

Faces and Places of Bolivia Overview

Faces and Places of Bolivia is a resource guide to help children learn about ABC Kids and become involved in this ministry through prayer, activities and support. It is made up of five Mission Minutes designed to be used in a large group setting of a church school. Each Mission Minute is presented as a written script and as a Power Point Presentation. They all include:

Scripture reading

Psalm 121 will be read every Sunday. It is a Psalm for travelers up and down mountain roads. All or portions of the psalm can be read. Use the full page copy to make a poster for each classroom.

Faces

Five ABC Kids are featured. Each has a story of how they came to be a part of ABC Kids. Five ABC Kids cards are provided so that children will remember to pray.

Prayer

A prayer for the ABC Kid featured that day is provided. It is meant to be a guide; other prayers may be offered as well.

Song

Psalm 121 by Brian Doerksen is a song for travelers. This song reinforces the need to look to God for our help wherever we are. The creator of the earth comes to us, rescues us and brings us life. This song will be sung each Sunday. A full page copy is provided for copying, if desired.

Places

Children will learn about three places in Bolivia - the Altiplano, the Yungas Valley and the Death Road. The Altiplano is a very high plateau in the Andes Mountains outside of La Paz. Caranavi is in the Yungas Valley, at the edge of the Bolivian rainforest. To get from La Paz to Caranavi, one must travel the Death Road, one of the most dangerous roads in the world. This road twists and turns from an elevation of 14,000 feet down to 2,000 feet.

Each Mission Minute of *Faces and Places of Bolivia* is straightforward. If followed as it is written, it should not last more than 5 minutes. Feel free to expand and tailor the Mission Minutes to your children's ministry program. One way to expand this guide is to present the Mission Minutes from the perspective of TV reporters. Since it is a Radio/Television station that produces ABC Kids, why not present *Faces and Places of Bolivia* as a TV production?

1. Provide props to help children pretend they are TV reporters. Items could include a microphone, caps with ABC Kids written on them, official looking badges with ABC Kids written on them, etc.
2. Have "reporters" read the Faces and Places portion of the Mission Minute.
3. Create a jingle for your church school that can be sung right before the "reporters" start the show.
4. Have "reporters" sign off using a catchy phrase, such as, "Remember these faces and places."



BONUS! ABC Kids Activities for the classroom:

Use these to enhance the Mission Minutes:

1. Bolivia Trading Cards
2. Bolivia Activity Sheets
3. Bolivian Folk Stories
4. Bolivian Bracelets