

Winnie the World Skit

Winnie the World provides facts about the different countries of the world. She knows what each country is like, where it is located, and how the people live. For this skit, use the Winnie puppet or print out the Winnie picture onto card stock and attach to a craft stick to create a stick puppet.

Winnie the World Loves Bolivia



- WINNIE:** *(She enters wearing a striped prisoner's hat and singing her song to the tune of "Here We Go 'Round the Mulberry Bush.")* Here we go 'round this great big world, this great big world, this great big world. Here we go 'round this great big world, telling people 'bout Jesus. Hi, everyone.
- INTERVIEWER:** Hi, Winnie. Why are you wearing a prisoner's hat? Did you get into trouble?
- WINNIE:** The country I'm going to tell you about has prisons where the prisoners' children have to live inside the prison with their parents. But missionaries are making a difference in these children's lives with the help of BGMC.
- INTERVIEWER:** This sounds really interesting, Winnie. What country is this?
- WINNIE:** The country is Bolivia. It is located in the center of South America.
- INTERVIEWER:** I can't imagine making children live in prison. Tell us more.
- WINNIE:** One prison is called "Palmasola Prison." It is located in Santa Cruz. People who do something wrong and commit a crime are sent to prison. They are also required to take their children with them so the children don't have to live in the streets.
- INTERVIEWER:** Little kids in prison? That sounds terrible.
- WINNIE:** It was. A missionary realized there were over 800 children living in the prison. The children had very little to eat or to wear. They also could not go to school.
- INTERVIEWER:** Could anything be done to help these children?
- WINNIE:** Yes. Missionaries Jack and Georgia Belin opened Freedom School with the help of Latin America ChildCare and BGMC. They found land near the prison and started this school for the children in the prison. The children were given uniforms, hot meals, and classes. They were also taught about Jesus.
- INTERVIEWER:** That's wonderful, Winnie. You said that BGMC helped with this school. What did BGMC do?

- WINNIE:** BGMC money was used to help run this school, including providing food, schoolbooks, and materials to teach the children about Jesus!
- INTERVIEWER:** Wow, the kids here in America are helping to reach the kids in Bolivia by giving to BGMC. Every penny, nickel, dime, quarter, and dollar adds up and is needed by our missionaries all over the world.
- WINNIE:** BGMC is a great program to help our missionaries. Thank you, kids, for giving to BGMC. Do your best to fill up your Buddy Barrel every month for missions.
- INTERVIEWER:** That's great, Winnie. These missionaries, along with BGMC, are really making a difference in the lives of those children.
- WINNIE:** At the San Sebastian Prison in another Bolivian city, BGMC and the kids here in the U.S. have helped to build the Bolivian Hope Center. This is another center for the prison kids where they can receive schooling, receive food, have fun, and learn about Jesus. Missionaries Rick and Sandee Farthing run the center.
- INTERVIEWER:** Without schools and centers like this, the kids in the prisons don't stand much of a chance of living a happy, normal life.
- WINNIE:** What's also exciting is that the kids are going back into the prisons and telling their parents about Jesus. Lots of adults are getting saved, including the prison guards.
- INTERVIEWER:** That's really amazing, Winnie. Because of the kids, the adults are learning about Jesus. What else is BGMC helping with in Bolivia?
- WINNIE:** Kids are being reached all over Bolivia through Sunday School, Missionettes, Royal Rangers, and Latin America ChildCare schools. Thank you, BGMC.
- INTERVIEWER:** Thank you for coming, Winnie, and for telling us about the kids in Bolivia. Good-bye.
- WINNIE:** Good-bye, everyone. Remember to pray for Bolivia and for our missionaries. Sing with me as I go. *(She exits singing her song.)* Here we go 'round this great big world, this great big world, this great big world. Here we go 'round this great big world, telling people 'bout Jesus.



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