don't be afraid...You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.'" –Genesis 50:19-20 (NLT)*

**D**o you remember the story of Joseph in the Bible? When he was a teenager, his brothers sold him as a slave. But God had a plan for Joseph. Years later, God made Joseph the second greatest ruler in all of Egypt. When a terrible famine came, Joseph was able to save the lives of his

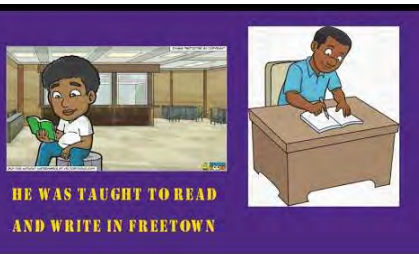
whole family, as well as many other people. God used the troubles Joseph experienced to accomplish His good purposes.

Well, around 200 years ago in Nigeria, Africa, a young man named Ajayi had a similar experience to Joseph's.

Ajayi was twelve years



old when he was kidnapped by slave traders. He lost his home and his family. He was put on a ship with other slaves to be sold in a different country. Before the ship reached its destination, a ship from England attacked the slave ship in order to free



the slaves. Ajayi was rescued! He was then taken to Sierra Leone and put into a school run by missionaries.

At this school, Ajayi learned English, and he learned the Bible. He came to understand that Jesus died for his sins, and he believed in Jesus as his Savior.

When Ajayi was baptized, he chose to take a new name, Samuel Crowther (after the name of an English pioneer missionary).

Samuel Ajayi Crowther went on to attend college and become a teacher. He was especially good at learning languages. He helped many missionaries in their study of different African languages.

In 1843 Samuel Ajayi was able to return to Nigeria as a missionary. He began translating the Bible into his native language of Yoruba. He also helped other missionaries with translating the Bible into many other languages.

When he was 75 years old, the whole Bible was finally published in the Yoruba language! Samuel believed that giving people

## Can you solve this puzzle?

God Calls Jeremiah

God spoke to Jeremiah, saying,  
"Before you were born I set you apart."  
What else did God tell Jeremiah?

Solve the math problems then count that many letters in the word, and write that letter in the space below.

Japan	$3 \times 1 = \underline{3}$	
Brazil	$8 \div 4 = \underline{2}$	
Cambodia	$12 - 7 = \underline{\quad}$	
Egypt	$2 \times 2 = \underline{\quad}$	
Lithuania	$10 - 6 = \underline{\quad}$	
Chile	$3 + 2 = \underline{\quad}$	
Scotland	$1 + 3 = \underline{\quad}$	

"I appointed you as a

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to the nations."

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**When Jeremiah lived, a prophet was someone who told people about God, that God loved them, and how they could live for Him.**

**God wants us to do that, too. Samuel Ajayi Crowther did. Will you?**



# The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20 *and more*

Acts 13:47

"This is what the Lord told us to do:

'I have made you a light for the other nations, to show people all over the world the way to be saved.'"

☆ Think About It ☆

God said that he made us, his followers, to be a



for



So that we can show all



all over the



the way to be saved.



the Bible in their own language was the best way to bring people to salvation in Jesus and to help them to live more and more for Him.

Samuel Ajayi experienced many miracles in his life – first, his rescue from a slave ship. Then, he was taken to a Christian school, where he came to know Jesus. When he was 36 years old, he was finally reunited with his mother and sisters, after 24 years of being apart! His education and his gift for languages made it possible for him to translate the Bible into his own language for his own people.

When he was 55 years old, Samuel became the first African Bishop in the Anglican Church, and he served as Bishop until he was 81.

When we look at Samuel's story, we can see how God used the bad things at the beginning to bring about many good things throughout the rest of his life. If he hadn't been kidnapped and rescued, he might never have heard of Jesus or translated the Bible. The story of Bishop Samuel Ajayi Crowther's life encourages us to trust God and remember that He always has a plan for us.

"The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does." –Psalm 145:13b (NIV)



# Fun Facts →



Abuja Bishop English Flag Local Nigeria West

## ... FILL IN THE BLANKS ...

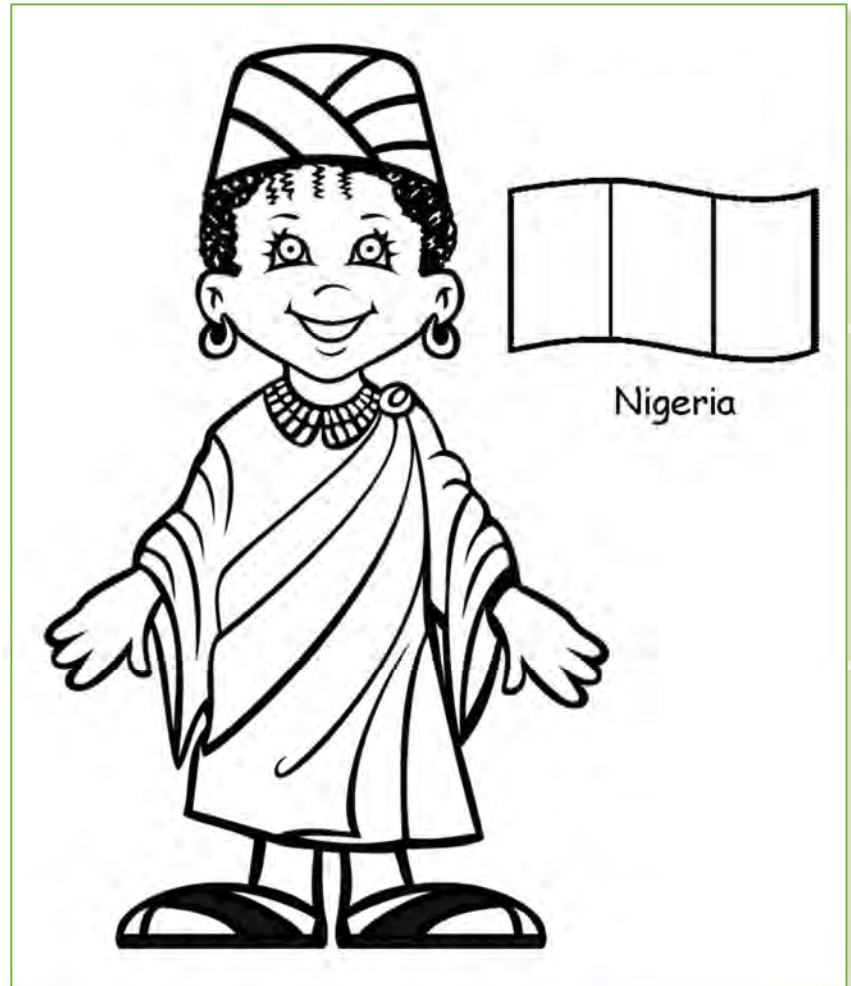
Choose a word from the list above that best completes the sentences.

1. Samuel Ajayi Crowther was born in **N**\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Nigeria is in **W**\_\_\_\_\_ Africa.
3. The official language of Nigeria is **E**\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Over 500 **L**\_\_\_\_\_ languages are spoken in the nation.
5. The capital city of Nigeria is **A**\_\_\_\_\_.
6. The Nigerian **F**\_\_\_\_\_ has three standing stripes. The outside ones are green, and the inside one is white.



7. Samuel Crowther was the first African **B**\_\_\_\_\_ of the Anglican church.

# Color this



Color with crayons or colored pencils (so colors don't soak through).

Would you like to see a short video about Samuel Ajayi Crowther?

Go to <http://tiny.cc/078czz>

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