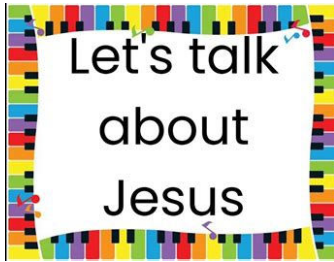


PRAY ABOUT IT



Is there something that keeps you from telling people around you about Jesus? That thing might seem as hard to get past as the stone wall was for the children in our story. Ask Jesus to show you, too, a way to tell people near you about Jesus.

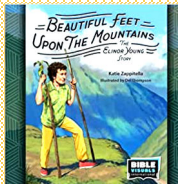
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Take Jesus to All

Over the Wall



Flora was seven and Linda was five when their family moved to a big city in Brazil named Porto Alegre. They were a family of missionaries. In the state of Mato Grosso, near the border with Paraguay, the girls had watched their parents teach some people of the Terena tribe how to share the good news about Jesus. Now, in the state capital of Rio Grande do Sul, their parents wanted to make friends for Jesus, and start a church.

What could Flora and Linda do to help? To begin with, they made friends with neighbor kids their age. Soon their

parents decided to have a meeting for kids once a week in the house. Dad played his accordion while everybody sang. Then watched a short film, and Mom told a Bible story with pictures.

Quite a few kids came to the meetings in their house. Sometimes one little boy from across the street would get tired and start to cry, and his sister would have to take him home.

But Ana Meri, who was Linda's age and lived next door, never came. Her mother always said, "We have our own

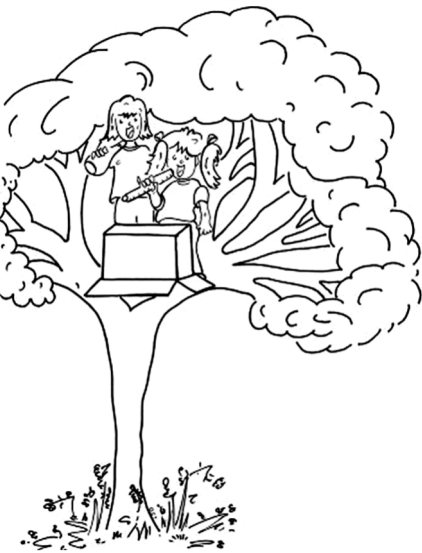
microphone: "Hey, everybody! Our Dad knows all about Jesus! If you want to know about Jesus, just come and talk to our Dad!"

There was a high wall between their house and Ana Meri's. But at one end there was a way of climbing up and looking over. Then Ana Meri would climb up on her side so they could talk. Flora and Linda gave her a book of stories from the Bible. And they told her the Bible lessons that Mom had given in the kids' meeting.

But when the family went to the USA for a home assignment, none of those kids had believed in Jesus. After a year the family came back to Porto Alegre, but went to live in another part of the city. Flora and Linda thought: "Well, we tried, but we didn't get any of those kids to open up their lives to Jesus."

Years later, their Dad was in his office in downtown Porto Alegre, where he ran a Bible correspondence school and directed a training course that taught people to be Christian leaders. A young

man walked in and said, "You don't recognize me, but I'm that little boy in diapers who used to cry in your kids' meetings and had to be taken home. After you



religion!"

One day Flora and Linda got a cardboard box and pretended that it was a loudspeaker. They took it up into a tree in the yard and shouted into a make-believe

☆ Think About It ☆

Waiting for the Harvest

Jesus told His disciples,

Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the reaper ... harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together.

(John 4:34-35)

This tells us that bringing people to faith in Jesus is like harvesting a crop.

Sometimes that harvest does not come quickly.

Sometimes we never see it ourselves.

Missionaries need to be patient. They may never see the harvest of their work until they get to Heaven, but God will eventually send "reapers" to bring it in.

True or False?

1. People will always believe the Gospel the first time they hear it. _____
2. Helping people hear the Gospel, believe in Jesus and become strong Christians usually takes more than one person and often takes a long time. _____
3. We will always know who believes in Jesus partly because of us. _____
4. When Jesus was on the earth, they made wheat fields and got the crops by hand. Was any one person the most important? _____
5. Is one missionary job more important than another? _____

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20 *and more*



One of the first churches argued about who was most important — Paul, or Apollos. The apostle Paul had first brought them the Gospel, but Apollos had stayed longer to teach them the Gospel. So Paul wrote them a letter. He reminded them who was the main one helping them believe in Jesus. He said, Fill in the blank lines with what Paul said, ⁶I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.

“_____ plants seed,

watered it, but _____
has been making it

grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only _____ who makes things grow.

⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. (1 Corinthians 3:6-9, NIV)

went away, my Dad said, ‘Those people were so good to us! I want to get to know about their Jesus!’ Our whole family is Christian now. My Dad is preaching about Jesus, and I’m going to be a preacher, too!”

A few years after that, the family was living in Miami while Dad worked in the International Office of World Team.

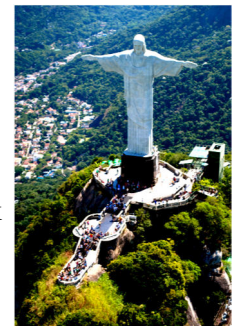


One night the phone rang and a young woman said; “I’m Ana Meri, who used to live next door to you so many years ago. I’m a flight attendant on international flights of Varig Brazilian Airlines, and have a layover tonight before flying to Europe tomorrow. Could you come to my hotel so we can visit?” In the hotel, Ana Meri told how she had always treasured the Bible story book that Flora and Linda had given to her. And she had never forgotten the things they shared with her about Jesus, over the wall. ■

The author of this story, Lowell Bailey, and his wife Kathy, were missionaries in Brazil for many years.

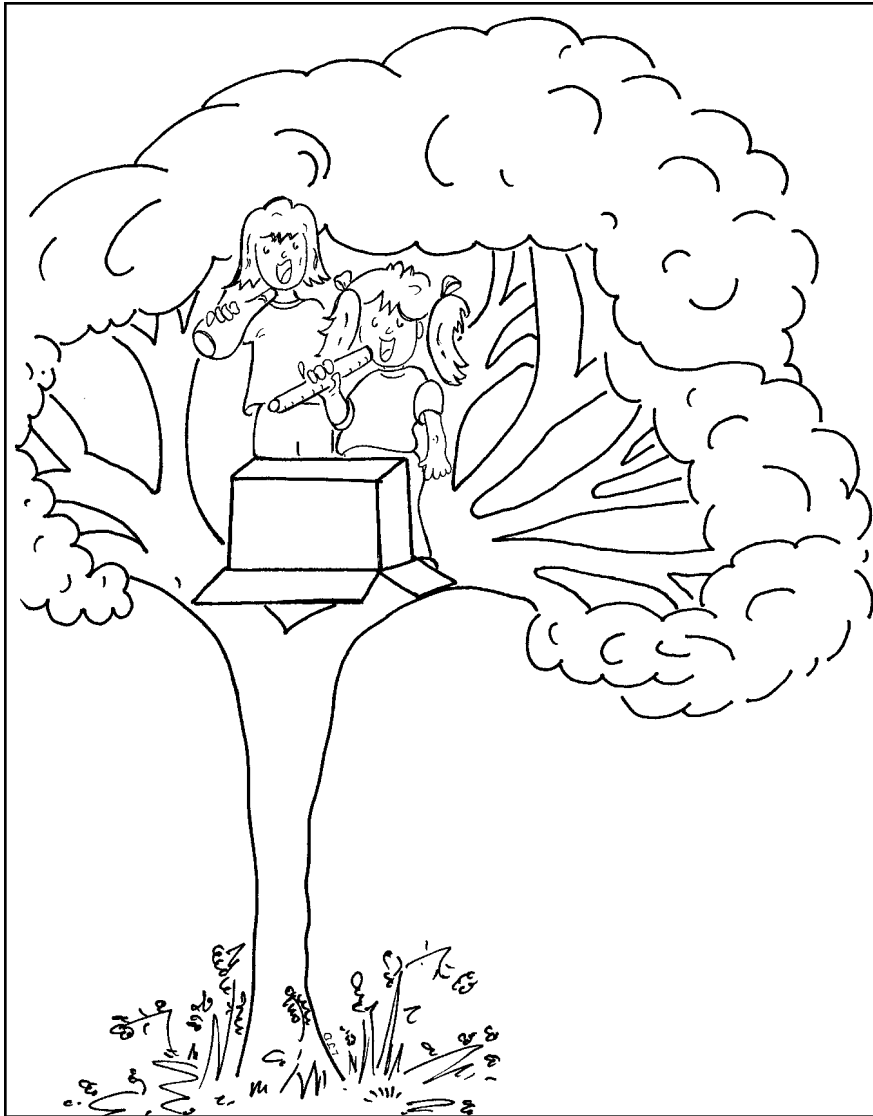
Did You Know?...

- Brazil has half of South America's land surface and has over half of South America's people.
- The City of Rio de Janeiro has a soccer stadium as high as a six-story building. It took 500,000 sacks of cement to build it.
- Unlike the rest of Latin America, which speaks Spanish, the language of Brazil is Portuguese because many years ago it was a colony of Portugal.
- Although Brazil's constitution allows freedom of religion, Catholicism is granted many special privileges.
- In many parts of the country, more and more people are coming to know Jesus.
- About 40% of the people do some form of worship of evil spirits. This is called spiritism.



Even though most Brazilians don't truly know Jesus in their hearts, Brazil is famous for its 100-foot-tall "Christ the Redeemer" statue overlooking Rio.

To Color



Flora and Linda wanted the neighbor children to hear about Jesus, so they thought of an unusual way to tell them about Him.

Practice being a missionary. Think of some interesting ways to tell your friends about Jesus.

Brazil is a big part of South America



Brazil is home to the **largest Japanese** population outside Japan.

The **Amazon River** in Brazil is the **second longest river** in the **world**.

Brazil is the only **country** in **South America** where **Portuguese** is **spoken**.

Brazil's Christ the **Redeemer** statue is the **largest art deco statue** in the **world**.

Brazil is the world's **largest producer** of **coffee**.

The name Brazil comes from the Brazilwood tree, once a major export.

Find the green words above in the puzzle below: ↓ → ↘

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