

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 Romania



- WINNIE:** *(She enters carrying a garbage can 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. It's great to see you. What's that in your hand?
- WINNIE:** A garbage can.
- INTERVIEWER:** A garbage can? I can't even guess what a garbage can has to do with our lesson today. Tell us what country we're studying, and what it has to do with a garbage can.
- WINNIE:** The country I'm going to tell you about is Romania. Romania is located in Eastern Europe. In Jesus' time, this land became part of the Roman Empire. It was then called Romania, which means "Land of the Romans," and the people were called Romanians.
- INTERVIEWER:** That's very interesting, Winnie. I did not know that. But what does this garbage can have to do with the country of Romania?
- WINNIE:** Romania had been under Communist control for a long time. While under Communist control, the people were kept very poor. Many families couldn't afford to feed their children. In other cases, many fathers and mothers died, leaving their children alone.
- INTERVIEWER:** What happened to all these children?
- WINNIE:** There was no one to care for them. These children found homes in the sewers of the big cities and learned to find food by eating out of garbage cans.
- INTERVIEWER:** You mean you brought this garbage can to remind all of us that in some countries of the world, people don't have homes to live in, or moms to take care of them, or food to eat?
- WINNIE:** That's right. Many, many orphaned children are living on the streets of Romania. The only home they have is holes in the ground where the sewer pipes go through. They have to hunt and beg for food or eat out of garbage cans.

INTERVIEWER: Do we have missionaries there? Is anyone doing anything to help reach the kids of Romania?

WINNIE: Yes. We have missionaries there that are doing their best to help feed these children. Some of the missionaries are building orphanages where children can have a home to live in and food to eat.

INTERVIEWER: I'm so glad that we have missionaries who care about the children and are doing whatever they can to help these children. What else can you tell us about what our missionaries are doing in Romania?

WINNIE: Since the people of Romania are so poor, Missionary Sheila Hall started Compassion Outreach Ministry. This ministry is helping to give refugees and Gypsies food and clothing donated by businesses and churches in America. While they feed and clothe people, they also tell them about Jesus!

INTERVIEWER: That's great, Winnie. They are meeting both their spiritual and their physical needs!

WINNIE: Oh, yes, and that's not all. Our missionaries have helped bring in HealthCare Ministries teams from America to treat medical needs and distribute eyeglasses to people who cannot afford to buy their own eyeglasses.

INTERVIEWER: What else are they doing to reach the children of Romania?

WINNIE: They're having kids' crusades, summer camps, and Christian schools. The missionaries are also reaching the Gypsy children, giving them new shoes, providing schooling, and telling them about Jesus.

INTERVIEWER: Sometimes we forget just how blessed we are here in America. We have homes to live in, shoes to wear, and food to eat. We need to share some of our blessings with the people of the world.

WINNIE: You can do that by giving to BGMC. BGMC is helping to reach children around the world. BGMC also helps to provide schooling for street kids, clothes for them, and also food. Our missionaries love BGMC!

INTERVIEWER: Thank you for coming today, Winnie, and reminding us about the needs around the world and reminding us what BGMC is doing to help. Good-bye.

WINNIE: Good bye, everyone. Every time you throw something away in the garbage, remember to pray for all the children in Romania who need food to eat and who need Jesus. Pray also for our missionaries working there. 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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