

A Floating House in Brazil

This month, preschoolers are learning about Don and Maria Friesen, missionaries in Brazil. For security reasons, the Friesens call their people group the M people. To be close to the M people, the Friesens live in a floating house on the Amazon River. This allows them to live in the same community as the M people and move to a new location as needed to follow the M people when they move their cattle to dry pastures. The Friesens started a church for the M people to attend.

Create a Floating House

Supplies: blocks, blue towel, green towel, aluminum foil or metal cake pan, people figures, plastic toy cows, Bible

1. Help spread a blue towel to resemble the Amazon River. Let your child spread the green towel pasture beside it and stand toy cows on top.
2. Play with your child as she builds a block home inside the cake pan for the people figures.
3. Work together to gently push the “floating home” along the river. Share that the Friesens live in a floating house that moves so they can follow the M people when they move their cows to dry pastures!
4. **Open the Bible and read:** Pray for one another (see James 5:16). Say simple prayers for the Friesens as you play with your child.

