

# Introduction

## El Salvador

The Wesleyan Church in El Salvador, which is located in Central America, is a young and developing church that is 10 years old. It is a church with a vision to reach people for Christ who work, study and travel in the principal cities. These cities are suffering from a wave of violence from the gangs (16 people are killed each day in El Salvador) and from extortion of businesses, individuals and churches.

The gospel is being shared in the plazas, parks and homes. The Salvadoran church is providing theological education to lay leaders in order to plant new churches. A ministry to children is starting and developing in various streets in the city. In these places, they are using a strategy of offering a refreshing snack (a sandwich with coffee or juice) in order to meet with the children and share the gospel with them. Some of these children are actually the children of teachers in the Sunday School. Thanks to the help of local churches and missionaries from North America we have been able to develop this ministry so that it includes medical classes and shoes for the children. This ministry is helping with the national crisis

related to the gangs so that the children do not become involved in what is wrong and recognize the difference between what causes sin and what pleases God. In less than ten months we have planted 4 new congregations. There the children are being taught to understand more about the Bible.

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# El Salvador

Language—Spanish, Nahuatl

Birds of El Salvador  
White-breasted hawk, Highland Guan, Muscovy duck, bare-throated tiger heron, great curassow



Unique Fruits  
Paterna-seed  
Chicozapote  
Anona  
Passionflower  
Jacote

Find the foods of El Salvador

- 1-Curtido—pickled cabbage
- 2-Salad
- Drink

Famous for Mayan cities  
Tazumal  
San Andres  
Pompeii of Americas—buried by volcanic ash  
Joya de Ceren  
Casa Blanca

- 3-Pacala—breaded palm flower
- 4-Sopa de Pata—plantain and cow's feet
- 5-Pupusas—stuffed corn cakes
- 6-Horchata—peanut and spices drink

Famous People  
Atlatc—Indian chief  
Chry Turlington—model  
Rosemary Casals—Tennis  
Rolando Molina—Actor

- 7-Maria Luisa—cake
- 8-Sauteed Plantain
- 9-Semita

Nickname—Valle de las Hamacas—due to constant threat of earthquakes

Original Name of Country—Cuscatlan  
Most densely populated country in Americas 850 people per square mile  
Went to war because of a soccer match with Honduras



Crafts  
Black Pottery





# Children's Story

## Ricardo Ademir

The story of Ricardo Ademir

### How he accepted Jesus:

Five years ago, Ricardo Ademir, was a little boy of 12 years of age that came to our church accompanied by his mother and two other brothers; He was suffering from an unknown disease and the doctors could not find a way to treat him..

My wife Zoily started an evangelistic event for women and children. It was called the Morning Walk with Jesus. Ricardo and his mother attended this event. Afterwards they received a light refreshment and a message from the word of God. All of them accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. . On the following day Ricardo Ademir and his brothers were miraculously healed of the unknown disease.

### How Ricardo is helping others accept Christ:

Ricardo Ademir tells others of the miracle of God's power that healed him from the unknown disease when he welcomed Jesus, by faith as his Lord and Savior.

### How Ricardo is involved in the ministry of the church:

After having received training, Ricardo Ademir became a teacher of the Word of God in the Sunday School for children between 5-10 years of age. He is an active member of the local church, also he is a part of the local evangelism team. where his task is to teach the Word Of God in the different preaching points and churches that have been planted recently. Also he is starting his studies at the

Local Biblical Institute. He is now 17 years old.



# Memory Activity

## Memory Verse

“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men” (Luke 2:52)

Make sure that the children understand the meaning of the words ‘wisdom,’ ‘stature,’ and ‘favor.’ Then play the following memory game.

## Unwrap the parcel

Write each word of the verse on separate sheets of paper. Then, randomly, wrap them, layer by layer, around a small box or ball. You may want to secure each sheet of paper with a rubber band. Play a game similar to musical chairs, but instead of the children moving from chair to chair, pass the parcel around while music is playing in the background. When a leader stops the music, the child holding the parcel takes off the first layer of wrapping and leaves the circle. Keep going until all of the layers have been removed. Then, have the children try to put the words of the memory verse in the correct order. If there is time, repeat the game and see if the children can assemble the verse faster the second time.

# Bible Lesson

Luke 2:41-51

Even as a young child, Jesus knew that God was His Father and He needed to be in the temple, learning and studying the Word of God. At twelve years of age, Jesus went with His parents to the Feast of the Passover. At this Feast, the people traveled to Jerusalem to worship God and remember how He had saved their people when they were slaves in Egypt. Do you remember the story?

(Review it with the children. Exodus 12:21-30). God told the people to put blood on their doorposts and God would ‘pass over’ their homes and not destroy their firstborn child. Every year, the Israelites remembered this miracle that God had done for their families and celebrated His goodness to them.

After the celebration of the feast, Mary and Joseph were returning home to Nazareth. They were with a large crowd of people who had also gone to Jerusalem. They traveled for one day. How do you think they traveled? (Allow for answers). They didn’t have cars in those days. Perhaps they traveled by horse, or donkey, or even on foot. It would take a few days to get back to their home.

After one day of traveling, Joseph and Mary realized that Jesus was not with them. They had assumed that He was in the crowd of people that they were traveling with. But He was not. His mother and father were very concerned and worried. They hurried back to Jerusalem and began looking for Him. They searched for three whole days! Do you know where they found him? (Read Luke 2:46). There He was, in the temple, talking with the religious teachers, listening, asking questions, and learning.

His parents were happy to find him. They asked Him why He had stayed behind. He answered, “Didn’t you know that I had to be in my Father’s house?” Jesus, at 12 years of age, knew that He had been sent by His Father to earth for a purpose and He needed to begin His work.

The Bible tells us that Jesus returned to Nazareth with his parents and was obedient to them. And He never forgot that He needed to be doing God’s work. The Bible says that Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. (Luke 2:52).

## Color, Colorcito

Color, little color, is a twist on "It" Tag. All the players select a safe base, like a large rock or an area of a wall. One person is designated as IT and says, "Color, little color" then names a color. The rest of the players run around and look for something that is the color named. Once an item is found they can run to "safe". The person who is it runs after the kids and tries to tag one of them before they reach the safe base. The person tagged is the new IT.

Game Time

# Time for Prayer

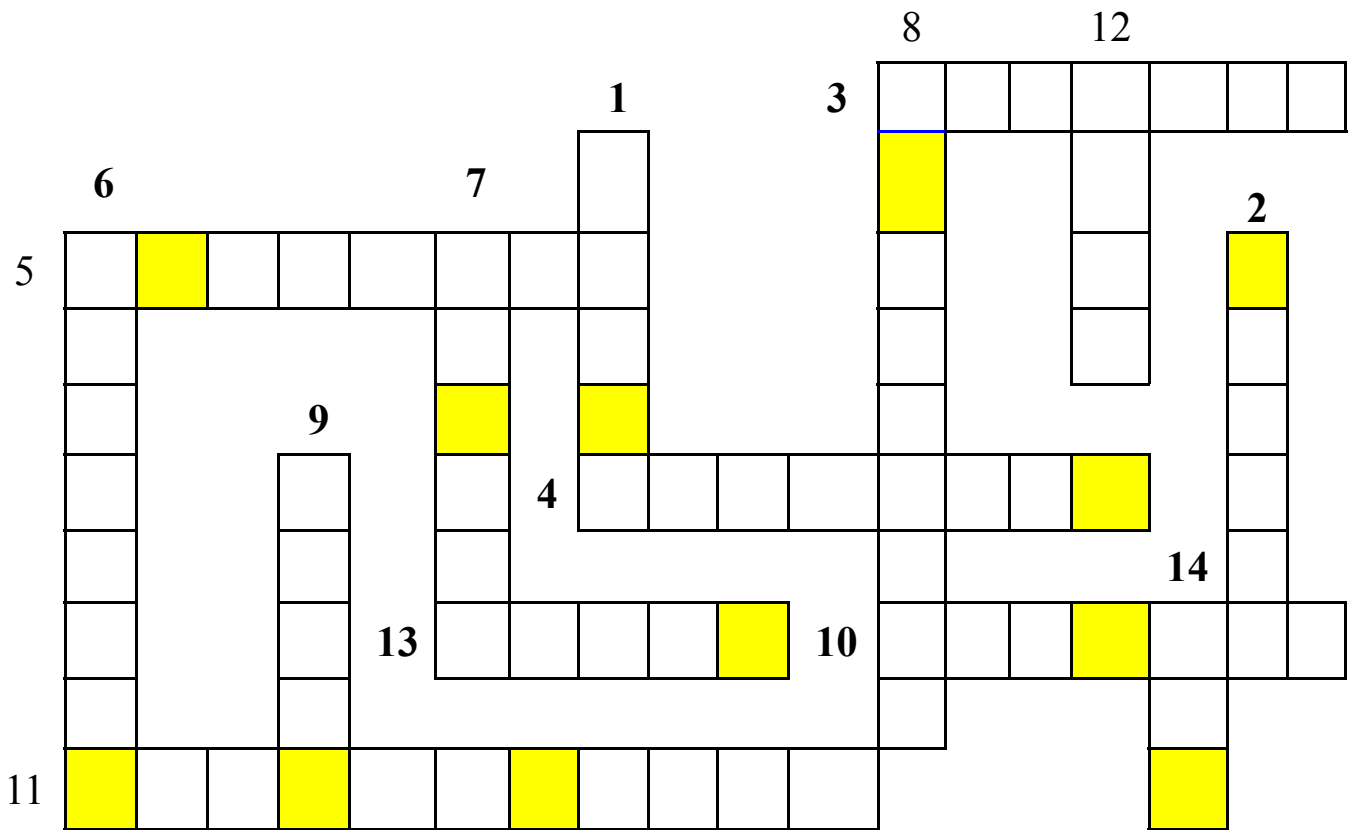
1. Pray for the resources to share a small breakfast for each child that comes to Sunday School once a month.
2. Pray for teachers for the Sunday Schools
3. Pray for chairs and desks for the Sunday Schools.
4. Pray for the Child Evangelism events at each local church.

# Activity

## C r i s i s

1. What language besides spanish is spoken in El Salvador
2. What is the name of the fruit that starts with the letter J
3. What is the name for pickled cabbage
4. What is the name of the famous indian chief
5. What is the name of the drink made with peanuts and spice
6. A soccer match caused a war with what country
7. What is ricardo's last name
8. What is the name of the game in the lesson
9. What type of group is causing many problems in the country
10. What is the name of one of the mayan cities
11. Capitol of the country
12. Staple food of Central America
13. Another word for laws
14. Fifth month

Word list—Honduras, Jacote, Tazumel, May, Horchata, San Salvador, Curtido Colorcito, Gangs, Nahua, Rice, Rules



Unscramble the letters in the darkened boxes to find the secret message

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1. What language besides spanish is spoken in El Salvador – Nahua
2. What is the name of the fruit that starts with the letter J – Jacote
3. What is the name for pickled cabbage – Curtido
4. What is the name of the famous indian chief – atlatl
5. What is the name of the drink made with peanuts and spice – Horchata
6. A soccer match caused a war with what country – Honduras
7. What is ricardo's last name – Ademir
8. What is the name of the game in the lesson – colorcito
9. What type of group is causing many problems in the country – gangs
10. What is the name of one of the mayan cities – tazumel
11. Capitol of the country san Salvador
12. Staple food of Central America – rice
13. Another word for laws – rules
14. Fifth month - may

Secret Message—Jesus Loves You