

EXPLORING God's Global Family

LESSON 2 **PART 2**
Brazil
Spiritual Emphasis: Stewards of God's Earth

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Finishing the Journey

Take It Deeper

Invite your child to read or listen to 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, in which the apostle Paul encourages Christians to help other Christians who are poor and hungry. With your child, discuss how your Compassion-sponsored child is helped by your family's giving. Discuss the following points:

- Did Paul command or suggest that Christians give to help others in need? Explain your answer. What is the difference between commanding and recommending? Give an example.
- How did the Christian friends in Macedonia help each other? Why?
- In verse 9, Paul states: "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich." How was Jesus "rich," and how did He become "poor"? Why did He give His very life for you and me? [Because He loved us! See John 3:16.]
- How is taking care of God's world like taking care of God's people?
- Can you discover where God tells us to take care of His creation? [In Genesis 1:26 and following.]

Give It Away

Action Plan:

- Invite your child and/or family to create a "Giving Vine" for prayer and giving:
- Draw, trace, and cut out different shapes of plants or animals found in the rain forests of Brazil and elsewhere. Some suggestions include: butterflies, parrot/birds, trees, snakes, flowers, leaves, etc.

- As a family, brainstorm ways your family “gives” to people in need at home, church, community and the world. Include ideas of how your family gives back to God’s earth through creation care. With the markers, write each idea on a separate rain forest shape. Through your discussion, you may discover that you need to give in new and different ways. During your family’s prayer opportunities, pray over each item you have chosen.
- Using the yarn and hole punch, string your “giving vine” shapes for a room decoration and prayer guide. Include your sponsored child’s country and name on one of the shapes to remind you of how God is giving you the opportunity to give to His beloved children around the world.

Explore More!

Activities

- Creative Writing Starter: Write a message to God from the perspective of a tree or animal in the rain forest.
- Cooking Ideas: Create a “Rain forest Trail Crunch” with dried fruits from the rain forest (papaya, banana chips, chocolate chips, cashew nuts, coconut, etc.) Eat as a healthy snack!

Resources

- Book: *Eye Wonder Rain Forest* by Elinor Greenwood. DK Publishers, N.Y., N.Y. 2001
- Sources for information about Brazil’s rain forest: *Putumayo’s Latin Playground: Putumayo World Music*, 2002.
- Websites: www.zoomschool.com; www.creationcare.org; www.rainbird.com

Compassion works in five countries in South America. Do you know their capitals? Unscramble the names of the capitals and countries below!

1. AL ZPA, AIVLBOI



This capital is the highest in the world at 12,000 feet.

2. SBARÍALI, ZLRBIA



The people in this capital speak Portuguese.

3. MLIA, UPRE



This capital sounds like a kind of bean!

4. TOGÁBO, ABMCIOLO



This capital is in the fourth-largest country in South America.

5. ITQOU, CREUADO



This capital was once part of the Inca Empire.

South America is the
forth-largest continent in
the world and has more
than 390 million people!



Answers: [1] La Paz, Bolivia; [2] Brasília, Brazil; [3] Lima, Peru; [4] Bogotá, Colombia; [5] Quito, Ecuador

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