

February Extra Activities

For Threes and Fours

Stickball

Supplies: pool noodles, foam ball, painter's tape

Say: Stickball is a popular game in Brazil.

Guide preschoolers to play stickball. Put two tape Xs on the floor about five feet apart. Taking turns, one preschooler stands on an X and bounces the foam ball toward another preschooler on the other X, who tries to hit the ball with the pool noodle.

Family Words in Portuguese

Supplies: paper, crayons

Say: Most people in Brazil speak Portuguese.

Invite preschoolers to draw pictures of their family. Teach them the Portuguese word for each person: mãe [may] (mother); pai [pie] (father); irmão [oh-EAR-mow] (brother); irmã [a-EAR-ma] (sister).

Make Brigadeiros [Bree-gah-DAY-rohs]—Brazilian Fudge

Supplies: [Allergy Alert Chart](#), pan, spatula, small scoop, 1 can condensed milk, 2 T. butter, 1/3 cup chocolate milk powder, chocolate sprinkles on a plate

In advance, combine all ingredients except sprinkles in a pan. Stir constantly on medium heat until it starts boiling. Let it cool. Post the allergy alert chart.

After preschoolers wash hands, scoop out small amounts of fudge dough. Let them roll it into a ball and roll it in sprinkles before tasting. Say: One of Leah's favorite Brazilian snacks is Brigadeiro, Brazilian fudge.

Family Photos

Supplies: smart phone, teen and adult clothes for both men and women (such as shirts, jackets, coats, shoes, and hats)

Invite preschoolers to dress like mommy, daddy, older siblings, aunts, and uncles. Take "family" photos to share with parents. Say: When Leah Kennedy lived in Brazil, she had family still at home in America and a missionary family in Brazil made up of her family and other missionaries who lived in the area.

Caution: Follow church guidelines for taking and sharing photos of preschoolers.

For Kindergarten

Portuguese Animal Words

Supplies: [Allergy Alert Chart](#), play dough, play dough tools

Post the allergy alert chart. Teach kindergartners these Portuguese words: cão [cow] (dog); gato [GAH-toe] (cat); cobra [koe-BRAH] (snake); porco [POUR-koe] (pig); pata [PAH-toe] (duck). Instruct them to make one of the animals with play dough and say the Portuguese animal word. Say: Most people in Brazil speak Portuguese.

Filling Food Bags

Supplies: play paper money and food, reusable tote bags

Encourage kindergartners to pretend to be Leah and her family by buying play food with the money and filling food bags. Say: Missionary kid Leah and her parents filled bags with food to give to people in need who visited their house in Brazil. Churches in America helped the Kennedys live in Brazil as missionaries by giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Family Portraits

Supplies: Bible, construction paper, art supplies (paper scraps, markers, yarn, sequins, beads, and so on), glue sticks

Invite kindergartners to use art supplies to create a family portrait. Print the Bible thought on each portrait and discuss how families love each other. Say: There are many kinds of families and God loves them all. We can love our family!

Pray for kindergartners' families and missionary families who live around the world to tell people about Jesus.

Open the Bible and read: Love each other (see John 15:17).

Pretend to Be in Brazil

Supplies: [Picture 11*](#), electronic tablet

In advance, search for pictures of Brazilian animals.

Show Picture 11. Say: MK Leah grew up in Brazil. She enjoyed the animals she saw when she lived there. She even rode on a water buffalo!

Show Brazilian animal pictures and invite kindergartners to pretend to ride a water buffalo and be some of the animals.