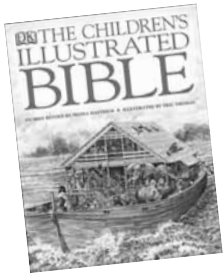


Ordinary Time, Proper 7



The Children's Illustrated Bible pages 296-297

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—Galatians 3:26-28 adapted

Here are some countries the Community of Christ is established in or has recognized presence:

USA	Honduras
Canada	China
United Kingdom	Liberia
Australia	Kenya
French Polynesia	Zambia
Netherlands	Jamaica
Norway	El Salvador
New Zealand	Malawi
Germany	Sri Lanka
Grand Cayman	South Africa
Japan	Bolivia
Republic of Korea	Zimbabwe
Mexico	Ukraine
Brazil	Russia
Peru	Hungary
Nigeria	Guatemala
India	France
Philippines	Chile

*Call the Council of Twelve office for an updated list, because this is always changing.

One in Christ

Share the drawing of Paul's journeys on pages 296-297 of *The Children's Illustrated Bible*. Paul traveled to tell others about Jesus, and everywhere he went, groups of people began to form house churches in their homes where they met and prayed and learned about Jesus. Ask a child to read the letter from Paul to the church in Galatians 3:23-29. Discuss: What did Paul say to the Galatians? What wisdom is in this letter for us today? Show pictures of children from other countries, and pictures of members from Community of Christ congregations (if available). Photos of people from other countries can be photocopied from *A Life Like Mine* or *Children Just Like Me* by DK Publishing. Dolls from other countries may be used. Comment about how all are different. Kids will probably elaborate on how they are different and will probably also mention what they have in common. What does Paul's letter say about us, even if we have differences? What do we have in common?

Distribute the chart of countries where the Community of Christ is established or has a recognized presence. Kids may wish to find these countries on a classroom world map or globe. Discuss experiences where children might have interacted with those from other countries: school, their neighborhood, church, World Conference, camps, etc. Invite them to share their experiences

Invite kids to write a letter to their own congregation, encouraging them in what they are doing well, and telling them about Christ. They may actually mail these, read them during the worship service, or post them on a congregational bulletin board.



Around-the-World Sundae

Invite kids to create a snack made of items that came from many counties and cultures. Be sure that none of the ingredients are those that your children are allergic to. One idea is to make an ice-cream sundae with bananas (actually originated in Brazil before arriving in Hawaii), ice cream (England claims it with Charles I of England), cherries (have been around since ancient Roman and Greek times), and chocolate sauce (from Mexico and Central America).

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Write the names of the originating countries on different parts of the sundae, possibly matching the letter of the part with the first letter of the country, such as: banana=Brazil.

