

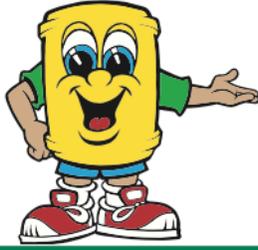
# CHURCH@HOME

## MISSIONS MONTH

Here are some activities to use this week about **BOLIVIA.**

### IN THESE PAGES YOU'LL FIND:

- Facts about Bolivia
- Activity for younger kids
- Activity for older kids
- How to pray for Bolivia
- A game kids play in Bolivia – try it!



# Buddy Presents: **BOLIVIA**

## Quick Facts

**Location:** You will find Bolivia on the continent of South America, about halfway down and near the center. You could fit our state of Montana into Bolivia three times.

**The Land:** The Andes Mountains run from north to south through western Bolivia. Most of Bolivia's people live in the Altiplano, the high plateau between the eastern and western ranges. The world's highest lake, Lake Titicaca, sits at the north end of the Altiplano. East (to the right) of La Paz are forested valleys called the yungas. Further east and north, wet, grassy lowlands, called llanos, are good for raising cattle. Many animals and more than 700 types of birds live in Bolivia.

**Weather:** The weather is cooler the further up into the mountains you go. High in the Altiplano, the air is cold and dry. Summer, from November to April, is the wettest season. Heavy rain in the north creates humid tropical forests. Many of the mountaintops are covered with snow year round.

**Population\*:** 11.3 million

**Capital Cities\*:** La Paz (1.8 million), Sucre (278,000—constitutional capital). The Supreme Court meets in Sucre, but the rest of the government is based in La Paz—the highest capital city in the world..

**People Groups\*:** Mestizo (mixed Amerindian and white, 68%), indigenous (20%), white (5%), cholo/chola (2%), black (1%), other

**Languages\*:** Spanish, Quechua, Aymara, Guarani (all official), about 20 other Indian languages

**Religions\*:** Roman Catholic (76.8%), Evangelical and Pentecostal (8.1%), Protestant (7.9%), other (1.7%), none (5.5%). Many people mix traditional beliefs with their Catholic beliefs.

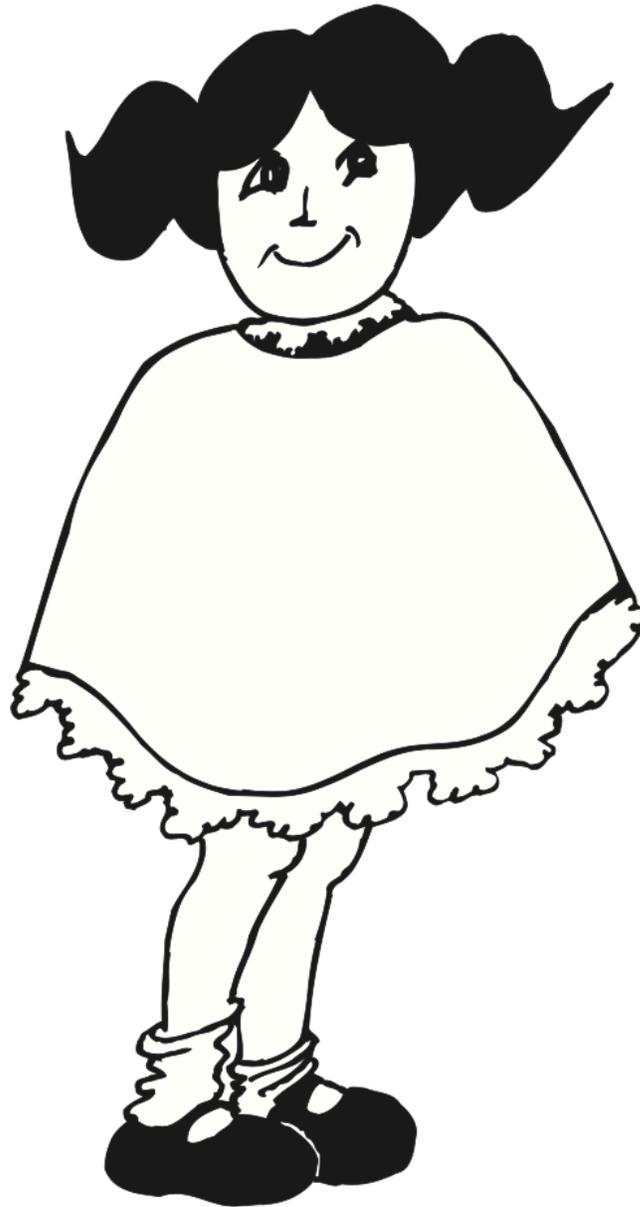
**Assemblies of God Facts:** Eight U.S. Assemblies of God missionaries work in Bolivia. More than 136,000 people worship in about 2,000 Assemblies of God churches. Bolivia has more than 4,000 pastors and church workers. Sixteen Bible schools around the country and 11 extension programs are training about 1,400 more pastors and workers.



\*Information compiled from the [CIA World Factbook](#)

# ACTIVITY FOR YOUNGER KIDS: COLORFUL PONCHO

It's cold in the mountains of Bolivia! People wear colorful ponchos to keep warm. Color the poncho and let it remind you to pray for the people of Bolivia.



## Pray for the kids of Bolivia.

# ACTIVITY FOR OLDER KIDS: PONCHO PUZZLE

- Using the words from the box at the bottom, find the correct words to complete the sentences.
- On the next page write the words from the sentences in the correct places on the poncho pattern.
- The letters that are in the shaded squares are part of a message. Write those letters in the blanks at the bottom of this page.

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a sort of guitar made from an armadillo shell.
2. Men in the Andes wear \_\_\_\_\_ to stay warm.
3. More than 700 types of \_\_\_\_\_ live in Bolivia.
4. The country of \_\_\_\_\_ borders Bolivia on the southwest.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is a special pastry eaten at Christmas.
6. Women \_\_\_\_\_ colorful ponchos and shawls.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ are a favorite food in Bolivia.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ is the official language of Bolivia.
9. Some Bolivian women wear \_\_\_\_\_ hats.
10. Miners dig \_\_\_\_\_ out of the mountains.
11. The highest capital city in the world is \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Most Bolivians are \_\_\_\_\_.
13. People love to \_\_\_\_\_ friends and family.
14. Bolivia was once part of the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire.
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ Mountains cover about one third of Bolivia.



<b>ANDES</b>	<b>CHILE</b>	<b>PONCHOS</b>
<b>BIRDS</b>	<b>INCA</b>	<b>POTATOES</b>
<b>BOWLER</b>	<b>INDIANS</b>	<b>SPANISH</b>
<b>BUNUELOS</b>	<b>LA PAZ</b>	<b>VISIT</b>
<b>CHARANGO</b>	<b>ORES</b>	<b>WEAVE</b>

**The message:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Pattern for Activity Page



# HOW YOU CAN PRAY FOR BOLIVIA:

- Pray for the kids who live in prisons with their parents. Pray that they can find a safe place to go to where they can learn about Jesus.
- Pray for the missionaries in Bolivia like the Brown family.
- Pray for the churches that missionaries work with.

# A GAME FROM BOLIVIA:

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You'll find many similarities among the games of different countries. No matter where they're from, kids enjoy the same types of games. Try this game that kids play in Bolivia:

## PEPAS (MARBLES)

Each player has his own *tinka* (main marble) and *pepas* (regular marbles).

The *pepas* can be marbles, pebbles, or nuts. They put their *pepas* on the ground, leaving at least 4 inches of space between each one.

The players stand about 6 feet away and attempt to "capture" an opponent's *pepas* by flicking, dropping, or tossing their *tinkas* at it. If the *tinka* touches a *pepa*, the player gets to keep the *pepa*.