



North American
Mission Board

ACTIVITY BOOK FOR CHILDREN



Dear Future Missionary,

Have fun coloring and working through the pages of this book! Here you will learn about the North American Mission Board and our plan to help start new churches across North America.

We pray that you will know Jesus and follow Him. You can learn more about following Jesus on page 7. We pray that when you grow up you will be ready if He wants you to become a missionary. Perhaps you want to be an astronaut, a teacher, a football player, a doctor or even a preacher when you grow up. No matter what you do in the future, you can still be a missionary telling people about God's love. How cool it would be to one day serve with you on the mission field.

Tell your parents and adult leaders to visit namb.net to learn more about the work we are doing in North America.

Remember God loves you and has a plan for your life!

Serving together,



Kevin Ezell

President, North American Mission Board



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What is the North American Mission Board (NAMB)?

As part of the Southern Baptist Convention, NAMB, located near Atlanta, Georgia, helps churches send missionaries and start new churches in the United States, Canada and their territories. Southern Baptists want to help people become friends with Jesus and find a church family.

Color the map below.



The North American Mission Board

helps churches help and care for people who need to know the love of Jesus.

Draw a line from the words below to the correct pictures to learn ways NAMB helps churches help others. Then color the pictures.



Share Jesus



Start Churches



Disaster Relief



Training Missionaries



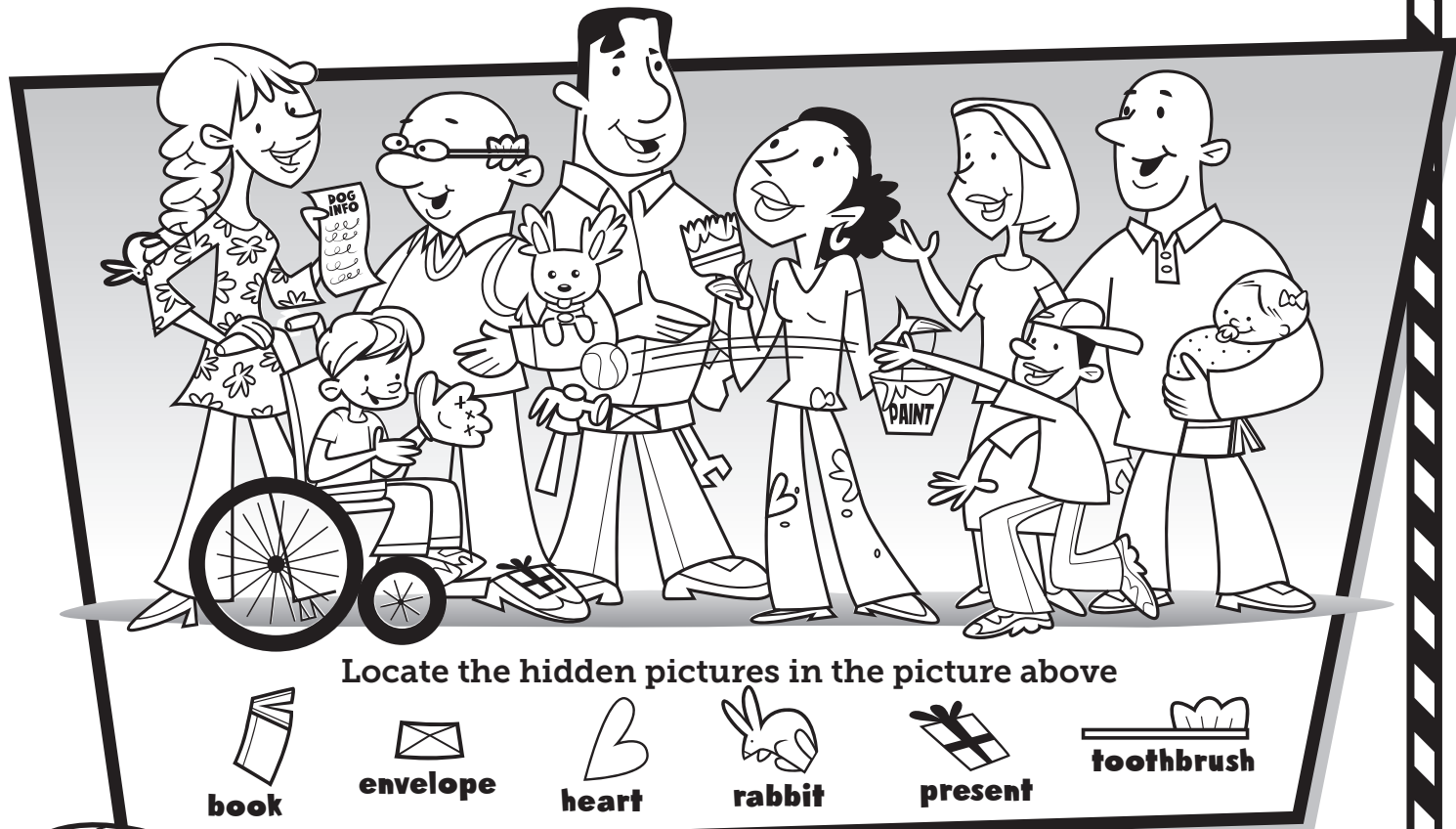
Hunger Relief



Prayer

What is a church?

A church is a group of people who worship God and serve Him together. They love and help each other as a family. Everyone needs a church family.



What does a church do?

Color these pictures of things a church family does.

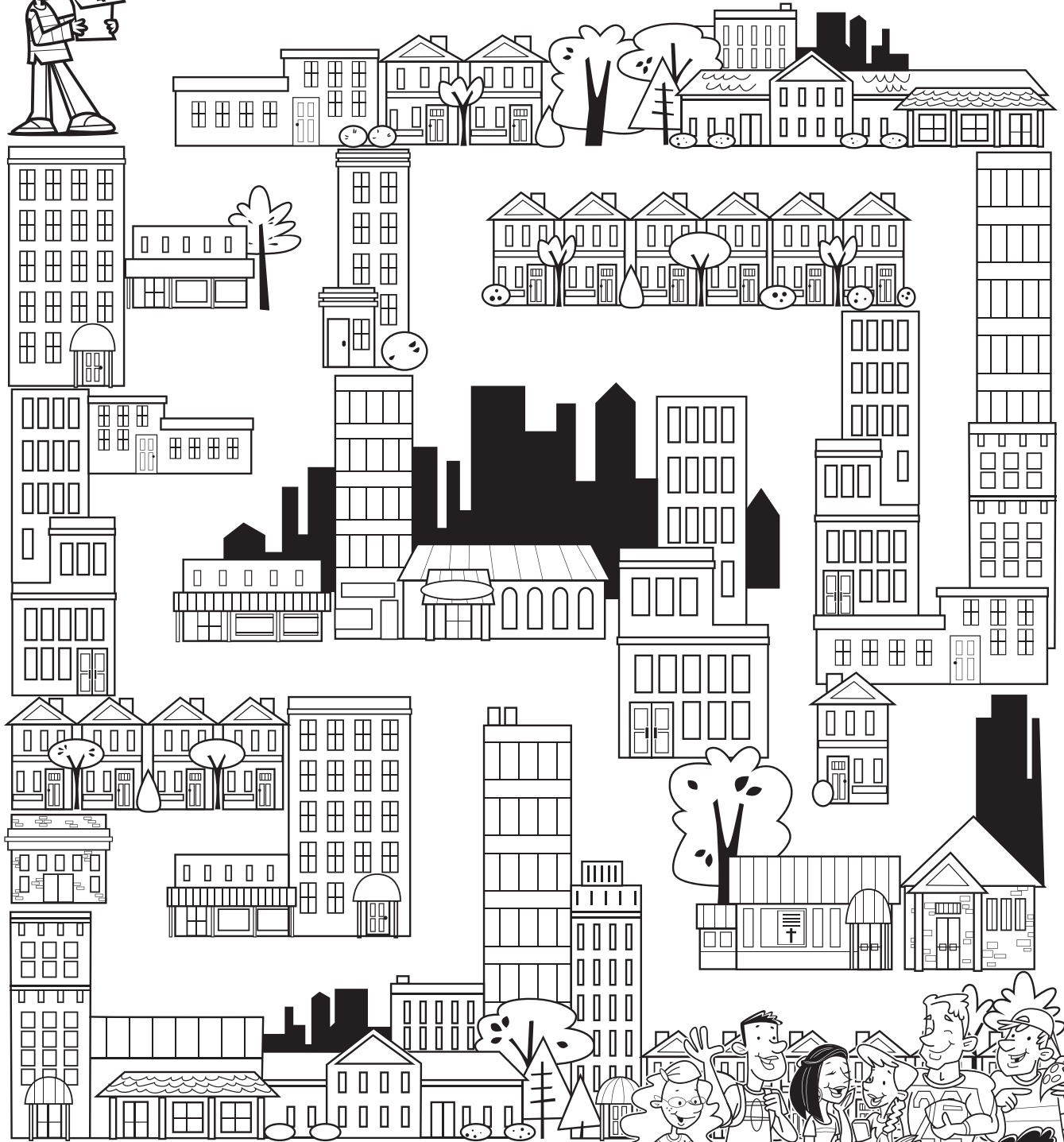


Why do we need more churches?

Millions of people live in North America. Many of them live in large cities. There are not enough churches for everyone to have a church family. We need to start new churches so everyone can have a church family.



Can you help the boy follow the street to find the church family at the end?



What is a missionary?

A missionary is a person who is sent to tell people about God's Son, Jesus. He or she may be sent to faraway lands or near their own hometowns.

Missionaries do whatever it takes to help people become friends with Jesus. Two Bible verses are very important to them. Crack the code to discover these verses. Find them in your Bible. Explain what they mean. Ask an adult for help, if needed.

_____ 28:19-20
15 1 20 20 11 2 21

_____ 1:8
1 7 20 19

Code Key

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
A	E	I	O	U	B	C	D	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	P	R	S	T	W

How to become a Christian

People who are friends of Jesus are called Christians. Do you know how to become a Christian?

First we must admit we are sinners—that we do wrong things that make God sad.

Then we must believe that Jesus is God's Son and that He died to take the punishment for the wrong things we have done. We must also believe that He rose from the dead and went into heaven.

After we accept what Jesus did for us, we should be baptized and learn all we can about Him by going to church, praying and reading our Bibles. We should try to be like Him.

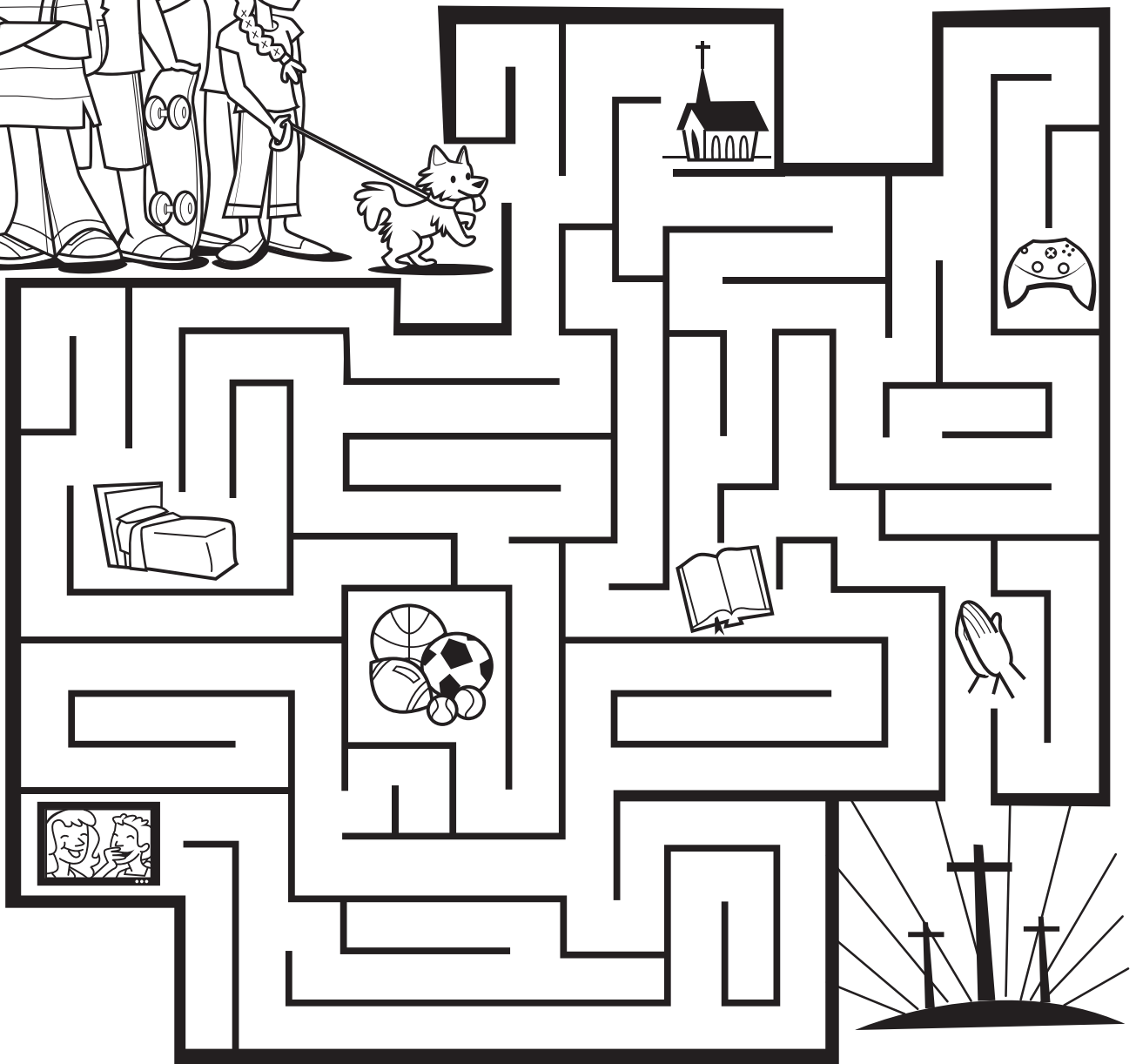
If you would like to become a Christian, or have questions about it, talk to your parents, your leader or another Christian adult.

Why do we need missionaries in North America?

Millions of people in North America do not have Jesus as a friend. They do not know about His love for them. Without Jesus they cannot go to heaven when they die. North American missionaries help people know who Jesus is so they can become His friend, follow Him and be saved.



Help these boys and girls find their way through the maze. Go past the paths that may distract you, and follow the path that has things that help you learn and grow as Jesus' friend.



Where do missionaries come from?

Missionaries come from churches like yours! Churches help teach their members how to tell people about Jesus and how to start new churches. Maybe someday you will be a missionary!

In the blanks below, write the names of missionaries sent from your church or people in your church you think could be missionaries.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Missionaries show God's love to people. Unscramble the words below that tell how you can show God's love to others.



North America

North America is NAMB's mission field where missionaries are sent to start churches in large cities or areas that don't have enough churches for all the people living there.

These cities are called Send Cities.

There are 31 of them. There are two focus areas, South Florida and Puerto Rico.

Which region are you in—Northeast, South, Midwest, West or Canada? Write your region in the correct blank below.

Which U.S. state or Canadian province do you live in? What is the name of your city? Write your answers in the correct blanks.

Which Send City or area is nearest you? Circle it.

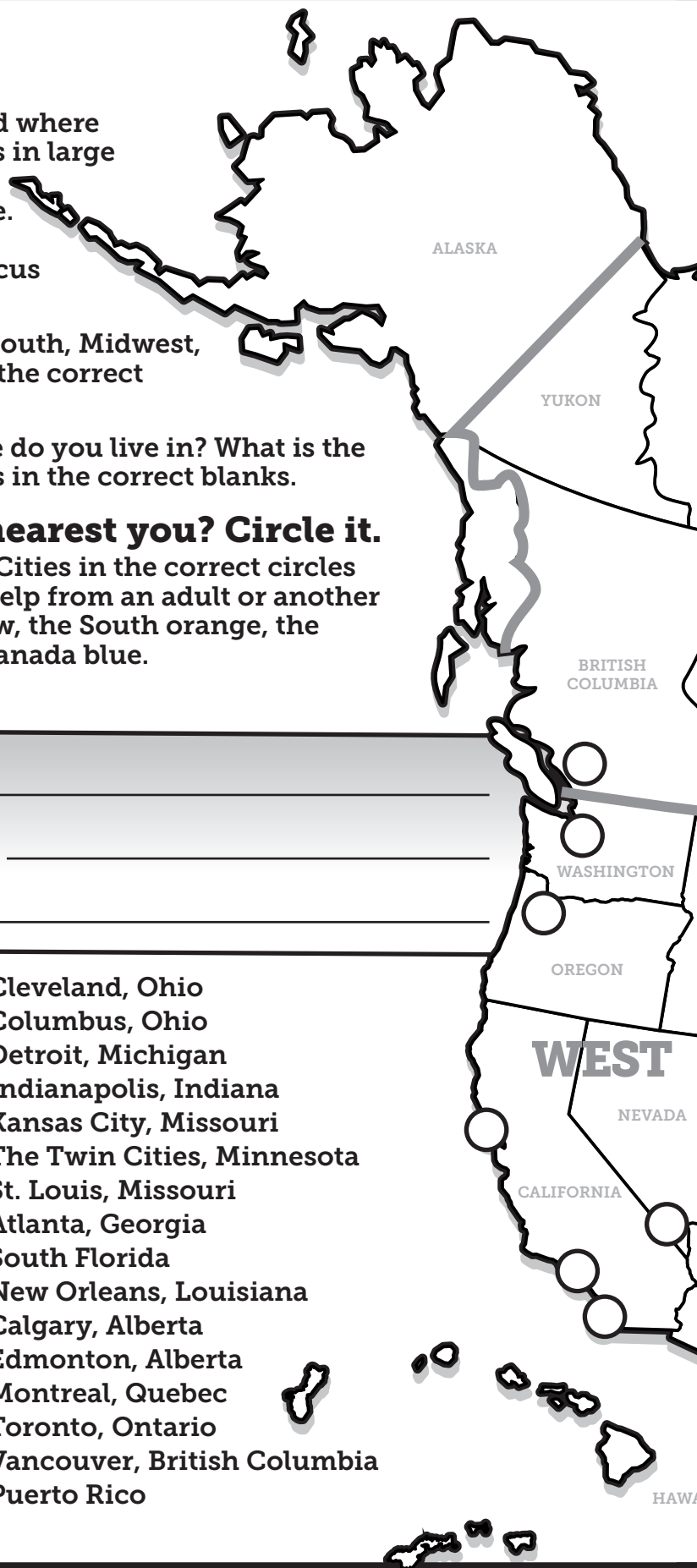
Write the number of each of the Send Cities in the correct circles on the map to the right. You may get help from an adult or another map. Color the Northeast region yellow, the South orange, the Midwest purple, the West green and Canada blue.

YOUR REGION: _____

YOUR STATE OR PROVINCE: _____

YOUR CITY: _____

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 Baltimore, Maryland | 18 Cleveland, Ohio |
| 2 Boston, Massachusetts | 19 Columbus, Ohio |
| 3 New York City, New York | 20 Detroit, Michigan |
| 4 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania | 21 Indianapolis, Indiana |
| 5 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania | 22 Kansas City, Missouri |
| 6 Washington, D.C. | 23 The Twin Cities, Minnesota |
| 7 Denver, Colorado | 24 St. Louis, Missouri |
| 8 Las Vegas, Nevada | 25 Atlanta, Georgia |
| 9 Los Angeles, California | 26 South Florida |
| 10 Phoenix, Arizona | 27 New Orleans, Louisiana |
| 11 Portland, Oregon | 28 Calgary, Alberta |
| 12 San Diego, California | 29 Edmonton, Alberta |
| 13 San Francisco, California | 30 Montreal, Quebec |
| 14 Seattle, Washington | 31 Toronto, Ontario |
| 15 Salt Lake City, Utah | 32 Vancouver, British Columbia |
| 16 Chicago, Illinois | 33 Puerto Rico |
| 17 Cincinnati, Ohio | |





SOUTH REGION



There are more Southern Baptist churches in the South than in any other region in North America. But even in the South, many people do not know Jesus. If you had three friends living in the South, two of them might not know Jesus.



**The South has four
Send Cities/Areas:**

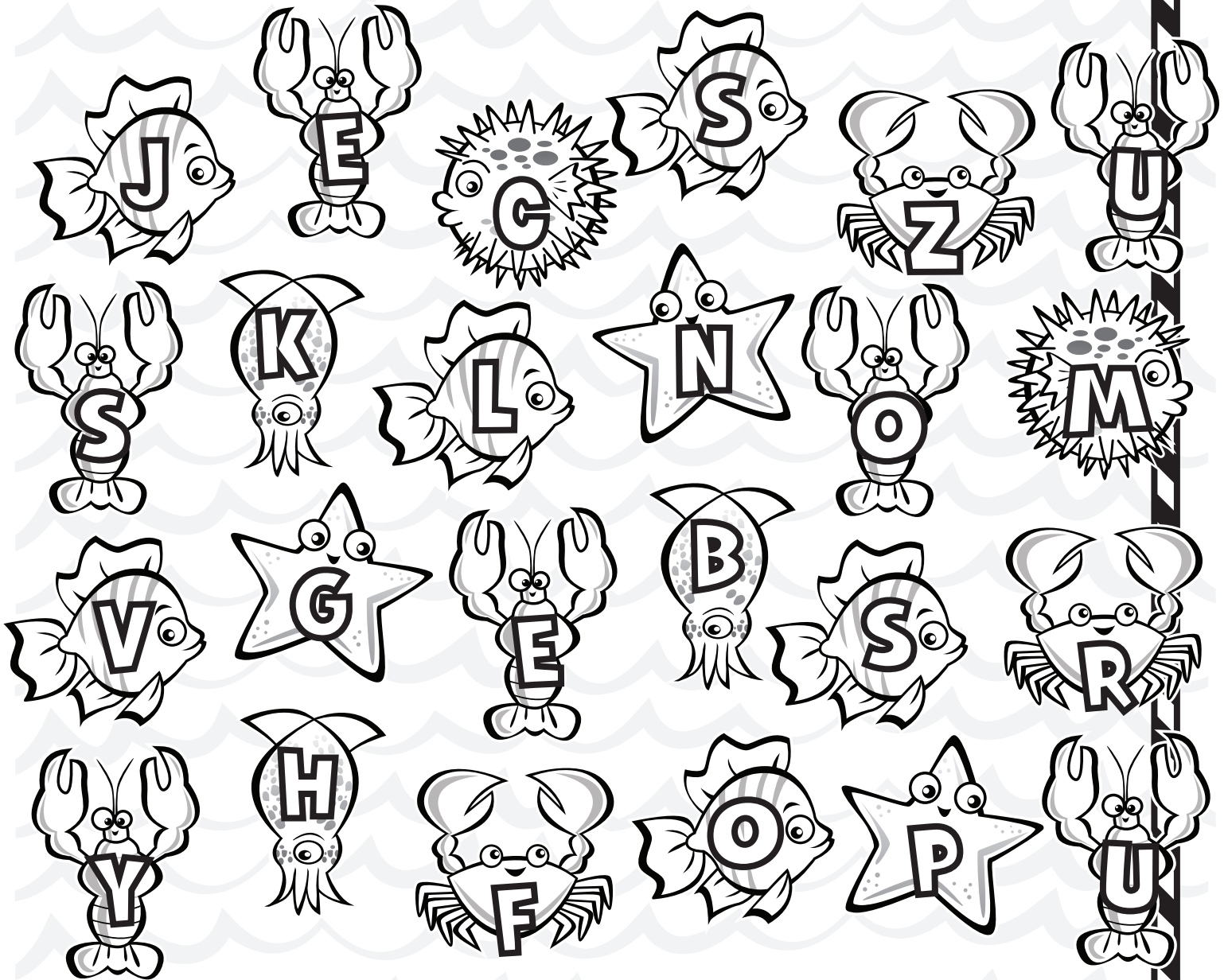
1. Atlanta, Georgia
2. South Florida
3. New Orleans, Louisiana
4. Puerto Rico

**Color orange the
states that have
Send Cities/Areas.**

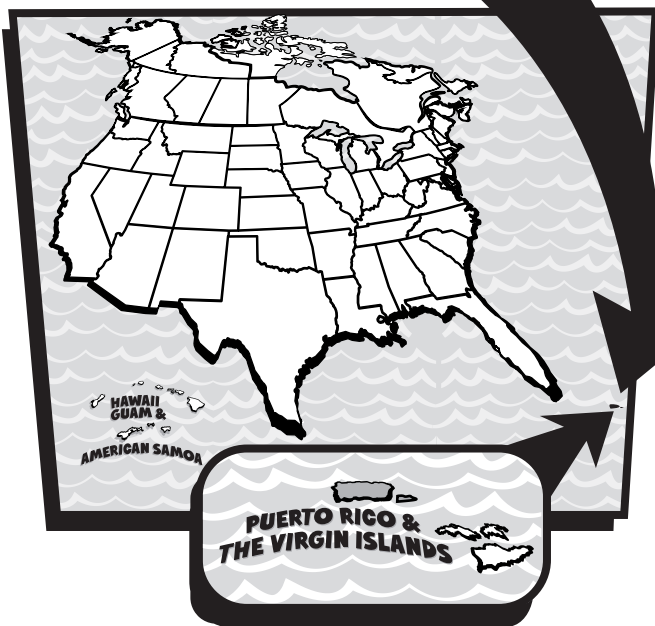
SOUTH REGION

Every year, visitors from all over the world come to **Atlanta, South Florida, New Orleans** and **Puerto Rico**. Atlanta is the home of Coca-Cola®, Stone Mountain and the Georgia Aquarium. South Florida has beautiful beaches and Everglades National Park. New Orleans is famous for its Mardi Gras celebration, jazz music and crawfish gumbo. Puerto Rico is known for beaches and a beautiful tropical forest.

Circle the crawfish  and the fish with stripes . Write the letters in the blanks to see an important message for visitors and people living in Atlanta, South Florida, New Orleans and Puerto Rico.



PUERTO RICO



Puerto Rico is a tropical island in the Caribbean Sea near Haiti and the Dominican Republic. It is a territory of the United States and under our protection. Though it is not a state, the people there are U.S. citizens. Spanish and English are the official languages in Puerto Rico, with Spanish being the main language spoken.

God loves the people of Puerto Rico and wants them to know and love Jesus. Missionaries to Puerto Rico are helping by planting new churches and providing relief from disasters and poverty. Puerto Ricans can know God's love through our love.

Circle the pictures of the things you would not find on a tropical island.



In 2017, Puerto Rico was hit by two terrible hurricanes. Most homes were destroyed. For a long time after the hurricanes hit, there was no electricity, food or water for the people who survived. Many were sick or injured. Southern Baptist missionaries and volunteers rushed to help the people. Sadly, hurricanes sometimes strike islands in the Caribbean.

In the word search below, find 10 words that describe things we can provide and things we can do to help the people of Puerto Rico in their times of need.

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WATER	LOVE	MEDICINE	REBUILD	BIBLES

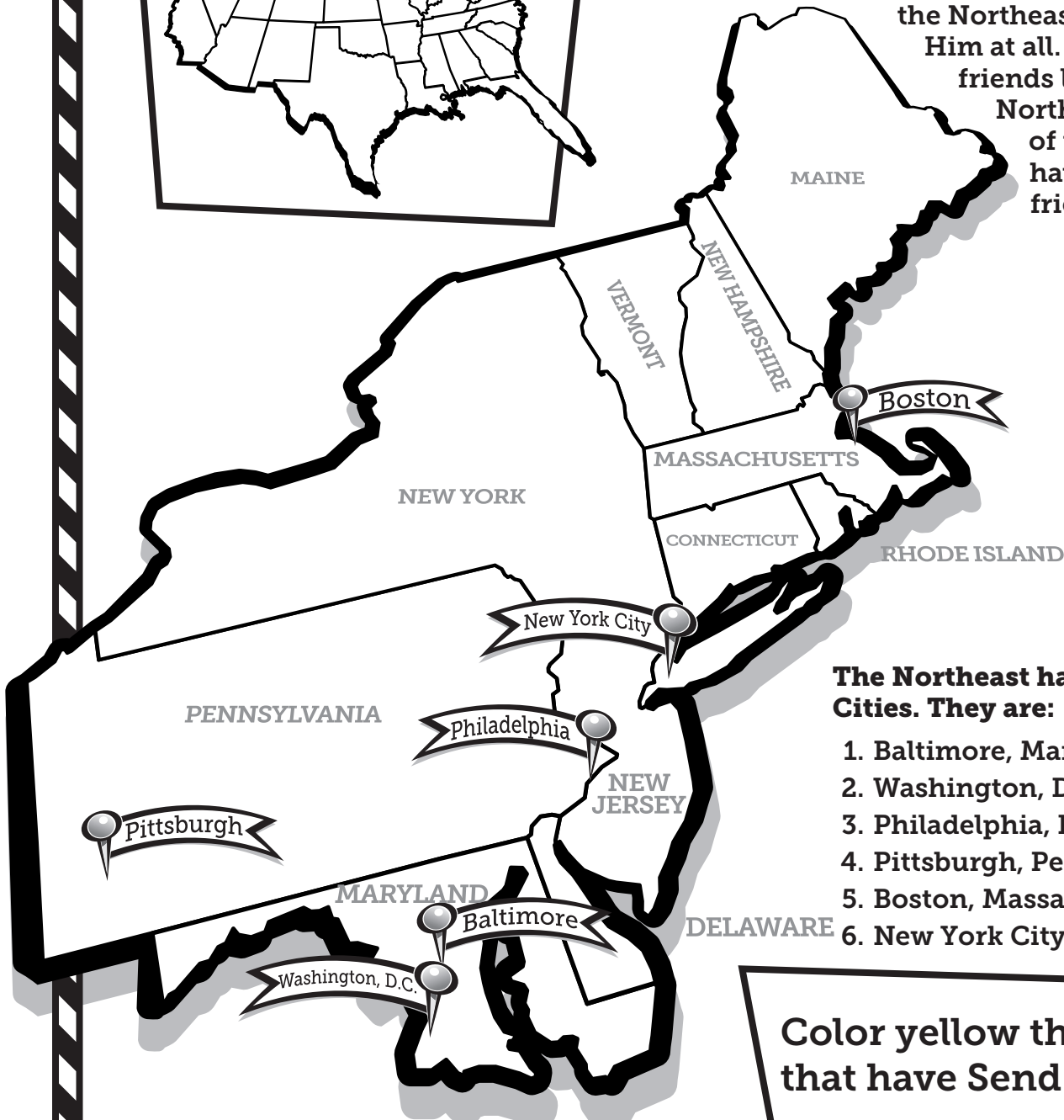
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NORTHEAST REGION



Many historical events happened in the Northeast Region. It is where the Pilgrims landed hundreds of years ago and where the U.S. government began.

The Pilgrims sailed from England to the Northeast Region of North America so they could worship God the way they wanted. Now very few people living in the Northeast worship Him at all. If you had 10 friends living in the Northeast, only two of them might have Jesus as a friend.



The Northeast has six Send Cities. They are:

1. Baltimore, Maryland
2. Washington, D.C.
3. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
4. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
5. Boston, Massachusetts
6. New York City, New York

Color yellow the states that have Send Cities.

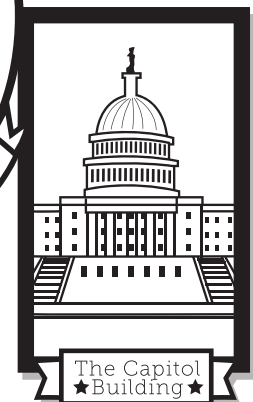
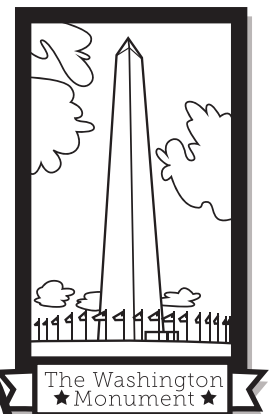
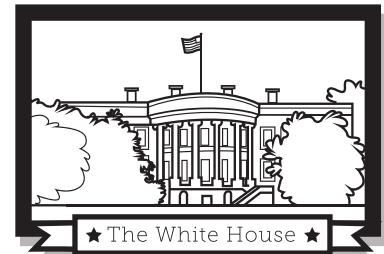
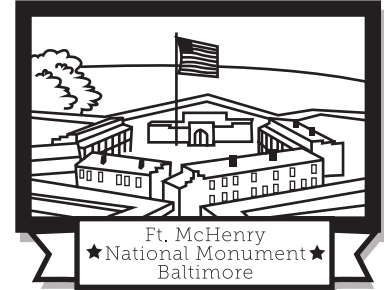
NORTHEAST REGION

Baltimore is one of the oldest cities in the United States. It was the home of Annie Armstrong, who many years ago wrote thousands of letters asking churches to help missionaries. The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® for North American Missions is named after her.

Washington, D.C., is the capital of the United States of America. Many important decisions are made there. The leaders need God's help to make the right decisions.

In the space below, write a short letter to your church family asking them to help send missionaries to start churches in Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

Dear Church Family,



NORTHEAST REGION

Philadelphia is home to the Liberty Bell and the first American flag. **Pittsburgh** is best known for its iron and steel factories. Both cities need more churches.

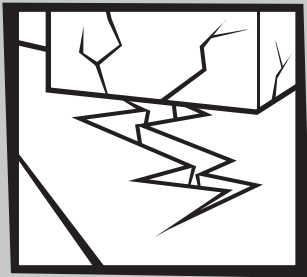
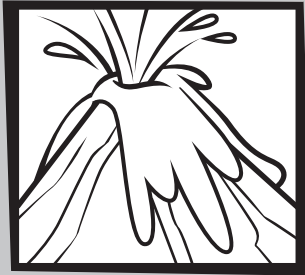
Build a church building for the people in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh by connecting the dots. Color the building.



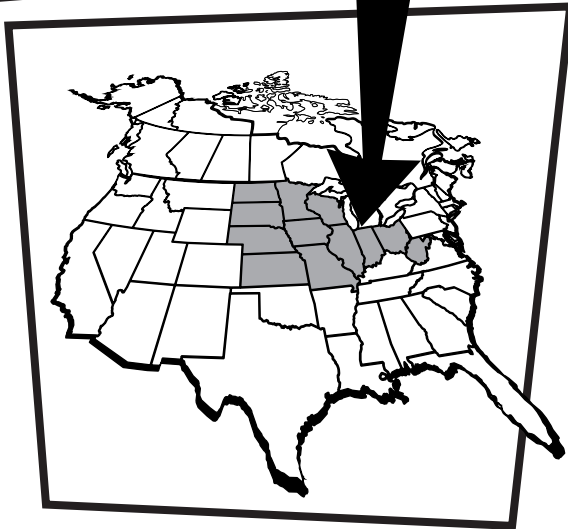
NORTHEAST REGION

Boston and **New York City** are both located on the Atlantic coast. In 2012, Hurricane Sandy hit those cities. There was much damage, especially in New York City. Homes were flooded and flattened. Southern Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers came to help. They helped with things like cleaning out mud, repairing roofs, preparing meals, providing showers, washing clothes and even caring for children. They told people about God's love. They helped those who didn't have a church family find one.

Color the pictures of the types of disasters and the tools Southern Baptists use to help people.



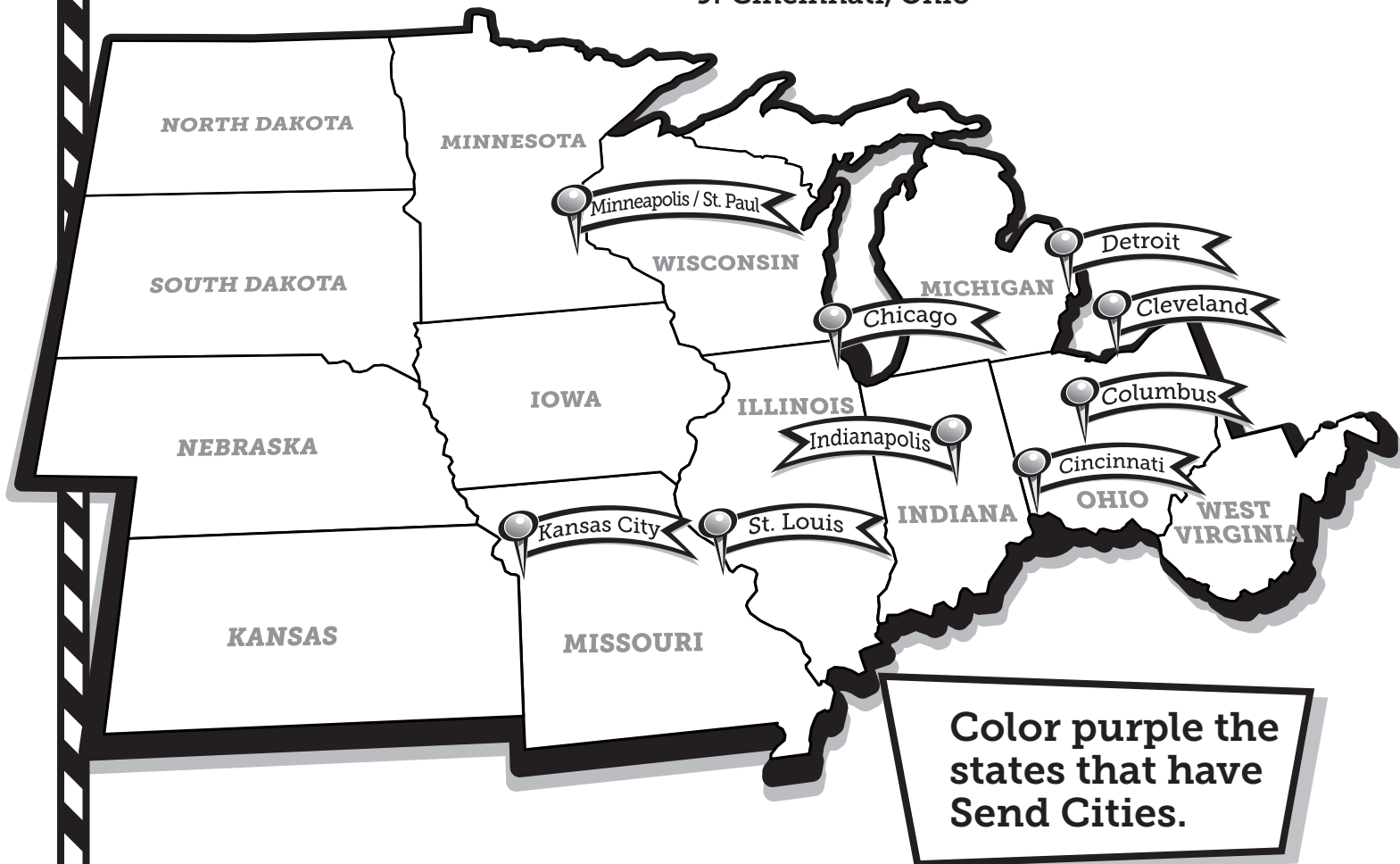
MIDWEST REGION



The Midwest is sometimes called America's breadbasket because it has farmland where corn and wheat are grown. There are also very large cities in the Midwest where many people who do not know Jesus live. If you had 10 friends living in the Midwest, only two or three of them may have Jesus as a friend.

The Midwest has nine Send Cities. They are:

1. Chicago, Illinois
2. Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota
3. St. Louis, Missouri
4. Kansas City, Missouri
5. Indianapolis, Indiana
6. Detroit, Michigan
7. Cleveland, Ohio
8. Columbus, Ohio
9. Cincinnati, Ohio



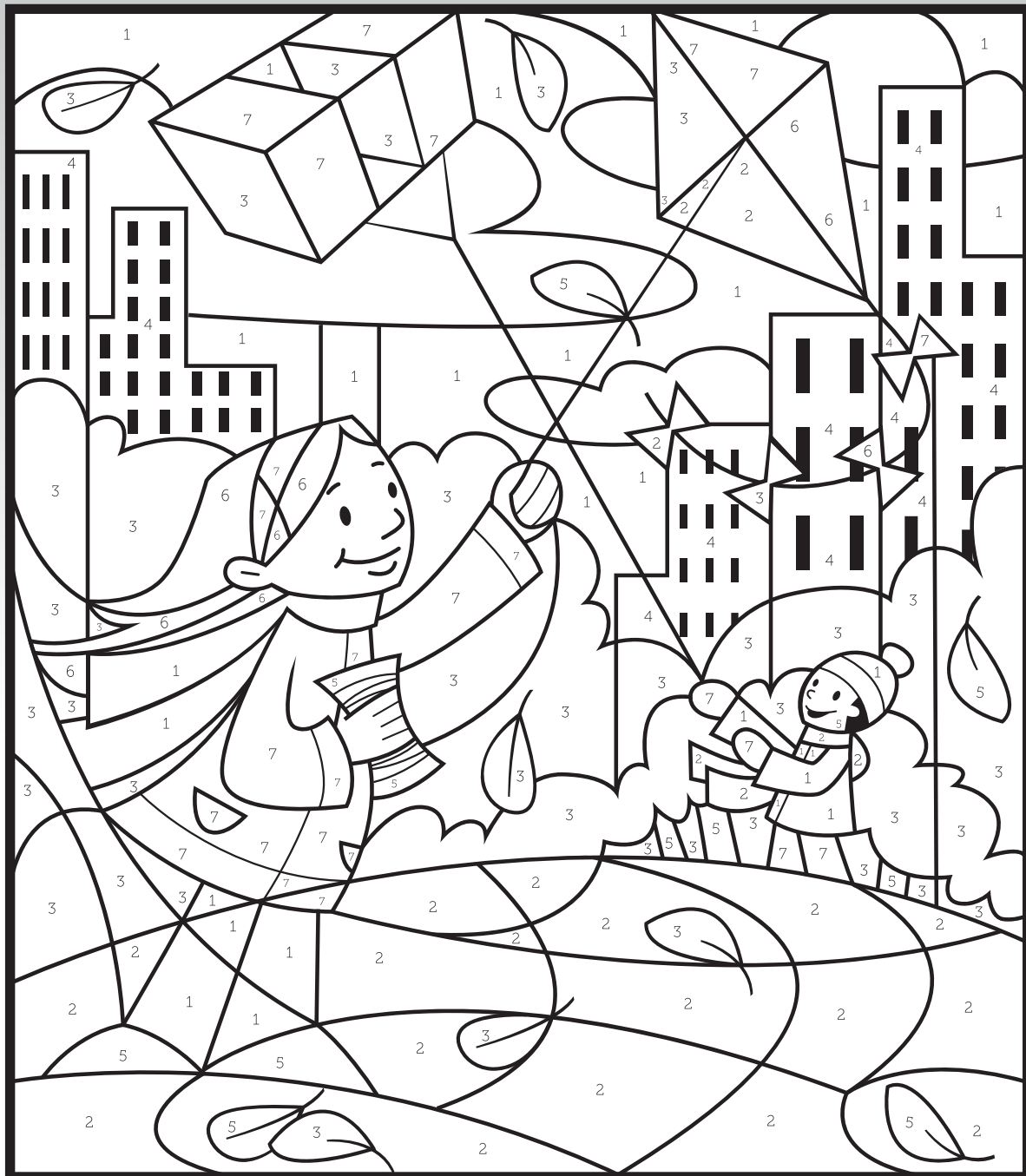
MIDWEST REGION

Chicago is located on Lake Michigan, one of the Great Lakes. The Chicago River runs right through the city. You can take a boat ride on the river and see many tall, beautiful skyscrapers.

Chicago has a famous nickname. Look at the picture, and guess the nickname. Write it in the blank. Color the picture according to the numbers.

The _____ City

1 - Blue 2 - Green 3 - Orange 4 - Gray or Pencil 5 - Brown 6 - Yellow 7 - Red



MIDWEST REGION

Minneapolis and St. Paul are called **The Twin Cities** because they are located close together.

In many ways they are alike, but like most twins they have some differences. For instance, Minneapolis is newer and more modern than St. Paul. And, because it is older, St. Paul has more history. But both cities need more churches.

Can you circle the seven differences between these twins? Don't forget to color the picture!



MIDWEST REGION

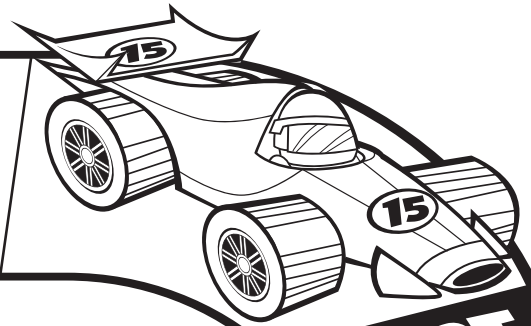
St. Louis and **Kansas City** are both located in Missouri. The Missouri River flows through Kansas City on the western side of Missouri and ends at St. Louis on the eastern side.

These missionaries shared a special message with the people in Kansas City. They want to float down the river to share it with people in St. Louis, too, but the words got scrambled. Help the missionaries by unscrambling the words, putting them in the blanks below. Then say the entire verse out loud to a friend. Color the picture.



John 3:16, NIV

MIDWEST REGION



START

A famous car race called the Indianapolis 500 is held every year in **Indianapolis**.
Detroit is called the car capital of the world because many major carmakers are located there.

Help the racecar driver win the Indianapolis 500 as you discover the only way to get to heaven.
Find the "Start" line. Color the space with the letter "J" green. Color the next space red. Continue coloring the spaces green then red so every other space is the opposite color.

Racing clockwise around the track, write the green letters in the spaces below.
Ignore the red letters.

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_____ !

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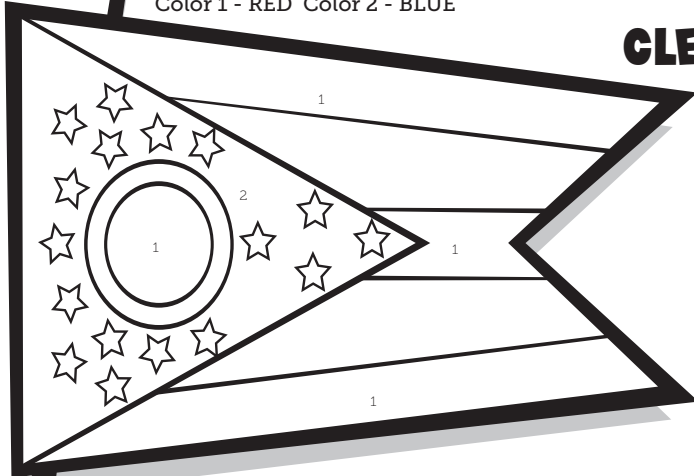
MIDWEST REGION

Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati

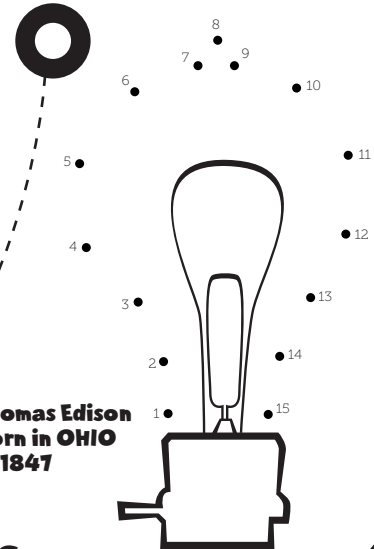
are all located in Ohio. The Ohio state motto is in the Bible three times. Look up and read aloud Matthew 19:26, Mark 10:27 and Luke 18:27. Using the code box at the bottom of the page, decipher the Ohio state motto, and write it in the blanks provided.

Ohio State Flag

Color 1 - RED Color 2 - BLUE



CLEVELAND



Thomas Edison
born in OHIO
in 1847

COLUMBUS



CINCINNATI

250 miles from
Cleveland to
Cincinnati!



OHIO STATE MOTTO
Adopted in 1959

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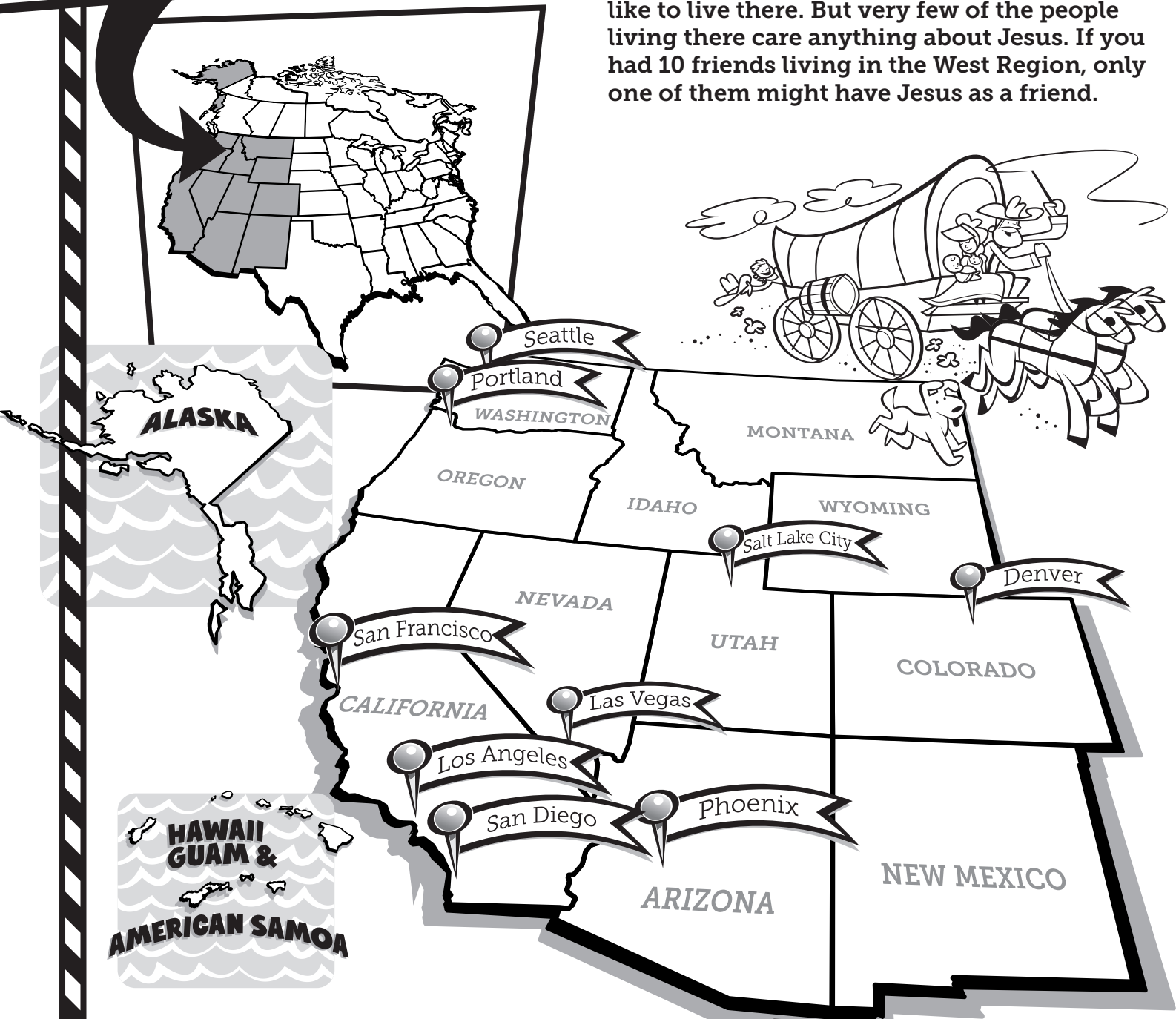
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WEST REGION

Many years ago people traveled in covered wagons to settle in the West. Today millions of people live there and millions more would like to live there. But very few of the people living there care anything about Jesus. If you had 10 friends living in the West Region, only one of them might have Jesus as a friend.



The West region has nine Send Cities. They are:

1. Portland, Oregon
2. Seattle, Washington
3. Las Vegas, Nevada
4. Salt Lake City, Utah
5. Phoenix, Arizona
6. Denver, Colorado
7. Los Angeles, California
8. San Diego, California
9. San Francisco, California

Color green the states that have Send Cities.

WEST REGION

Seattle and **Portland** are part of the Pacific Northwest. They are both known to be especially rainy cities. They both have volcanoes. They both have thousands of people who need a church family. Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to spell words that show where people who need a church family in Seattle and Portland are living.

Vowels: A, E, I, O, U

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T__wns

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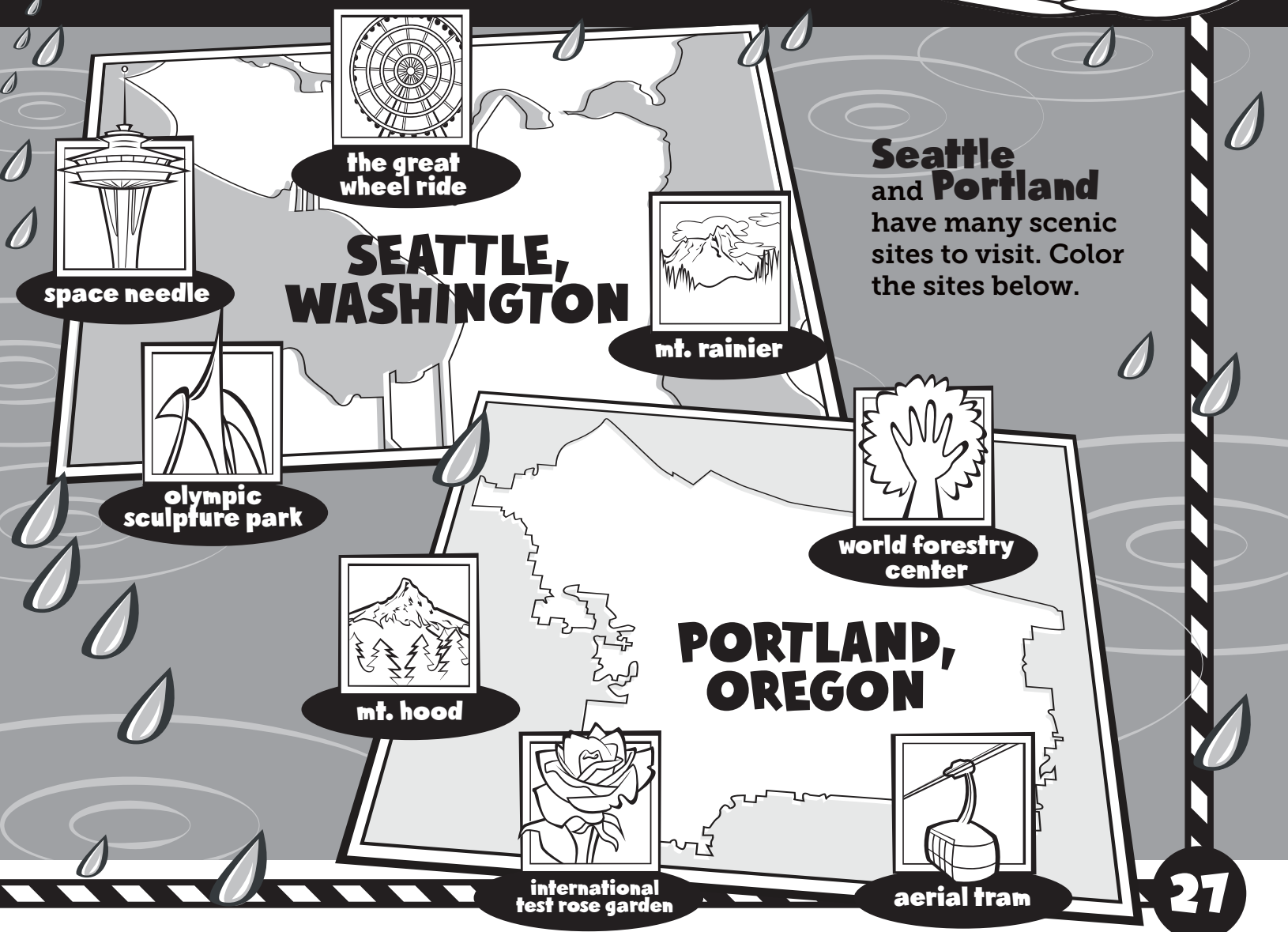
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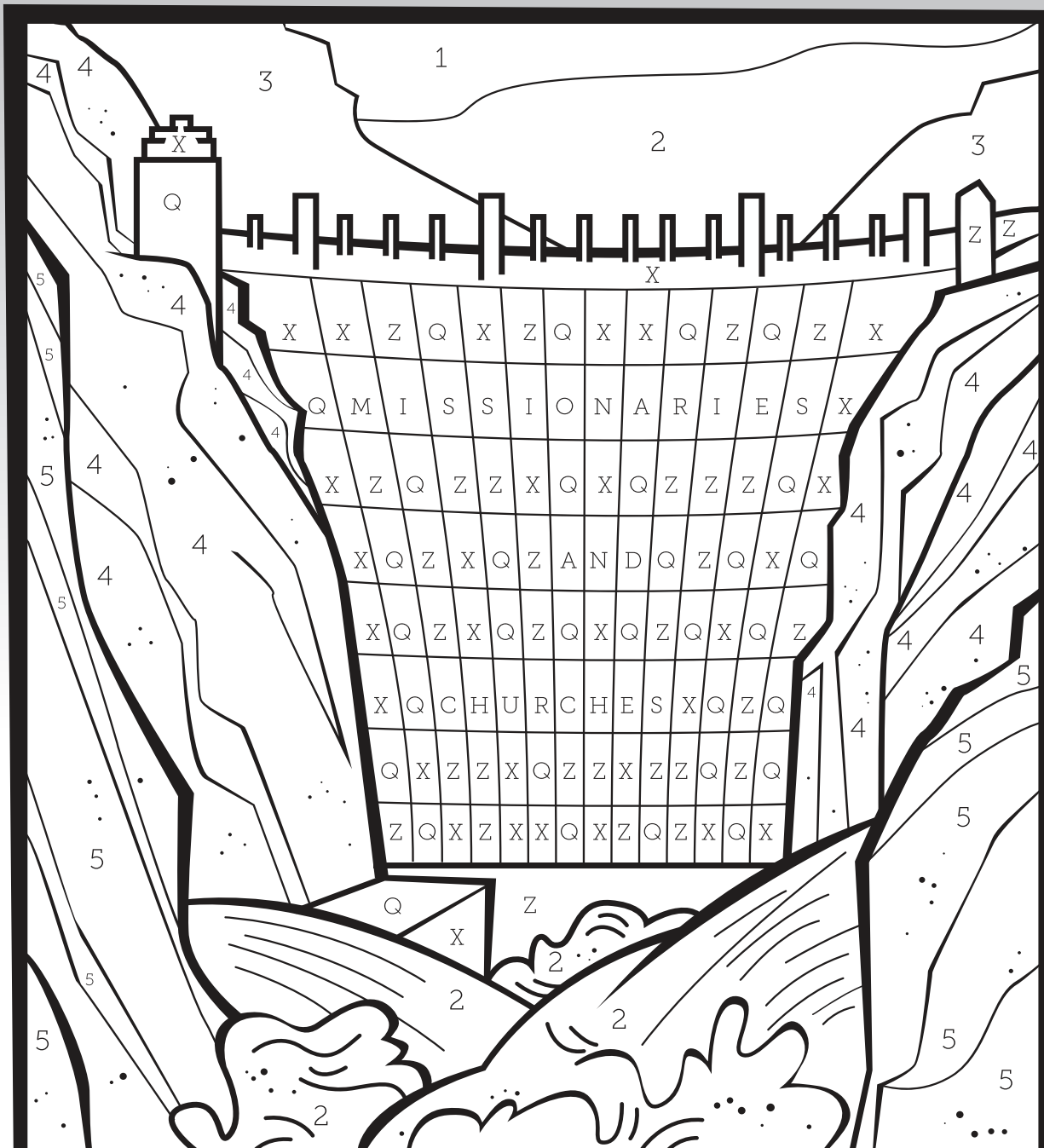


WEST REGION

Millions of people live in and visit **Las Vegas** and **Salt Lake City**. Most of them hardly ever think about Jesus.

The picture below is of Hoover Dam in Nevada. Color gray (you can use a pencil) all the squares that contain Xs, Zs and Qs to discover what people need to help them learn about Jesus. Color numbered sections the correct colors in the key below. The answer for what people need to help them learn about Jesus is in the squares that are not colored.

1 - yellow 2 - blue 3- purple 4 - brown 5 - black QXZ - gray or pencil



Phoenix is the capital of Arizona. It is located in a desert area called the Valley of the Sun.

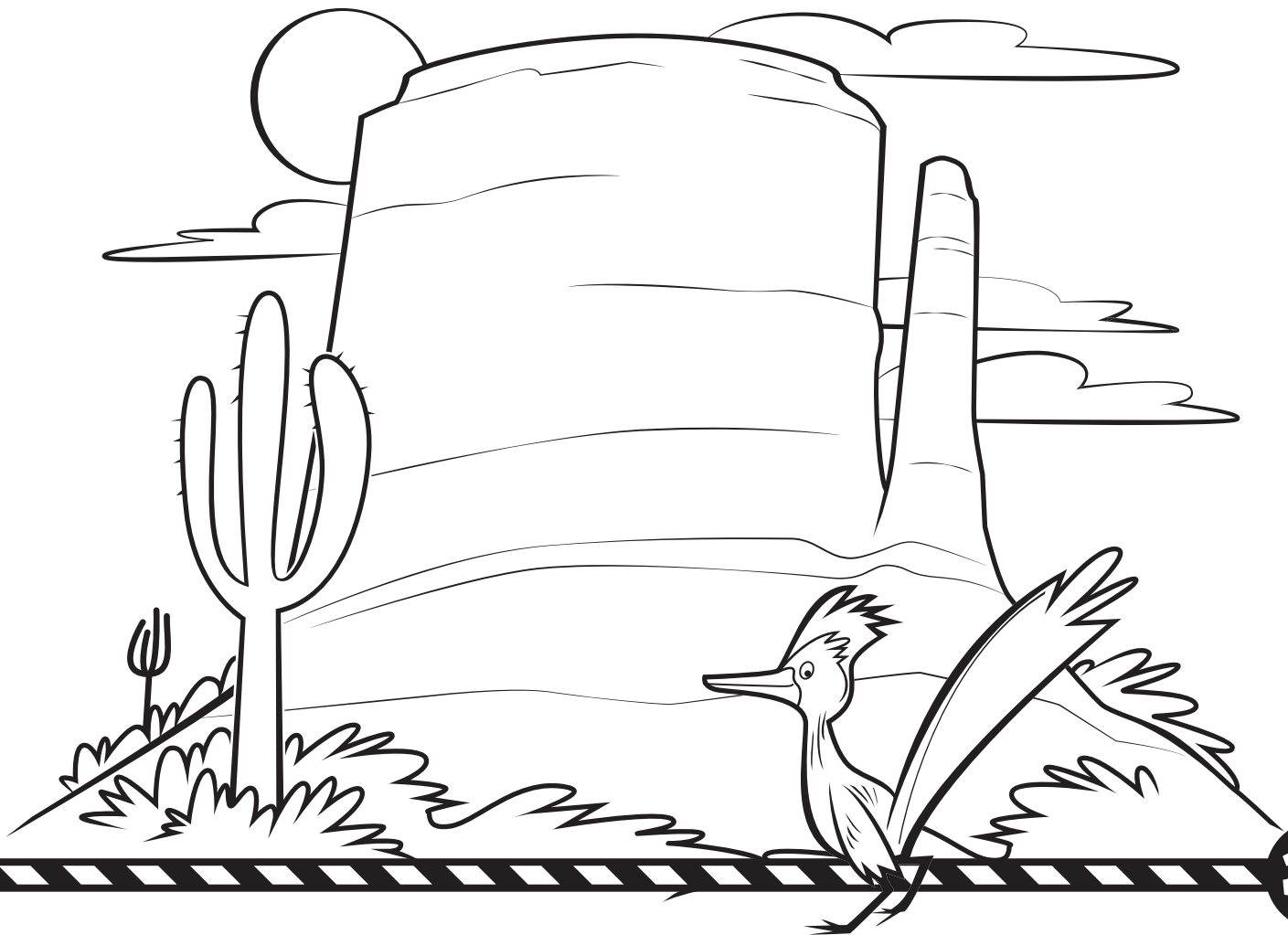
Denver is the capital of Colorado. It is located in the high plains of Colorado and is called the Mile High City.

Both Phoenix and Denver have many sunny days throughout the year. Both cities have many Spanish speakers living in them. Do you know how to say "Jesus loves you" in Spanish?

To learn how, use the Morse Code dots and dashes noted below. Put the correct letters in the blanks. Color the picture.

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B -•••	F ••••	J •---•	N -•	R •••	V •••-	Z ---••
C -••••	G ---•	K -••-	O ---•	S •••	W ••-	
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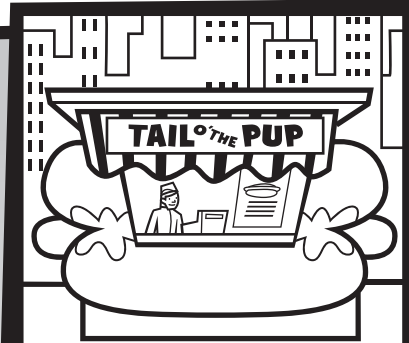
WEST REGION

Los Angeles and **San Diego** are located on the coastline of southern California, not far from Mexico. There are many fun places to visit, but there are not many churches.

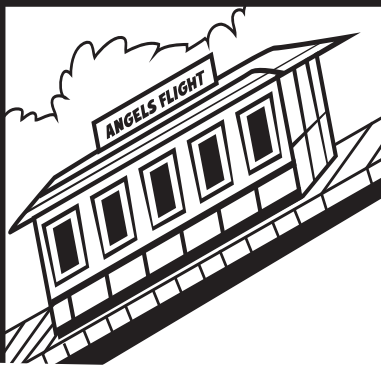
Look at the pictures. These are some things you can do in these cities. Color the pictures, and circle the ones you would like to do.



Visit the zoo



Eat at a hot
dog stand



Ride a railcar



Tell someone
about Jesus



See a movie
being made



Sit in traffic

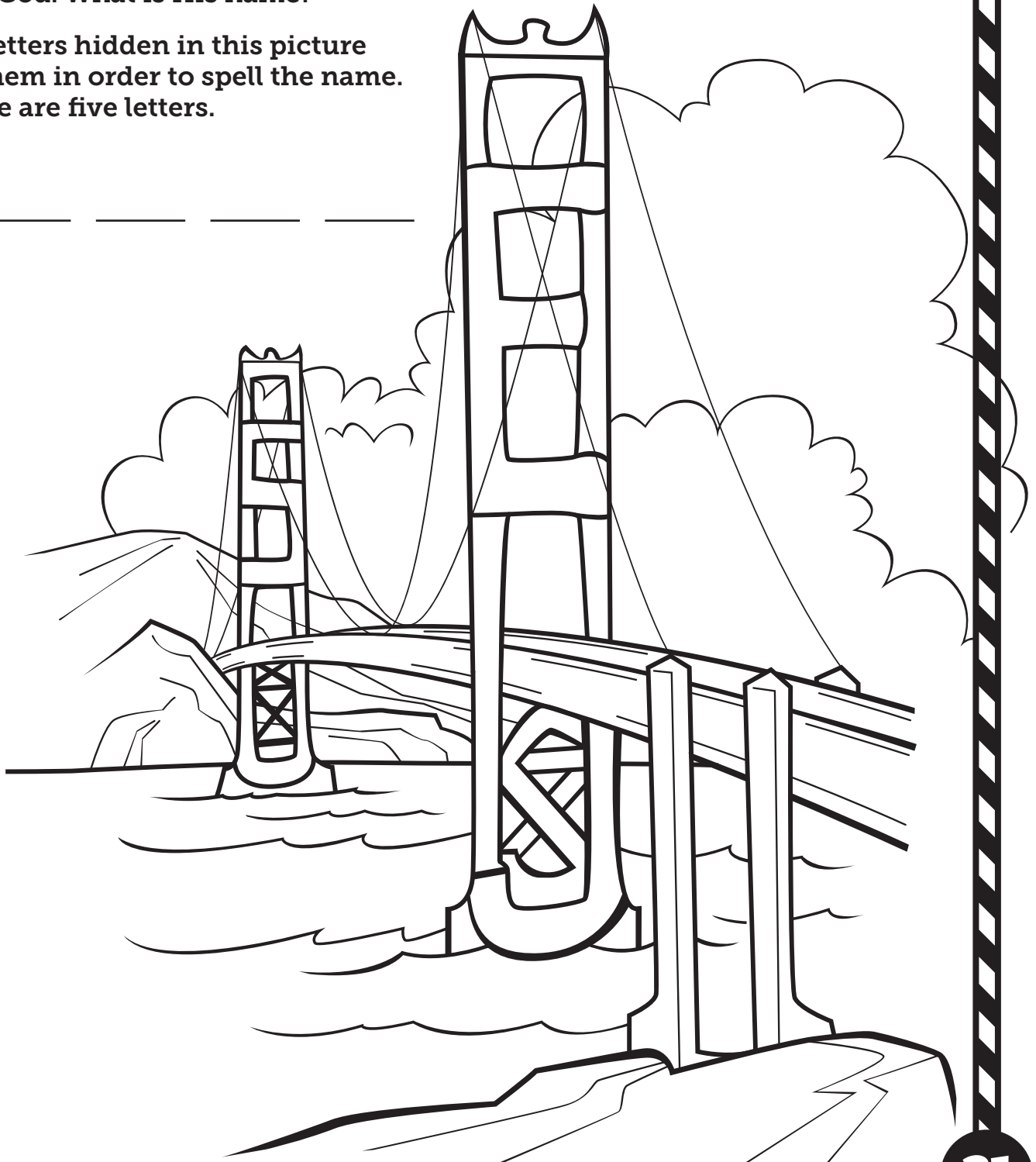


Play at the beach

Two famous bridges are in **San Francisco**. One is the Bay Bridge and the other is the Golden Gate Bridge.

People living in San Francisco need bridges to connect them to other people. There is a person who is like a bridge connecting people to God. What is His name?

Find the letters hidden in this picture and put them in order to spell the name.
Hint: there are five letters.



CANADA REGION



Canada has both modern cities and wild frontier. It is the fourth largest country in the world but has hardly any churches. Many of the people in Canada don't like religion. If you had 10 friends living in Canada, only one of them may love Jesus. We need to show them that Jesus is not about religion—He is about love.

There are five Send Cities in Canada:

1. Montreal, Quebec
2. Toronto, Ontario
3. Calgary, Alberta
4. Edmonton, Alberta
5. Vancouver, British Columbia

Color blue the provinces that have Send Cities.



CANADA REGION

The Canadian cities of **Montreal** and **Toronto** are close to the U.S. border. People in Toronto speak mostly English while the people in Montreal speak mostly French. Ice hockey is a big sport in both cities.

Find the words from the list in the Word Search that name things you would use to play hockey. Also, find things that missionaries can use to tell people in Montreal and Toronto about Jesus.

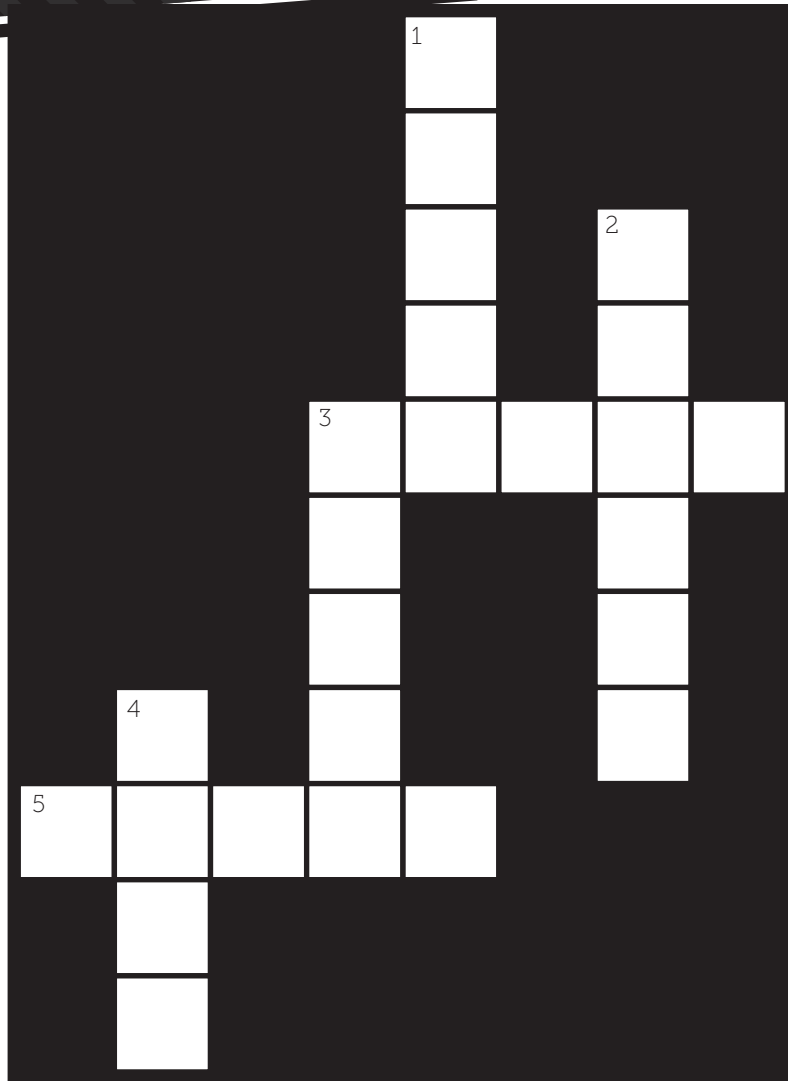
Bible	Skates	Pads	Stick	Church
Puck	Facemask	Gloves		Tracts



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CANADA

REGION



Calgary and **Edmonton** are both located in the province of Alberta near rivers. In the spring of 2013, these cities had lots of rain that caused terrible flooding. They needed our help.

Below are pictures of items we can use to help hurting people like those in Calgary and Edmonton. Write the names of the items in the correct place to complete the crossword puzzle.

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2.



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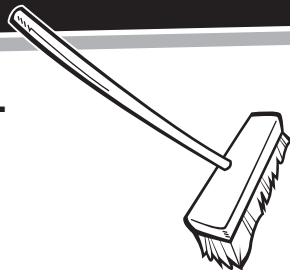


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Across

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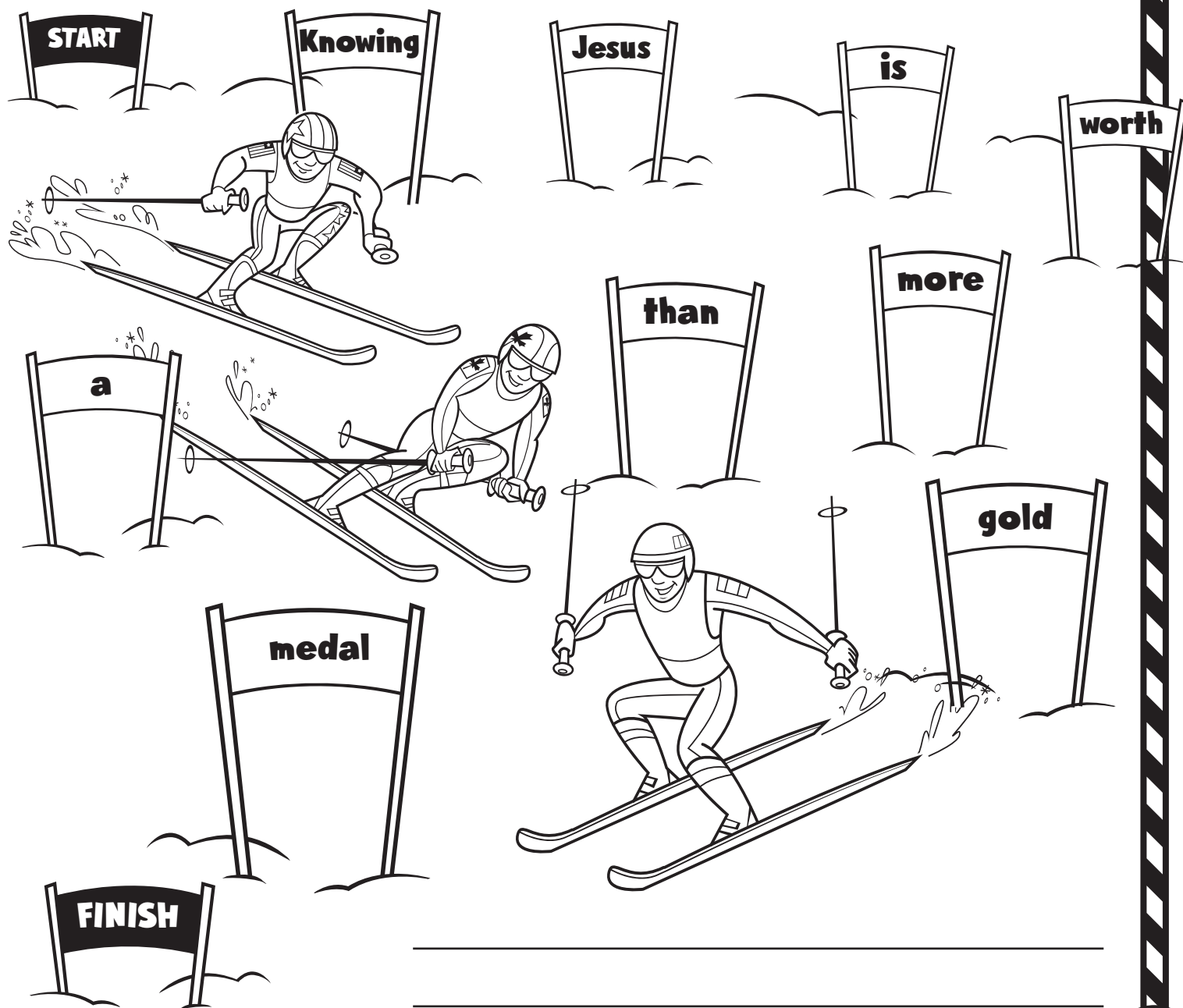


CANADA REGION

Millions of people live in and go to school in **Vancouver**. Most of them enjoy winter sports such as hockey and skiing.

Missionaries went to Vancouver for the 2010 Winter Olympics to tell people that knowing Jesus is worth more than a gold medal. Their ministry is called More Than Gold. Many people who might never have heard of Jesus before heard about Him in Vancouver.

Help these skiers see the message on the flags by drawing a line to show the correct path. Then, write the words in the correct blanks below to show Olympians the message of More Than Gold.



What is Send Relief?

Send Relief is a compassion ministry of the North American Mission Board and the International Mission Board. Compassion is a big word, but the meaning is simple. Compassion is feeling concern for the hurts of others and helping with acts of kindness.

In the Bible, there are lots of stories about Jesus showing compassion to hurting people. He provided food for hungry people. He healed sick people. He showed them compassion through these acts of kindness.



Crack the code below to see what Jesus wants us to do.

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Ephesians 4:32

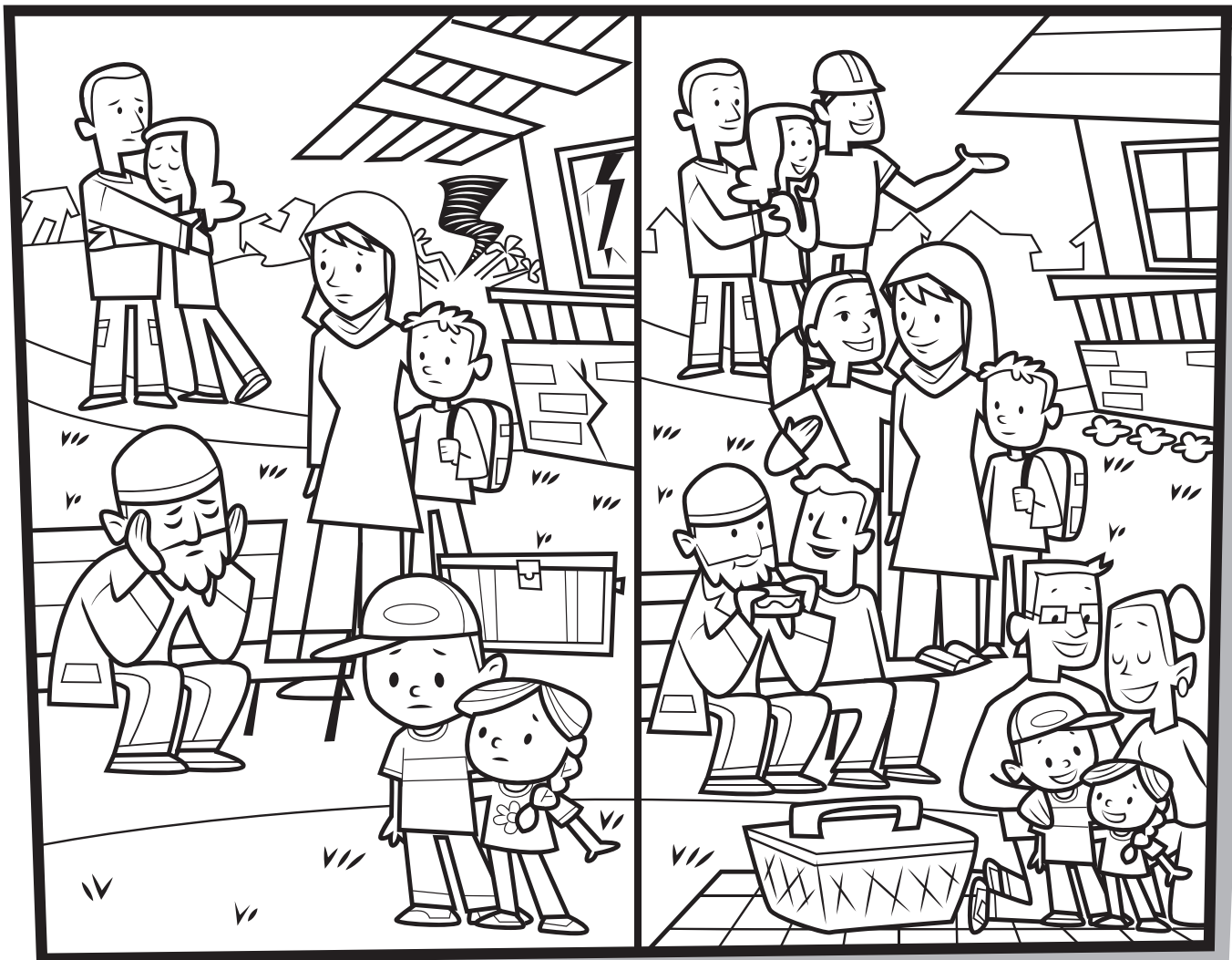
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Send Relief works through churches and volunteers all over the world to help many hurting people. They help people who are poor and hungry. They help find loving homes for kids who either don't have parents or whose parents can't take care of them. They help people who have to move from their home country to find safety and a better life. They have to learn the language and ways of their new country. They also help people who have suffered from disasters like tornadoes, hurricanes, floods or fire.

Send Relief volunteers show all hurting people the love and compassion of Jesus. They tell them that Jesus is their friend and help them become Christians. That is the best thing of all.

Color the picture below of the people helped by churches and volunteers through Send Relief. Name the types of people helped as you color. Think of ways they can be helped.

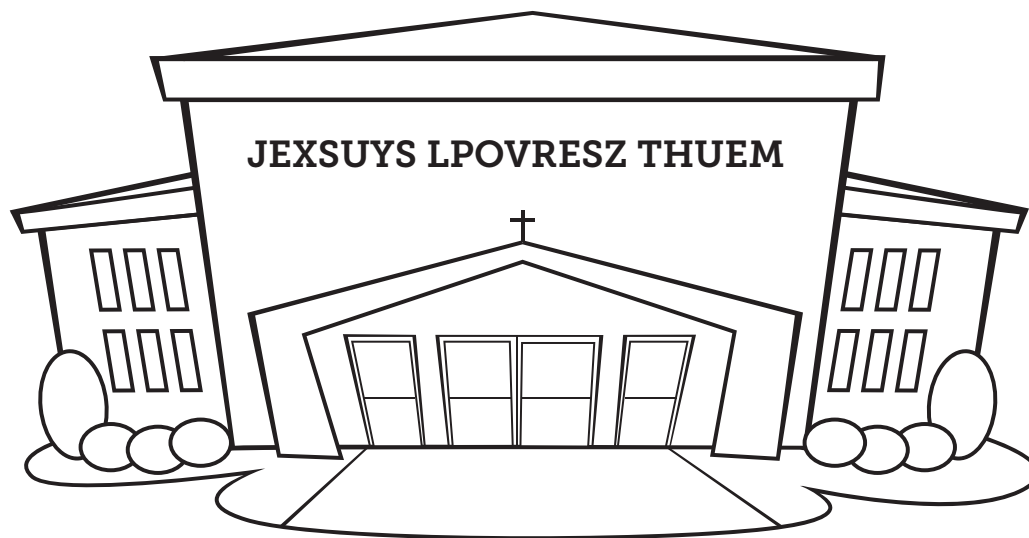


MILITARY COMMUNITY CHURCH PLANTING

We are grateful for our nation's military, which includes the Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy, Coast Guard and National Guard. People who serve in any of these defend us from harm and keep us safe. Military life is hard for families. They often move, sometimes to a city or country far away from friends and family. It can be hard to leave friends and family. Perhaps you belong to a military family and know this yourself.

The North American Mission Board wants to help military families have a church family no matter where they live by starting new churches near military bases all over the world. They need the help of people and other churches. They want to plant hundreds of churches, so they are going to need a lot of help! Try to think of ways you can encourage your church to help.

In the sentence below, cross out every third letter. Write the letters in the blanks to discover something military families need to know. Write the message in the blanks.



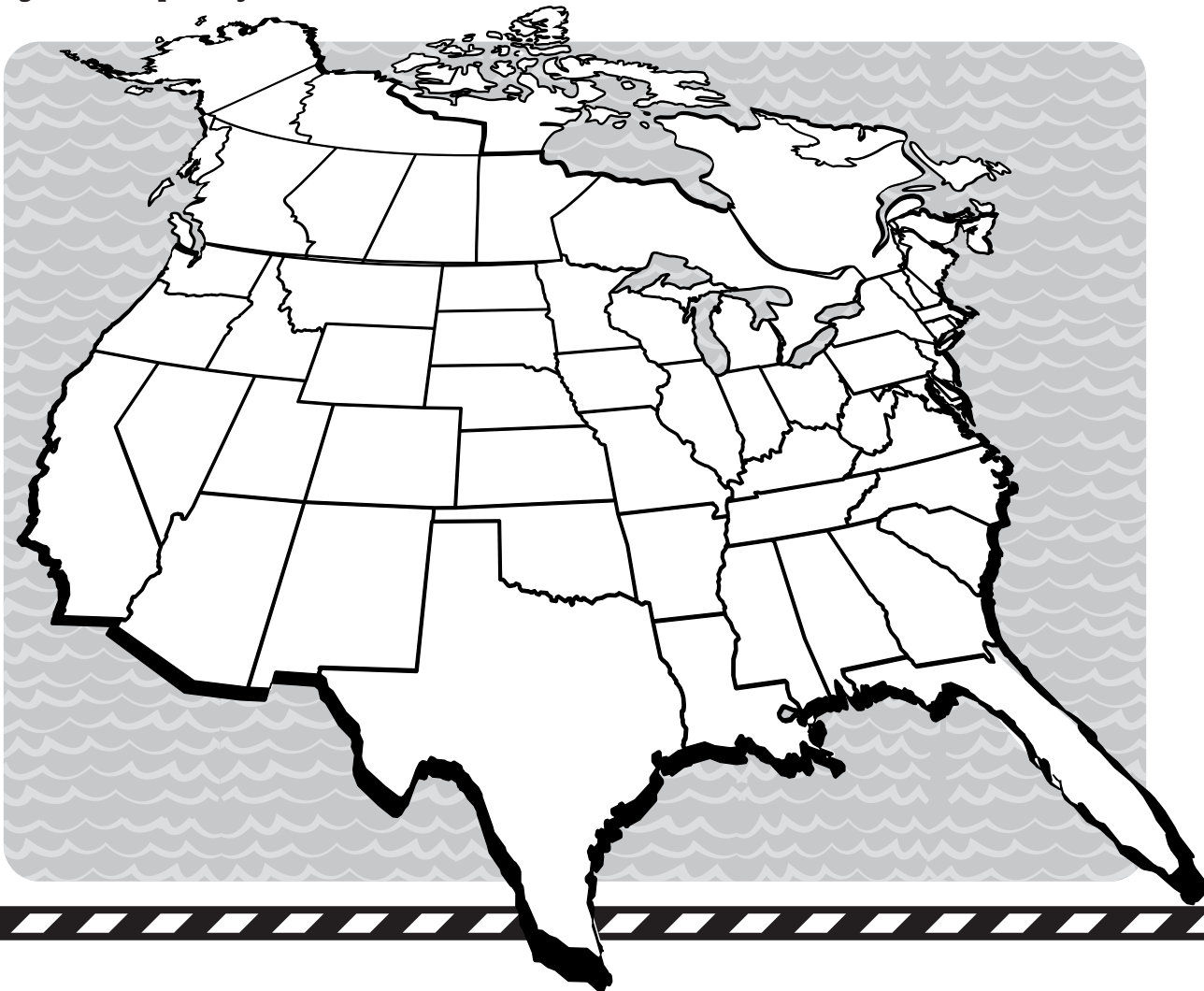
COLLEGIATE COMMUNITY CHURCH PLANTING



Did you know that young people come from all over the world to attend the great colleges and universities in North America? College is a place where young people first experience life as an adult. Sadly, many kids who grew up having Jesus as a friend often forget all about Him when they go to college, and most of the young people coming from other countries have never heard about Jesus at all.

The North American Mission Board wants to help college students know Jesus and keep Him in their lives by starting churches near large college campuses all over North America. And they want to train students to go out and start even more new churches. Pretty soon there will be hundreds of new churches teaching college students all about Jesus!

Maybe one day you will be one of the college students who starts a new church. Choose a state or province where you would like to go to college one day. Draw a picture of yourself in the one you chose. With the help of your parents, try to learn some things about the colleges in the place you chose.



Review

How much do you remember about the North American Mission Board and its work?

Circle the correct answers to the questions. Some questions have more than one correct answer.

1. The North American Mission Board is located near which city?
 - a) Denver
 - b) New York
 - c) Atlanta
2. How does the North American Mission Board help churches help people?
 - a) helping during disasters
 - b) starting new churches
 - c) providing hunger relief
3. How many NAMB regions are in North America?
 - a) 10
 - b) 5
 - c) 20
4. How many Send Cities / Focus Areas are there?
 - a) 50
 - b) 25
 - c) 33
5. What is a church?
 - a) people
 - b) only a building
 - c) a type of tree
6. Everyone needs one of these.
 - a) a skyscraper
 - b) a whale
 - c) a church family
7. Where do missionaries come from?
 - a) churches
 - b) schools
 - c) government
8. Who do missionaries teach people about?
 - a) Jesus
 - b) their preacher
 - c) their church
9. North America needs more of these.
 - a) churches
 - b) missionaries
 - c) video games
10. Where can you find people who need to know that Jesus loves them?
 - a) big cities
 - b) small towns
 - c) your neighborhood

Pray for

NORTH AMERICA

Color spaces marked with a dot [•] yellow. Color all other spaces blue.

About Me

Jesus loves you—whether you live in a large city or a small town. Answer the questions below about where you live.



my city!



The name of my city is _____

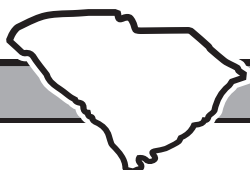
The mayor of my city is _____

The school I attend is _____

My city has a lot of _____

The best place for you to visit in my city is _____

I think my city is great because _____



my state or province!



The state/province I live in is _____

The capital of my state/province is _____

The governor/premiere of
my state/province is _____

My state/province is called the _____

A famous person here is _____

my church!



The name of my church is _____

The name of my pastor is _____

One way my church tells others about Jesus is _____

One way I tell others about Jesus is _____



I am a friend and follower of Jesus [Yes] [No]*

*If you are not a friend and follower of Jesus, talk to your pastor, parents or a Christian friend.

GOD'S PERFECT PLAN IN 3 CIRCLES

START

Did you know that when God created the world and everything in it, He made it perfect? He created everything to work together perfectly. He created people to worship Him and to be with Him forever.

Draw a happy face inside the first circle.

But then people broke the perfect world by being disobedient to God. They wanted to do things their own selfish way instead of God's way. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God both now and forever.

Write the word sin below.

1

SIN



After we repent and believe, God's Spirit comes to live inside us and help us live as God wants us to live. We are no longer separated from God because our sins have been forgiven through Jesus.

We can pray a simple prayer to God to no longer be separated from God. Pray this way:

Dear God, I am sorry for my sins. Please forgive me. I believe that Jesus died as punishment for my sin and that He rose from the dead. I turn from my selfish ways and trust in you. I want Jesus to be the Lord of my life from now on, and I will follow Him.

Write the word follow next to the pencil beside circle 3.

3

FOLLOW

Use this to help you tell your friends and family about Jesus.

Broken things don't work very well, do they? That is true of broken people, too. Broken people try all kinds of things to be happy without God. This never works. People need to be close to God to be happy.

Draw a sad face inside the second circle.



2



REPENT AND BELIEVE

God doesn't want us to be unhappy and separated from Him forever, so He made a plan. He sent His Son Jesus to take the punishment for our sin by dying on a cross. That's a sad thing, but the happy thing is that Jesus didn't stay dead. Because of what Jesus did, we can be with God both now and forever.

Draw a cross inside the third circle and a happy face.

But this doesn't mean people automatically go to heaven. First, we must ask God to forgive us of our sins and then turn away from our sin. We call that repenting. We also must believe that Jesus is God's Son, that He paid the punishment for our sins and then rose from the dead. We must repent and believe.

Write the words repent and believe next to the pencil between the second and third circles.



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