

November Extra Activities

For Threes and Fours

Cows in the Pasture

Say: People in Brazil speak Portuguese. The M people move cows to new pastures on boats. Pretend the left side of the room is the pasture and the right side of the room is the boat.

Teach preschoolers the Portuguese word for cow, vaca [va-ka]; pasture, pasto [pahs-toe]; and boat, barco [bar-koh]. Call out vaca, guide preschoolers to say the word and moo like a cow. Call out pasto, ask preschoolers to say the word, and then run to the pasture (left). Call out barco, lead them to repeat the word, and then move to the boat (right).

Bombom Bracelets

Supplies: embroidery thread, pony beads

In advance, cut thread into lengths to fit around a preschooler's wrist (plus extra for tying knots). Knot one bead at one end of each thread, leaving about four inches of thread at the end.

Help preschoolers create bombom [boh-m-bohm] bracelets by threading beads onto thread. Knot the bracelet, allowing for plenty of room to put on and remove bracelets. Say: Don and Maria Friesen live in Brazil. Bombom bracelets are popular in Brazil. Bombom means candy!

Cake at Church

Supplies: [Pictures 9-12*](#), [Allergy Alert Chart](#), cake, plates, plastic forks, napkins

Post the allergy alert chart. Display Pictures 9-12 on a wall. Serve preschoolers cake to eat while they pretend to watch a movie. Point to the pictures and talk about the work the Friesens do in Brazil. Say: The Friesens started a church for the M people. Sometimes they eat cake and watch movies.

Build a Floating House

Supplies: wooden building logs, wooden blocks, painter's tape

Help preschoolers tape nine long logs together to build a foundation, and use additional blocks to build a floating house. Say: The Friesens' floating house has nine logs on the bottom!

For Kindergarten

Learn Portuguese Words

Supplies: index cards; Bible; picture of Jesus, toy boat and cow

In advance, print the Portuguese words on index cards: Bible, Bíblia [Bib-lee-a]; Jesus [J-zus]; boat, barco [bar-koh]; and cow, vaca [va-ka].

Teach kindergartners the Portuguese words. Allow them to match each word with the correct item. Say: Mr. and Mrs. Friesen learned to speak Portuguese so they can talk with the M people in Brazil.

Cat and Mouse

Choose one kindergartner to be Cat and another to be Mouse. The other kindergartners hold hands in a circle, with Mouse on the inside of the circle and Cat on the outside. Cat tries to tag Mouse. Mouse runs inside the circle to get away from Cat. The other kindergartners try to protect Mouse. When Mouse gets tagged, choose a new Cat and Mouse. Say: "Cat and Mouse" is a favorite game in Brazil.

Caution: Supervise carefully.

Eating Insects

Supplies: [Allergy Alert Chart](#), one box of gelatin dessert, hot and cold water, mixing bowl, spoon, measuring cup, plastic insect molds

Post the allergy alert chart. Follow package directions as kindergartners make the gelatin. Use the measuring cup to pour the gelatin mixture into the molds. Place in the refrigerator to set. Say: The M people live along the Amazon River. The M people often eat insects like fire ants and firefly larvae (caterpillars).

Once the gelatin has set, share the insects with kindergartners.

You Smell Like Family

Say: Mothers among the M people say they can tell if a person is their child by smell. They hug someone and sniff their neck!

Invite interested kindergartners to hug each other and sniff each other's necks. Say: Now you can smell that you are part of our Mission Friends' family!