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ON!**





Ready, Set, Go!

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Hello, RAs! This month we will learn about church planters. Church planters start new churches. They get ready, they get set, and then go! How many times can you find the phrase, "ready, set, go!" in your *Lad* magazines? Look on page 15 to see if you are correct.

Ready, set, go!



How to Become a Christian

In the beginning, God created a perfect world. He had a wonderful friendship with Adam and Eve. But they decided to disobey God. That is called sin. The result was death and separation from God. We inherited that sin nature from Adam and Eve. That is why we sometimes do wrong things.

God doesn't want us to die and be separated from Him forever. He wants us to live in heaven with Him. So He sent His Son, Jesus, to die in our place. Then Jesus rose from the dead. If we admit that we have sinned, believe that Jesus is God's Son who died for us and then rose again, and accept Him as our Lord and Savior, then God will forgive the wrong things we do. We then become part of God's family and live with Him in heaven when we die. That is called being saved. It is only through Jesus that we can be saved and go to heaven when we die.

If you would like to ask Jesus to be your Savior, talk to your RA Leader, your parents, or another Christian adult. And God will welcome you into His family.

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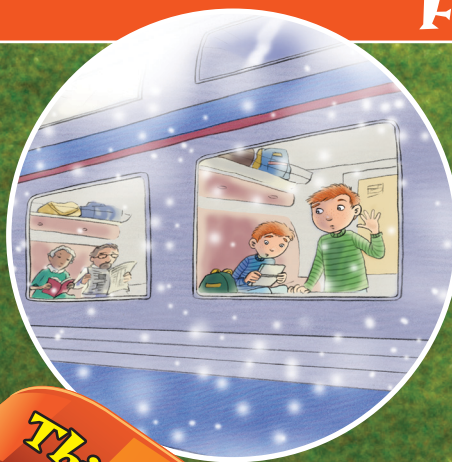
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This Month's

Responsibility



Speaking the Right Language

Larry and Melissa Lewis moved from the United States to the Czech Republic to plant churches. They have three kids: Larissa, Zachary, and Laini. They have been working hard to learn the Czech language. But do you know which language the Lewis family uses most in their work? English!

Czech children must study English in school. They need to practice to speak English well. They are happy when they meet the Lewis family because they can practice speaking English with them.

The Lewis family had a good idea. The Czech kids needed to learn English. So they started an English club at their house. They meet every week. The Lewis kids ask their friends from school to come. They also help teach the lessons.

English club is a lot of fun. When the kids learned about cowboys, a cowboy came and sang for them. They cooked food when they learned about cooking. In December, they had a store. The children had to speak English to buy toys in the store. They also hear Bible stories at English club meetings. The kids are happy to learn English. Do their English classes sound like more fun than the ones at your school?

The Lewis family has an English camp in the summer. Would you like to go to an English camp? Your answer is probably, "No." English camp doesn't sound like much fun to a native English-speaker. But everyone likes this camp. Last year they had 100 students. The students were ages 4–74 years old.

At English camp, the campers have English lessons. They play games and sing songs. Last summer Zachary and his dad taught the kids archery, too. Most important, the students learn about Jesus.

Very few Czechs believe in God. They are atheists. Czechs also do not trust people. When they go to English club or English camp, they meet Christians. They see that Christians are normal people. They can see that Christians love them. Loving people is a good way to teach them about God's love.

The Lewis family loves to tell people about Jesus. They are responsible to use the gifts God has given them.

Maybe you could use your language skills to be a witness.

Do you have students at your school who do not speak English?

Perhaps you could help them learn. Be responsible. Make a plan, and get started!

Ready, set, go!





Larry teaching archery.

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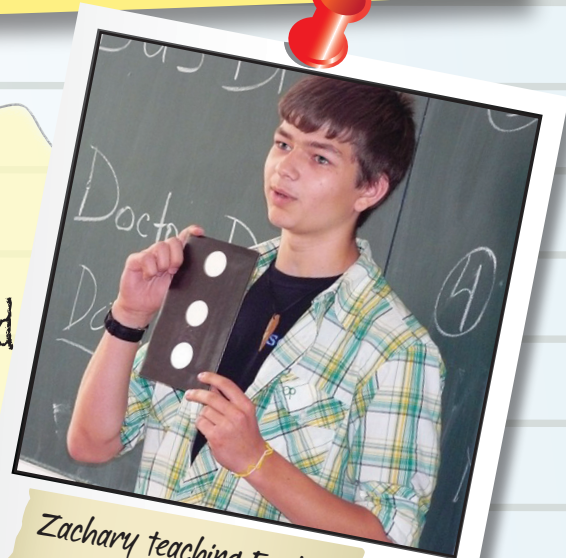
Doing My Part

You play a part in the lives of missionaries when you pray for them.

- Pray for the Lewis family to be responsible witnesses at the English club and camps.
- Pray that many people will learn about Jesus at the English camps.
- Pray that the Lewis family can start new churches.



pencil = tužka



Zachary teaching English.

On-Mission Bible Verse

"A wise son [hears his] father's instruction"
(Proverbs 13:1).



A, B, C—

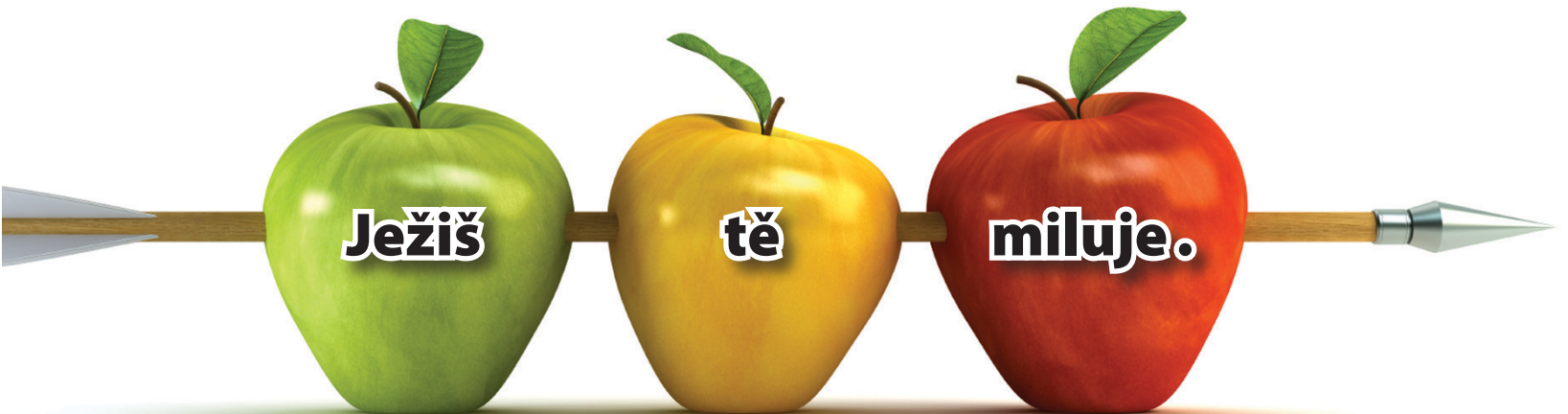
What Do You See?

The Lewis kids have a message for their Czech friends. Mark out all of the letters A, B, and C. Write the remaining letters on the blank lines below to find out the message.

**ABCJAECSBSCABUCBSAA
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ABYACOBCAUABC**

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Here is the message in the Czech language.





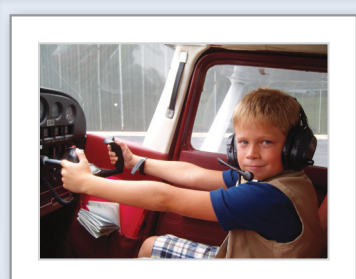
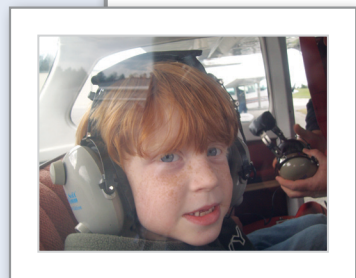
RA Posts

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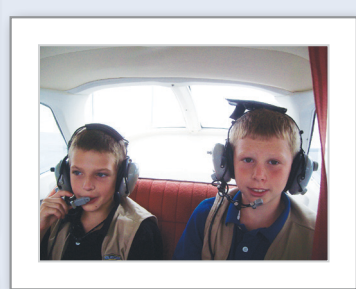


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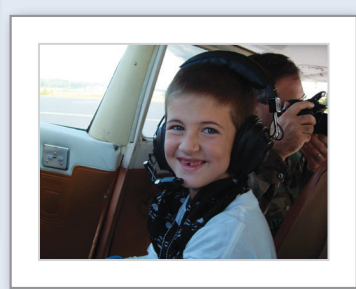
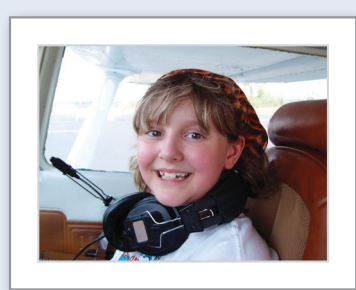
The men in the aviation ministry of the North Carolina Baptist Men like to fly airplanes. So do lots of RAs in North Carolina. It's a perfect match. Thanks to the North Carolina Baptist Men, RAs from across the state of North Carolina get an opportunity to fly in an airplane. Often it's the first time they've ever flown.



The men joined the aviation ministry so they could use their interest in flying airplanes to help churches and missionaries in North Carolina, the United States, and around the world. To be qualified to fly in these missions causes, the men need to have flown planes for a certain number of total hours. It also helps the men keep their flying skills sharp. Taking RAs (and GAs) helps the men get their extra hours and helps the kids get the experience of being in an airplane. Everyone wins!



"Most of [the kids] are just elated," said Bob Joyner, who is a long-time RA leader and a pilot who serves as a part of the aviation ministry. "I've had parents tell me that their kids got up at the crack of dawn, they were so excited. They really love it."



When the men take the kids on a flight, they often fly the kids over their church so they can pray for it. They also spend time before the flight explaining a little bit about how the aviation ministry helps missionaries and churches. Several hundred kids go on these flights every year.

Sounds like a lot of fun!

Send your group activities and mission projects to "RA Posts," North American Mission Board, 4200 North Point Pkwy., Alpharetta, GA 30022-4176 or e-mail to: royalambassadors@namb.net. Photos should include a brief description of what the RAs did for their projects. Due to the number of items we receive, not all can be printed in *Lad*.

READY, SET, GO FIND

Ready, set, go! What do you think of when you hear those words? Starting a race? How about starting a church? The first thing a new church needs is people. That is the best place to start!

Dennis and Jody Janz live in South Africa. Their job is to start churches. They are church planters. But first, they must find people. Dennis and Jody prayed. They chose a place called Extension 39. About 10,000 people live there. That is a lot of people!

Most of the people are very poor and don't have jobs. They don't have air-conditioning or heat in their homes. Many don't have electricity or water either. A lot of people have died of AIDS. There are many orphans. Sadly, many of the people do not know Jesus.

Dennis and Jody began visiting Extension 39. They prayed for the people as they walked. They asked God to show them how they could help.

Dennis and his friend, Million, visit the people. They tell them Jesus loves them. One day they met a man named Goodwin. They told him about Jesus. Goodwin wanted to be a Christian. Dennis and Million prayed with him. They went back to visit Goodwin. They met his neighbors. Two of them wanted to become Christians. Dennis and Million prayed with them, too.

Jody goes to the village of Moshawane every Wednesday. She tells Bible stories to women and children. One day Jody was telling a Bible story. A man came into the house. Jody was not happy to see the man. She knew the man had hurt his wife very badly. The man sat and listened to the Bible story. He stayed when the others left. Jody talked to him. He wanted to become a Christian. Jody prayed with him. The next week, the man came back. He wanted to learn more.



ON-MISSION
BIBLE VERSE
"A good name is to
be chosen over
great wealth"
(Proverbs 22:1).

PEOPLE FOR JESUS!

After Jody tells a Bible story, she asks one of the women to tell it to the group. Most of the time, the same woman tells it. One week, that woman pointed to another woman. She said, "She should tell the story this week. We talked about it. She can tell it." Then the lady told the story. The lady was able to tell the story because the women had been talking about the Bible even when Jody wasn't there. Jody was happy.

Dennis and Jody are busy finding people. They tell the people they find about Jesus. Are you busy telling people about Jesus? You don't have to be a church planter to start. **Ready, set, go!**

DOING MY PART

You play a part in the lives of missionaries when you pray for them.

- Pray for the women in Jody's Bible studies to understand that Jesus loves them.
- Pray for the sick and poor people in South Africa.
- Pray that Dennis and Jody Janz will start many new churches in South Africa.



PEOPLE, PEOPLE, EVERYWHERE!

Dennis, Million, and Jody are going to Extension 39. Along the way they will look for people to tell about Jesus. Help them find their way through Extension 39. Every time you pass a letter, write it on one of the blanks below. You will find out which virtue Dennis, Million, and Jody have! **Ready, set, go!**

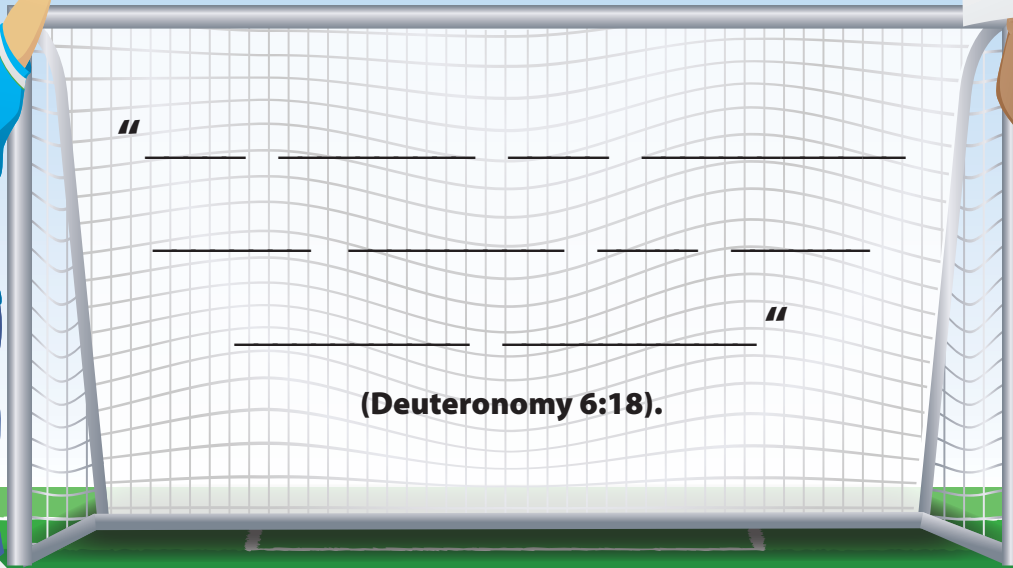


**BIBLE
FUN!**

SOCCER BALL MIX-UP

These soccer balls are all mixed up! Kick them into the goal in the correct order to form the Scripture verse, Deuteronomy 6:18. Write the words in the blanks and shout it out!

**WAY TO GO
RAS!**



Answer is on page 15.

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A Beary Tale

By Judith Cook • Part 2

Last month, the twins and their dad were waiting for the Silver Comet train. They were taking the train to McCook to see their grandpa. The conductor of the train was their RA leader, Mr. Kent. He had carried an animal cage onto the train. The sign on the cage read, "Beware! Beary lives here!" Mr. Kent was not smiling at the end of the story. Is there trouble on the Silver Comet? Who is Beary?

"Here is our furry friend," the station worker said. He handed Beary's cage up to Mr. Kent.

"Great!" Mr. Kent replied. "I'll take good care of him."

"Hello, Beary," Mr. Kent said. "Remember me? I am Mr. Kent."

"Grrrrr," Beary answered. "Hello, Mr. Kent. Grrrrr."

Mr. Kent laughed. He placed Beary's cage on the suitcase rack. Then he turned and went upstairs to the snack bar. A man was there buying a sandwich.

"Dr. Walker," Mr. Kent said. "Beary is here."

Dr. Walker smiled. "Thank you!" he said.

"I will go see him as soon as I get my lunch."

Mr. Kent hurried back through the train. His radio beeped. He listened carefully. The message said a storm was coming.

Oh! No! Mr. Kent thought. *I need your help, Lord, he prayed. The passengers are my responsibility. Help me keep them safe and warm.* Mr. Kent stepped down from the Silver Comet.

"All aboard," Mr. Kent called. He looked for two familiar redheads.

"Mr. Kent! Mr. Kent!" Jackson and Jason called. "Here we are!"

"It's good to see you!" Mr. Kent answered. "We need to get you and the other people on the train."

"Is there something wrong?" Mr. Parks asked quietly. Mr. Parks and Mr. Kent were good friends.

"A storm is coming," Mr. Kent answered softly. "But we will be OK. I have already asked God to keep us safe."

"Mr. Kent, can we get on the train now?" Jackson begged.

"Yes, you can," Mr. Kent said. "See that lady down by the end of the train. Her name is Miss Nancy."

"Yes, we see her," the twins said.

"Go tell Miss Nancy who you are," Mr. Kent answered. "She has a surprise for you! Don't run!" he called as the boys raced away.

"See you later," Mr. Parks said. He smiled at his friend and followed his sons. In a few minutes, they were on the train.

"Wow!" Jason said. "What a neat surprise! We have our own room. Miss Nancy said that she would make us each a bed tonight. This is so cool!"

"Yessss!" Jackson said. He pumped his arm in the air. "Look at those huge windows! We'll be able to see everything! Grandpa, here we come!"

The Silver Comet left the station. The train gained speed. It traveled through the cities and into the mountains. Mr. Kent took Jackson, Jason, and their dad on a tour of the train. He even showed them where to take their showers.

"You ask him," Jason told his brother.

"Why me?" Jackson asked.



"Because you are older than me!" Jason said. The twins laughed at each other.

"Mr. Kent," Jackson asked, "What is a Beary?"

"Oh, did you see Beary's cage?" Mr. Kent asked. Jackson and Jason nodded their heads.

"I have something important to do," Mr. Kent said with a smile. "You can explore the train with your dad. See if you can find Beary." Mr. Kent hurried away.

Jackson and Jason looked at each other.

Wow! He left in a hurry, they thought.

The twins and their dad met lots of people on the train. They made friends with a boy who sat in a wheelchair. His name was David. He was traveling with his mom. They could tell that David was lonely. However, they did not find Beary.

Mr. Parks took them to the dining car for lunch.

"Look! It's snowing!" Jason said.

"Wow!" Jackson replied. "It looks like a Christmas card!"

"Finish your hamburgers and french fries," Mr. Parks said. "We can watch the snow from our quarters." The snow fell harder and faster. The train slowed down.

Mr. Parks led the way back through the train. *Please, Lord, Mr. Parks prayed. Keep everyone on the train safe.*

"Boys, why don't you play with your video games for awhile?" Mr. Parks suggested. "They are in your backpacks."

Jackson and Jason played their games quietly. But they kept watching the snow swirl around the train.

"The snow looks deep out there," Jason said.

"Do you think David is scared?" Jackson asked.

"Come here, guys. Hold my hands," Mr. Parks said. "Let's pray."

"Father, we know that You are here with us in this snowstorm. Help David and the other passengers not to be scared. Help Mr. Kent with his responsibilities tonight. We trust You to take us safely to Grandpa's house."

"Amen," they said together.

There was a soft knock at the door. The twins raced each other to see who was there. They flung the door open



Who is at the door? Will the twins find Beary? Will the snowstorm stop the train in the mountains? How can Jackson and Jason help David? Find out in next month's Lad magazine.



The Ball That Told a Story

The World Cup is a very important soccer match. Thousands of people went to watch when the World Cup was played in South Africa in 2010. Everyone was excited.

Dennis Janz is a church planter in South Africa. Dennis thought, *I'd like to tell the soccer fans about Jesus.* He asked some churches from the United States to help him. A group of college students from Indiana decided to go. The students were from Graceland Baptist Church.

The students held soccer clinics in some of the villages. Many children came to the clinics. They learned how to dribble a soccer ball. The students taught them how to pass and shoot the ball.

While they played soccer, the kids heard about a contest. They would compete to win a special soccer ball. It was black, red, white, green, and yellow. What an interesting ball! The kids had never seen one like it before. "What kind of ball is it?" they asked.



On-Mission Bible Verse

"Do what is right and good in the Lord's sight" (Deuteronomy 6:18).

The college students told them about the ball. "This ball tells a story," they said. The children were very interested. They wanted to hear the story.

"Every color makes you think of something," said the college students. "Listen to the story."

"Black makes us think about sin. The Bible says we have all sinned. But look at the red. The Bible says Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for our sin. The red makes us think of Jesus' blood."

"What about the white? What does that make us think of?" a child asked.

"White shows us God forgives our sin if we trust in Him. Then we have clean hearts. But we don't stop there. We have to study our Bibles and pray. We learn more about Jesus. Like a green plant, we grow. That's why there is green on the soccer ball."

"There is one more color on the ball. Yellow reminds us that, when we die, we will live with God in heaven."

The children enjoyed hearing about the colors on the ball. Many of the children talked to the college students about the story. They wanted to trust Jesus.

The college students were responsible. Not only did they play soccer with the children, they told them about Jesus. You might go on a mission trip someday. Be responsible like the college students. Study your Bible so you will be ready when the time comes!

Ready, set, go!



Doing My Part

You play a part in the lives of missionaries when you pray for them.

- Pray for the Janz family as they minister to the people of South Africa.
- Pray for volunteer groups who travel to South Africa to help Mr. Janz.
- Pray God will prepare you to go on a mission trip.

You Tell It!

Color the EvangeBall using black, red, white, green, and yellow crayons. Then draw lines to match the colors to the correct key words. Can you tell this story to a friend?

Heaven

Blood of Christ



Christian Growth

Sin

Sin Cleansed

Missionary Kids Prayer Calendar



Jared Dodson
North Carolina
January 16

Hi, Lads! My name is Jared. I am 11 years old and in fifth grade. I am homeschooled. Since I am homeschooled, I learn a lot on my own. When I talk too much or have a bad attitude, instead of being sent to the principal's office, I get sent to my room.

Some of the things I like are eating cheese pizza, baking things, playing with friends, and watching the Pittsburgh Steelers.

My parents are missionaries at a seminary. A seminary is a school for Christians who are going into ministry. My dad is a professor at the seminary. He trains students to start new churches. My mom is involved with the wives of seminary students. I tell children in the neighborhood why they need Jesus in their lives.

Please pray for me to know that I'm a Christian. Pray that when my dad works, he works to please God and not people. Pray for my mom to spend her time doing what God wants her to do.



Tana O'Leary*
South Asia
January 16

Hi, Lads! My name is Tana. I am five years old and in kindergarten. I am homeschooled. In school, I read, shoot basketball hoops, and paint. Sometimes we read on the floor or in a beanbag chair. When I grow up I want to be a teacher.

I like to dance and play Frisbee® outside. I also like to play baseball with my brother. There is a fun playground that I like to play on. Sometimes we see elephants and camels on the road.

My parents are missionaries. They teach pastors and other Christians how to share Jesus with Muslims. There are millions of Muslims in our country. We also work to provide jobs for poor women. We do this by teaching them to make cards and journals that we sell in the United States.

Please pray for me to stay healthy, and pray for my friends.

**Name has been changed.*

Answers:

Page 4: Jesus loves you; **Page 8:** responsibility; **Page 9:** "Do what is right and good in the Lord's sight" (Deuteronomy 6:18); **Page 14:** black/Sin, red/Blood of Christ, white/Sin Cleansed, green/Christian Growth, yellow/Heaven; **Page 20:** responsible; Total number of "Ready, set, go!"= 8

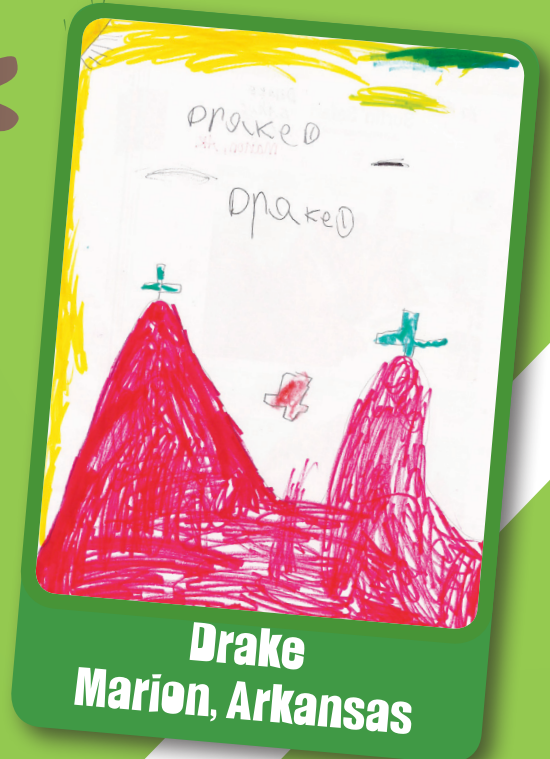
LAD LAUGHS AND LINES

Who is the strongest sheep in the universe?

Hercufleece



Owens
Marion, Arkansas

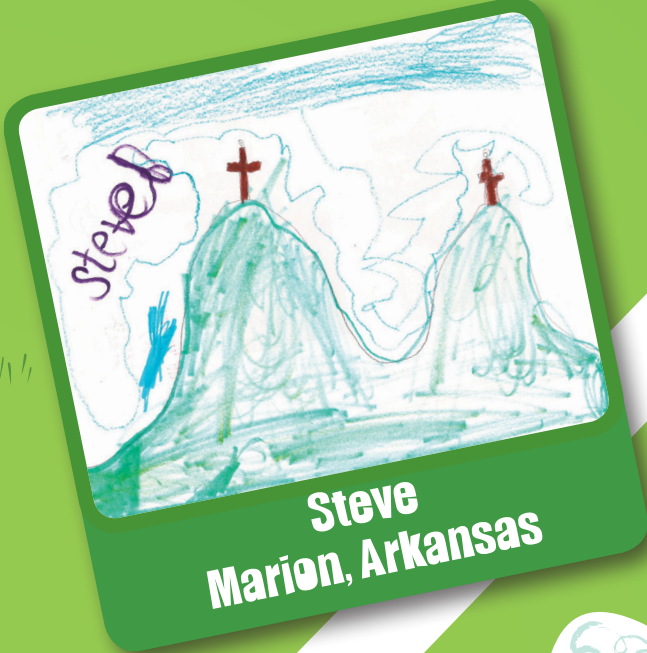


Drake
Marion, Arkansas



What floats, has big guns, and is covered with wool?

A battlesheep



Where does a sheep go for a haircut?

To a baa-baa shop



SEND YOUR FAVORITE JOKE OR DRAWING TO "Lad Laughs and Lines," North American Mission Board, 4200 North Point Pkwy., Alpharetta, GA 30022-4176. All drawings should be done on white unlined paper, 8.5" x 11" or smaller, using bold markers and crayons. Jokes and drawings can be e-mailed to: royalambassadors@namb.net. Due to the number of items we receive, not all can be printed in *Lad*.

BIJOY'S CHOICE

Rand Carruth* loves meeting new people. Even when he was a little boy he had many friends. God uses Rand's love for people in a special way. Rand is a church planter in India. India is in South Asia.

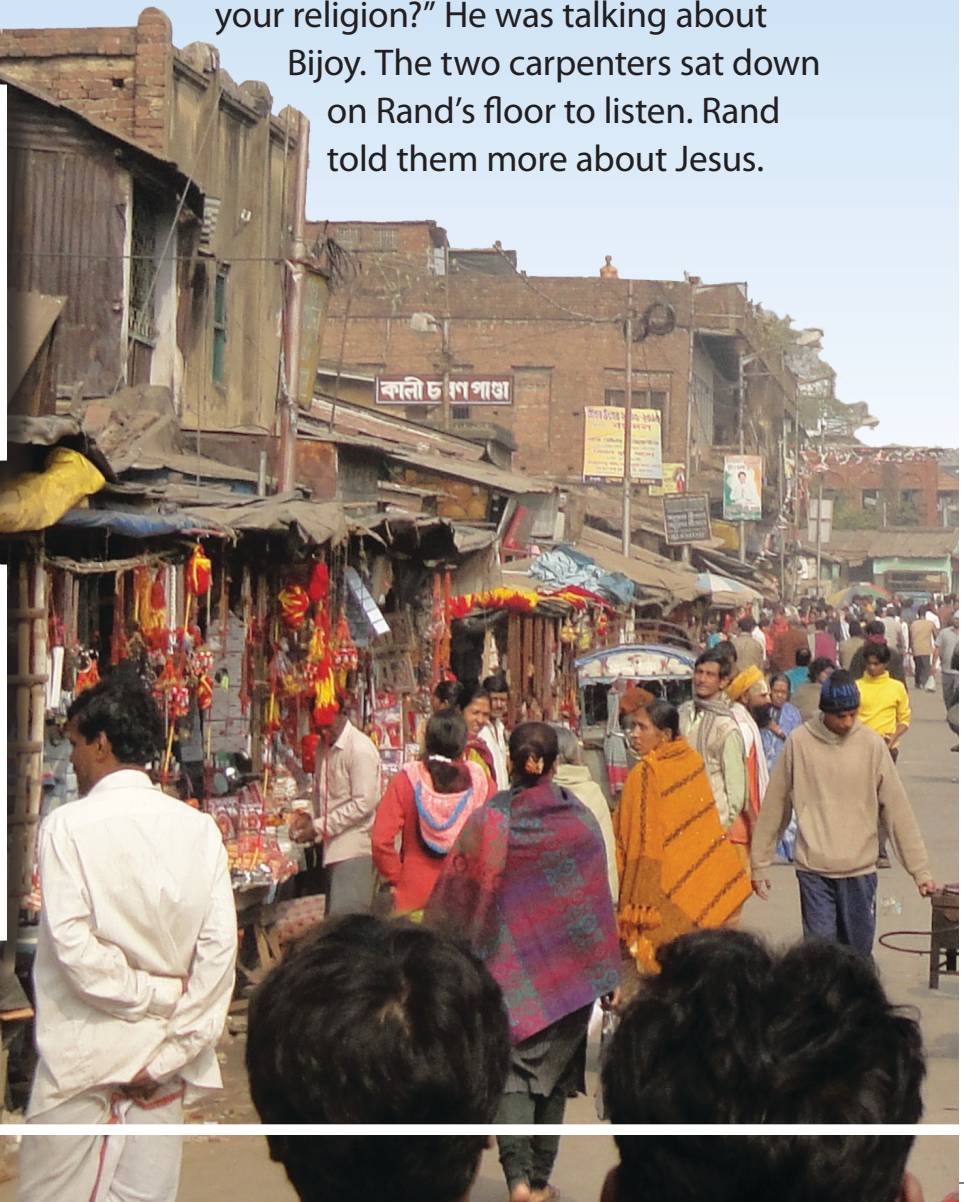
Rand wanted to tell the people in India about Jesus. First he had to learn their language. That was not easy, but Rand worked hard. He knew it was his responsibility to learn the language. The people are happy Rand speaks their language. They feel that he cares about them. Because he cares about them, they are willing to let him tell them Bible stories.

Rand meets people in many different places. Sometimes God brings people to his house. Rand looks for ways to tell them about Jesus.

One day, two carpenters came to Rand's house. They put a cabinet in his kitchen. While they worked, Rand talked to them about Jesus. The men listened. One of the men was very interested. His name was Bijoy*. He was an 18-year-old Hindu. Hindus believe there are many gods.

Two days later, Bijoy's boss spoke to Rand. He asked, "Can he come to your religion?" He was talking about

Bijoy. The two carpenters sat down on Rand's floor to listen. Rand told them more about Jesus.



Bijoy told Rand he was a Hindu. He worshiped idols. He had heard about Jesus at a school when he was a boy. He knew about Jesus, but he was not a Christian. That day he heard Rand tell about Jesus' love and forgiveness. Bijoy said he wanted to follow Jesus. Rand made plans to meet with him again. On Easter Sunday Rand knelt and prayed with Bijoy. Bijoy chose to trust Jesus instead of the Hindu idols.

God had a plan for Bijoy. He sent people to tell him about Jesus when he was just a boy. God was getting him ready. Years later, God sent Bijoy to work at Rand's house. He knew Bijoy was ready to accept Christ as his Savior.

Sometimes people do not become Christians the first time they hear about Jesus. They need time to think about it. We must be responsible to do our parts. We don't know what will happen in the future. Maybe God will use you to get someone ready.

When God asks you to share his Word, remember the story of Bijoy. **Ready, set, go!**

**Names have been changed.*

ON-MISSION BIBLE VERSE

**"Remember all the Lord's
commands and obey them"
(Numbers 15:39).**



DOING MY PART

You play a part in the lives of missionaries when you pray for them.

- * Pray that God will send helpers to Rand.
- * Pray that the people Rand trains will do what they are taught.
- * Pray that many Hindu people like Bijoy will decide to trust Jesus.

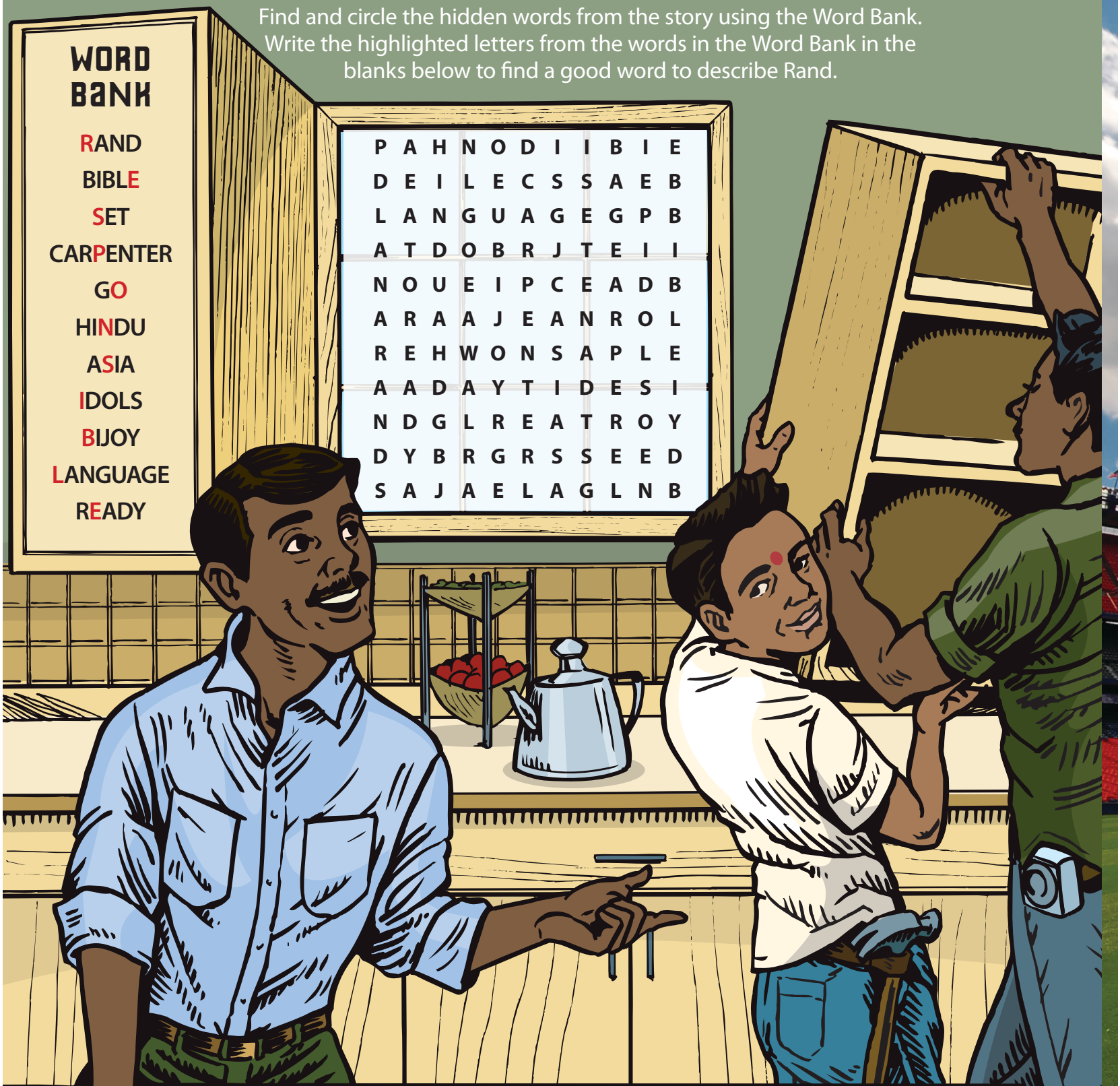
A WORD FOR RAND

Find and circle the hidden words from the story using the Word Bank. Write the highlighted letters from the words in the Word Bank in the blanks below to find a good word to describe Rand.

WORD BANK

- RAND
- BIBLE
- SET
- CARPENTER
- GO
- HINDU
- ASIA
- IDOLS
- BIJOY
- LANGUAGE
- READY

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Ginormous Soccer

RAs have a responsibility to work with others in sharing Christ. Get some of your RA buddies to help you share Christ while you play **Ginormous Soccer** with your friends who are not Christians. *Ready, set, go!*

What you need:

- ⚽ 2 large black trash bags
- ⚽ Newspaper
- ⚽ Duct tape: red, white, green, and yellow

Make It:

1. Put one of the large trash bags inside the other. This will make it strong.
2. Crumple the newspaper and fill the bag as full as possible.
3. Tie the tops of the bags.
4. Wrap the colored duct tape around the ball in different directions several times.

Play It:

1. Mark off a playing area.
2. Gather your friends to play soccer.
3. Show them your decorated ginormous soccer ball.
4. Explain what the colors mean.
5. Divide your friends into two teams and select two goalies.
6. Play Ginormous Soccer using regular soccer rules.





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