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- **Colombia** -



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The '*Finding a Safe Place*' project focused on in this pack shows the Bible Society partnering with Christian schools, rehabilitation centres, orphanages and churches to help struggling children in Bogotá, Colombia.

Many thousands of children are living with poverty, violence, abuse, loneliness and illness. These children need to know love and compassion in their lives.

We are delighted to be part of a project to bring children in off the street, or help them as they work through difficult issues at home. We want to see these kids having the opportunity to learn and be educated but most of all, we want them to know that God loves them and wants them as part of His family.

Please encourage the children of your Sunday School to learn about the kind of lives many children have in Colombia. Challenge them to pray and get creative in some fund-raising to help share the Word of God with children who are not so different to themselves.

Thanks for your interest, if we are able to help you in any way, please feel free to give us a ring on 01 677 3272, or email judyw@natbibsoc.iol.ie



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Info sheet 1

There are 12 times the amount of people living in Colombia than there are in Ireland.

Bogotá



Many South American families move to cities each year in search of a better life, only to end up homeless, like millions before them.

Children are often the ones who suffer the most.

Thousands of kids are living on the streets of Bogota, the capital city of Colombia. Many more live in very poor families where they are often not too well looked after.

The Bible Society is helping to give these kids a better life. and share God's Word with them.

- Working with churches
- Working with schools
- Working with centres to help the kids off the streets.

Every €2.00 you raise will make it possible for the Bible Society to give Gospels to 18 children!

How many lives can you help change?



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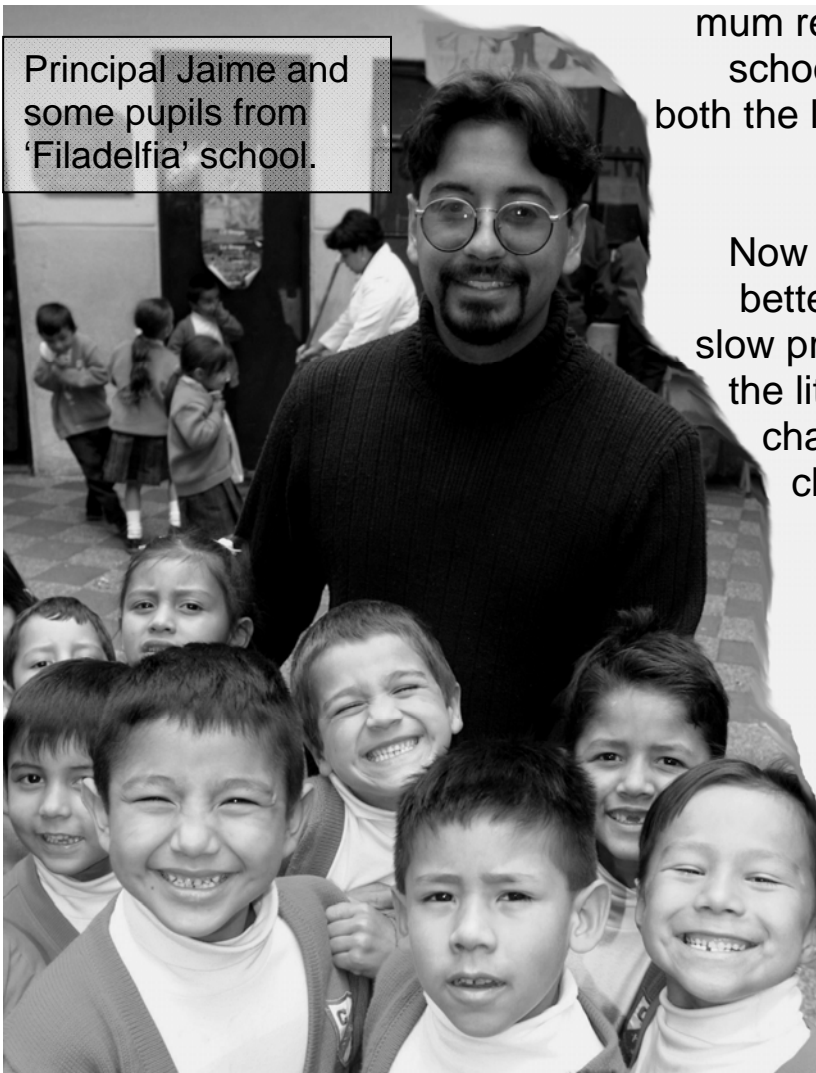
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Principal Jaime and some pupils from 'Filadelfia' school.



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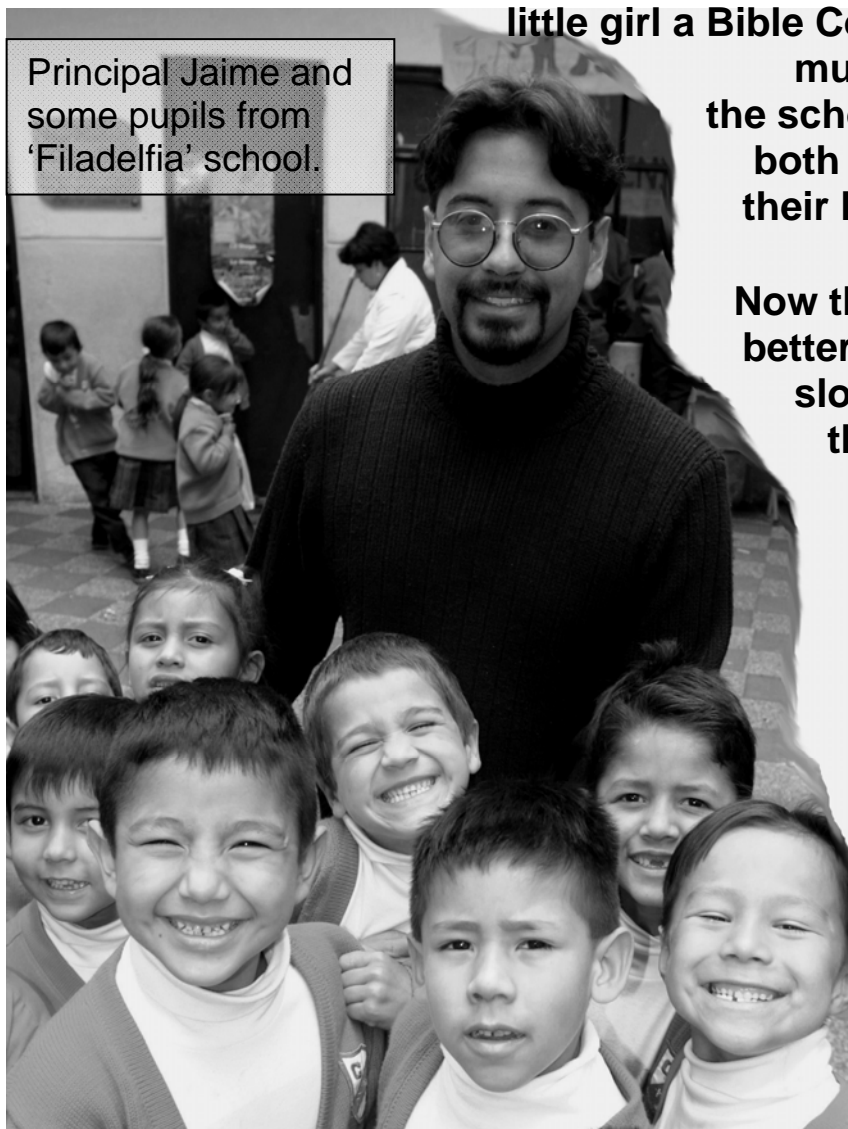
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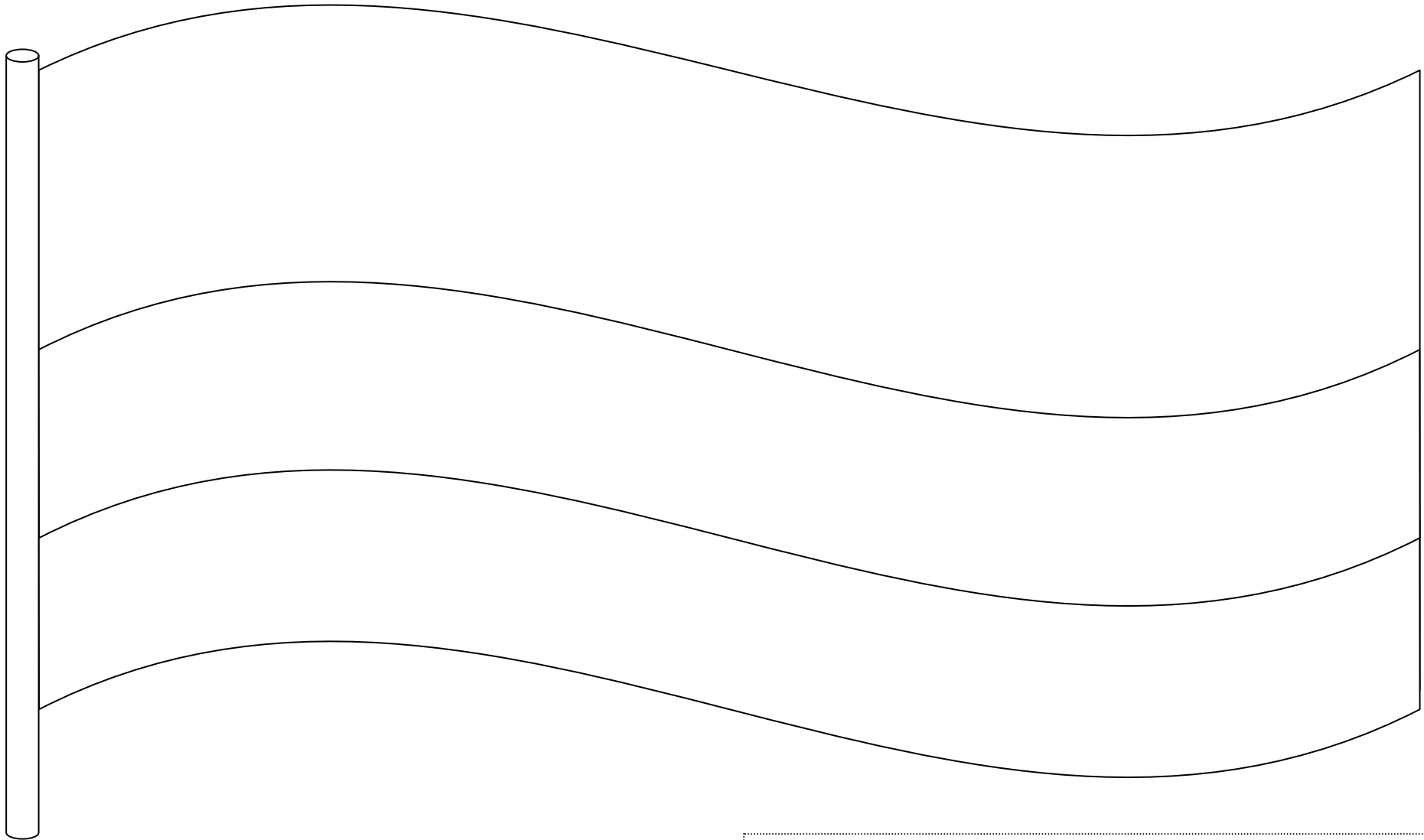
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This is the Colombian flag.

**Colour the flagpole any colour you want. The Top part of the flag is yellow,
The Middle part is red, The bottom is blue.**





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Group 2

Can you find all the words about Colombia in the grid below?

S	G	F	T	E	B	I	K	W	O	P	E
I	O	R	U	H	O	M	E	L	E	S	S
N	D	U	O	R	G	A	D	E	G	A	N
H	S	B	T	P	O	U	N	P	F	F	E
O	W	A	R	H	T	Y	H	S	O	E	R
L	O	D	U	R	A	W	C	O	G	X	D
S	R	F	T	N	O	M	B	G	K	Q	L
M	D	T	M	O	I	E	E	D	Z	E	I
J	D	Z	E	R	T	R	J	R	W	A	H
S	C	H	O	O	L	F	L	Y	I	O	C
C	O	O	A	I	B	M	O	L	O	C	I
H	P	Q	U	B	N	X	E	V	T	D	A

South America
Colombia
Bogota
Homeless
Poor

God's Word
Gospel
School
Safe
Children

Remember to pray for the children in Colombia who do not have homes to live in or people who love them.





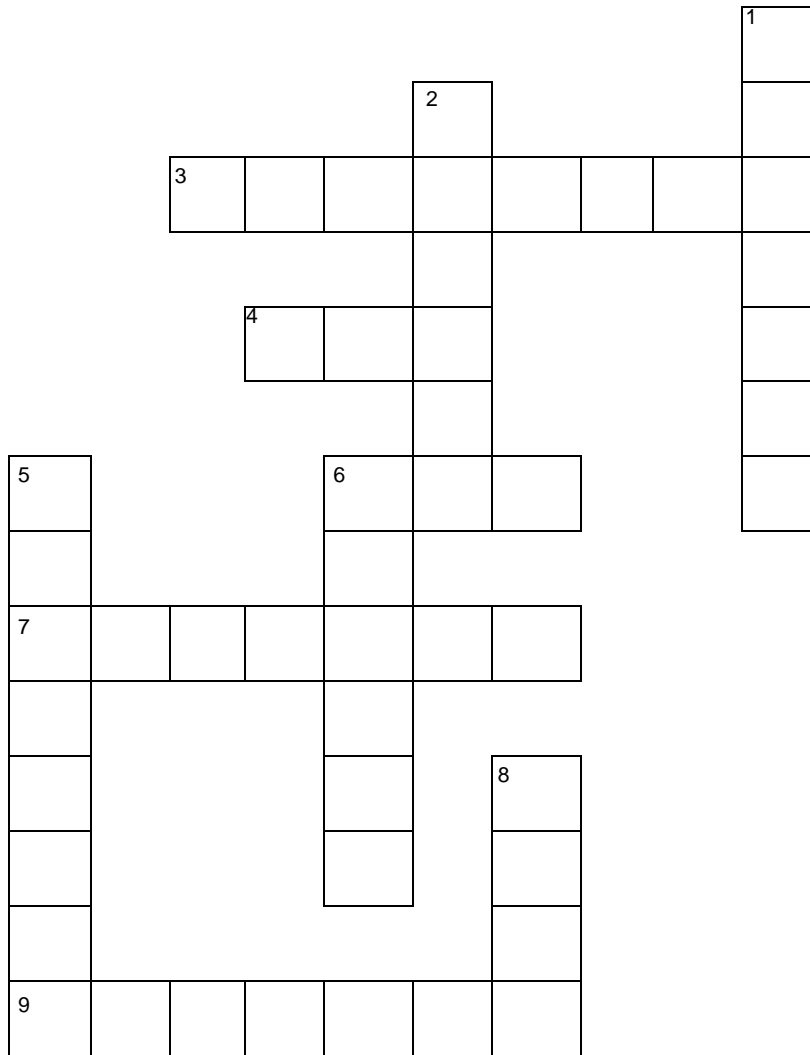
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Group 3

If you are stuck, most of the answers can all be found on the Information and Mission sheets for week 1.



Across:

- 3. A country in South America (8 Letters)
- 4. How many pounds (£) does it take to give 25 Colombian kids a Gospel book? (3 Letters)
- 6. Feeling upset (3 Letters)
- 7. The first gospel in the New Testament. (7 Letters)
- 9. The Bible _____ is helping teach children about Jesus

Down:

- 1. The language of Colombia (7 Letters)
- 2. The capital city in Colombia (6 Letters)
- 5. Many families end up in this situation when they move to the cities. (8 Letters)
- 6. Principal Jaime runs a Christian one for poor kids. (6 Letters)
- 8. The name for what we do when we talk to God. (4 Letters)



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Info sheet 2



Every time you hear 'Coffee' mentioned, think of the children in Colombia.

Coffee from Colombia is sold all around the world. It is a main trade crop between Colombia and other countries.

Unfortunately there is a lot of illegal activity associated with Colombia also. There are people who only care about making money and they do so by selling dangerous drugs - even to children.

The kids living on the streets are most at risk. They have no-one to care for them or look after them. They often end up living in gangs, getting into trouble and ending up in danger.

People in Colombia speak Spanish.

Here's a Spanish phrase worth learning:

¡Dios Te Ama!

It means 'God loves you!'

Never forget that!

The Bible Society hopes to make a difference in the lives of 6 million children. Remember - every little helps!

What can you do to share God's love with the street kids?



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Mission lesson 2

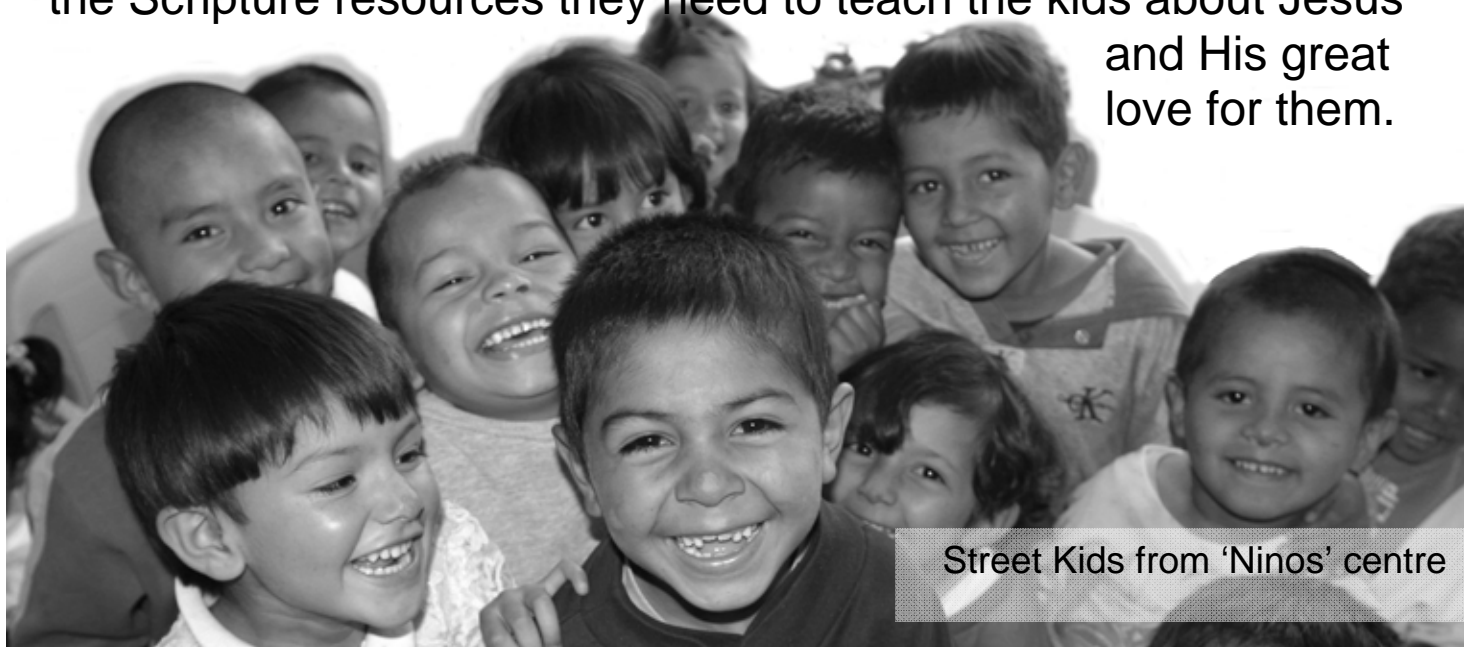
'*Ninos Triunphadores en Cristo*' is a home for street children in Bogotá, we'll call it 'Ninos' for short. Ms Lopez runs this home that cares for 62 children, from babies to 13 year olds. They are all street kids, orphans or run-aways.

There is one little girl living in the home who has been there since she was born. Her mum was going to sell her but she got caught and the little girl ended up in 'Ninos' being cared for by Mz Lopez. Two other girls are there because their family did not want to care for them. Now their lives have changes because they are being shown love.

At 'Ninos' there are daily Bible lessons and the children all attend a church service on Sunday and Wednesdays. They are being taught about God's love for them and the results speak for themselves. The kids all have problems but they are learning to trust in God and they are in a safe place.

Please pray for the thousands of kids who are not so fortunate to be living in the 'Ninos' centre and still sleep on the street. Ms Lopez visits these children with blankets and pillows to try and help them.

Thank God that the Bible Society is able to provide 'Ninos' with all the Scripture resources they need to teach the kids about Jesus and His great love for them.



Street Kids from 'Ninos' centre



**Colour in the Coffee cup.
Every time you hear the word 'coffee', think of the
street children in Colombia.**



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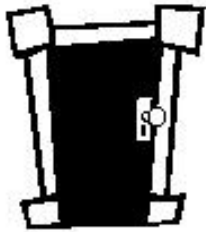


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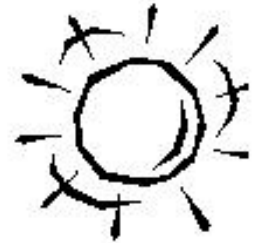
Words and pictures

Match the Spanish words with the picture

Answers are upside down at the bottom of the page.



fuego



coche



sol



luna



boligrafo



puerta



flor



libro

casa



gato



The people in Colombia speak Spanish, turn the page upside down to see how many Spanish words you were able to match with the pictures.

Answers: door = puerta; house = casa; cat = gato; moon = luna; pen = bolígrafo;
sun = sol; car = coche; flower = flor; fire = fuego; book = libro



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Spot the Spanish

Spanish is the language that is spoken in Colombia. See if you can correctly spot the Spanish word below. The English word is given to you on the right, you then need to select A B or C. The answers are upside-down in the panel on the bottom.

1. Hello	A. Bonjour	B. Ola	C. Chow
2. Goodbye	A. Adieu	B. Adios	C. Au revoir
3. Happy	A. Felice	B. Joyeux	C. Alegre
4. Sad	A. Triste	B. Mesto	C. Lamentable
5. Tall	A. Grand	B. Alta	C. Alto
6. Small	A. Piccolo	B. Petit	C. Klein
7. Child	A. Enfant	B. Nino	C. Bambino
8. School	A. Escuela	B. Scuola	C. Ecole
9. Pray	A. Prier	B. Pregare	C. Orar
10. Bible	A. Biblico	B. Biblia	C. Bibel

Results

- 1-3: You managed to guess a few!
 4-7: Not bad at all, you know a few Spanish words.
 8-10: Impressive - budding linguist here!

1:B

2:B

3:C

4:1

5:C

6:A

7:B

8:A

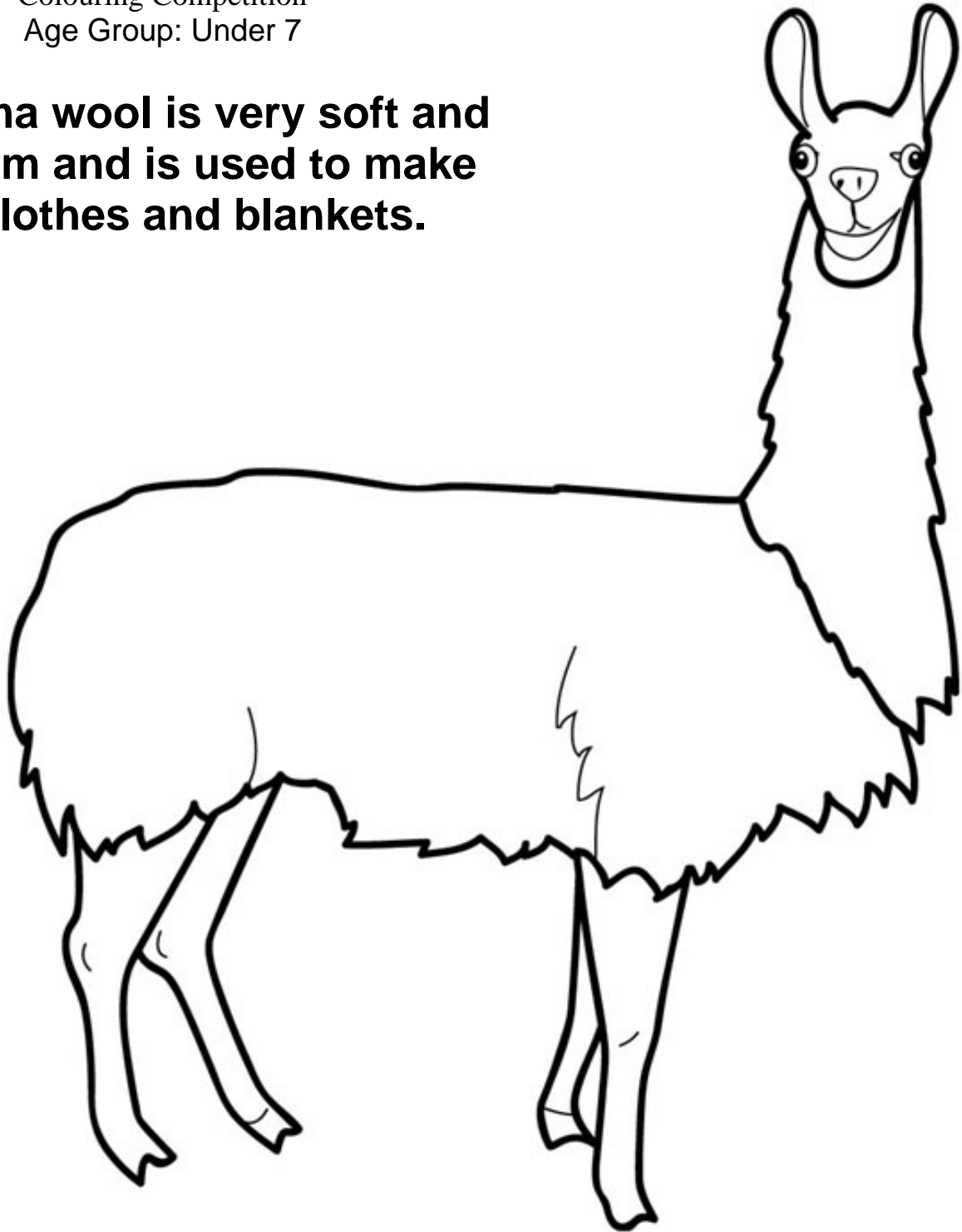
9:C

10:B

Llama

Colouring Competition
Age Group: Under 7

Llama wool is very soft and warm and is used to make clothes and blankets.



Name: _____ Age: _____

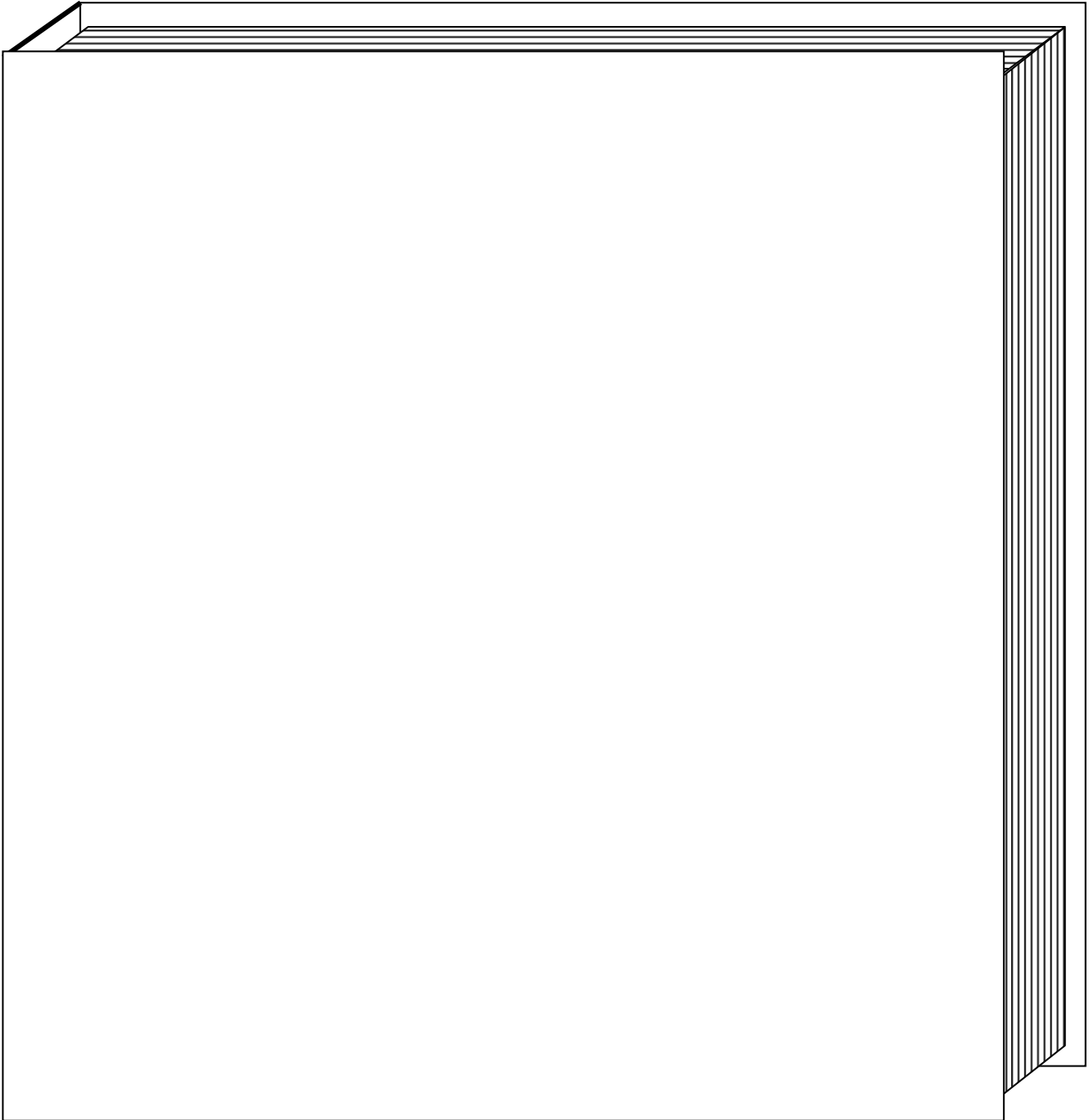
Address: _____

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Gospel design Competition

Age Group: 8 - 10

The children in Bogotá are going to be receiving copies of Gospels - the wonderful story of Jesus Christ. Design a cover for the gospel of Mark. Pick a scene to draw or a special verse to write. Use your imagination, try to show how special this book is and what it means to you.



Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

_____ Parish: _____

Prayer Card

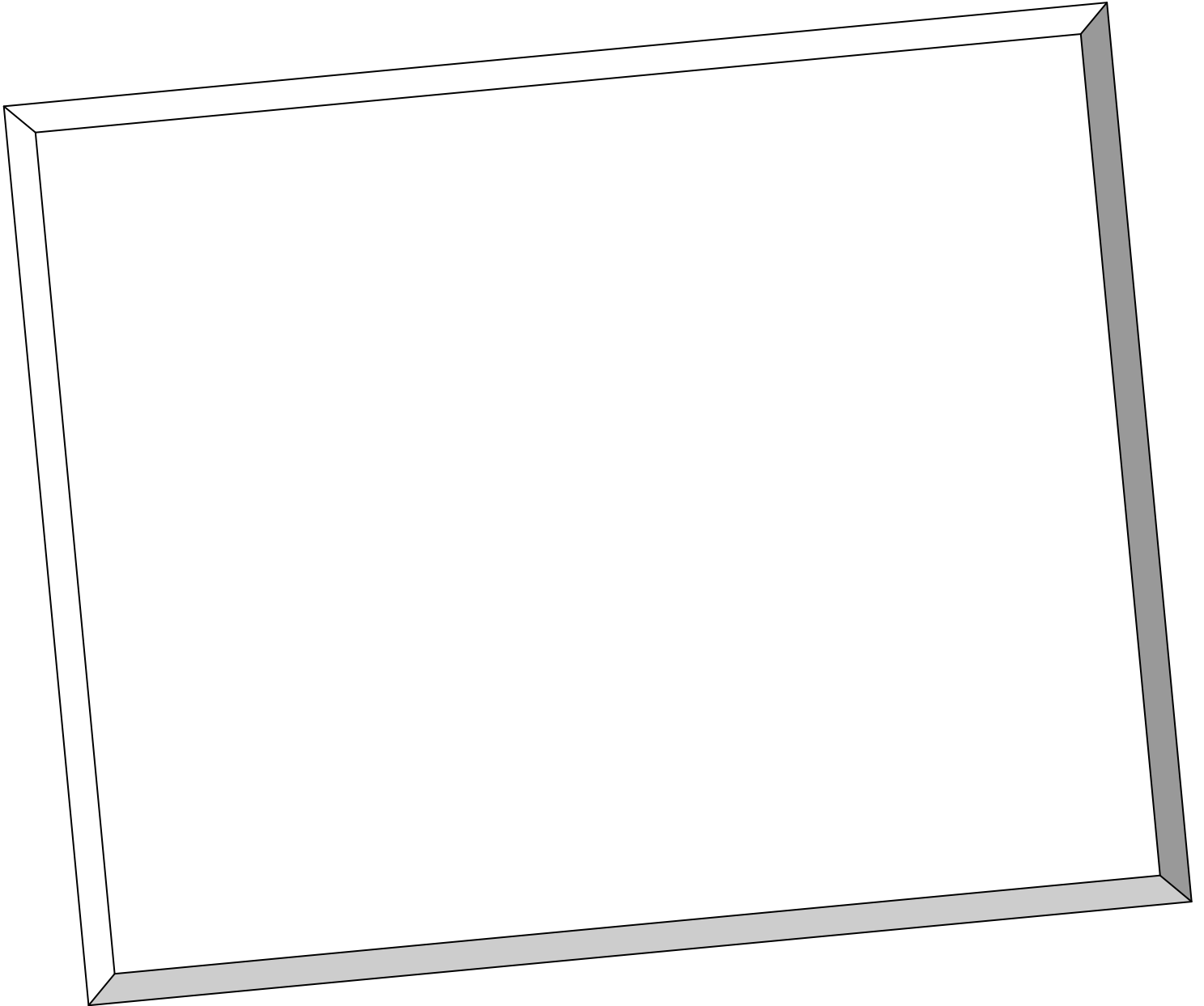
Competition

Age Group: 11+

Design a prayer card that will help you to pray for the children of Colombia.
Write a short prayer, thanking God for the good things you have and asking Him to help the children in Colombia who are struggling.

Decorate the card with pictures that will remind you of Colombia - maybe the map, coffee beans, colours of the flag... it's up to you!

The most thoughtful prayer card will win the competition.



Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

_____ Parish: _____