

# Winnie the World Skit

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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 South Africa



- WINNIE:** *(Enters carrying a quilt or a picture of a quilt 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:** Winnie, it's good to see you today. Why are you carrying a blanket? Are you getting ready to take a nap?
- WINNIE:** No. This is not a blanket. It's a quilt.
- INTERVIEWER:** What's the difference?
- WINNIE:** A quilt is made up of fabric pieces of all different colors. The pieces are then sewn together to form a pattern. It takes a lot of work, but in the end, it is very beautiful.
- INTERVIEWER:** Does this quilt have anything to do with missions?
- WINNIE:** Oh, yes. The country I'm going to talk about today is a lot like this quilt.
- INTERVIEWER:** What do you mean, Winnie?
- WINNIE:** This country is made up of a mixture of people with different skin colors, different languages, and different religions.
- INTERVIEWER:** What country is this?
- WINNIE:** It's the country of South Africa. South Africa is located at the very bottom of the continent of Africa. It's about twice the size of Texas.
- INTERVIEWER:** How did South Africa become such a mixture of different people?
- WINNIE:** About 2,000 years ago, black Africans came from the north and settled in the eastern part of the country. Then yellowish-skinned people from Asia moved in the western area. After that, white people from Europe came and settled.

- INTERVIEWER:** It sounds like this country is a mixture of colors just like your quilt. Do all these different colors of people get along?
- WINNIE:** Unfortunately, the different people did not mix very well. But the love of Jesus is changing all that, especially for the kids.
- INTERVIEWER:** The color of people's skin does not matter to God. He loves each and every one of us the same. God can bring together the colors of South Africa. How are the kids being reached?
- WINNIE:** A lot is being done to reach the kids. Kids learn about Jesus at kids crusades, kids camps, Sunday School, JBQ, and through the Children's Resource Centers.
- INTERVIEWER:** What are Children's Resource Centers?
- WINNIE:** Through BGMC and Coins For Kids, these centers are being built all over South Africa to help kids who have been affected by or infected with HIV/AIDS. Kids come to get a hot meal, receive tutoring, have activities, and experience the love of Jesus.
- INTERVIEWER:** Winnie, isn't the disease AIDS a big problem in South Africa?
- WINNIE:** Oh, yes. At least one in 10 people in South Africa have AIDS. Many kids are orphans because their parents have died from AIDS. In fact, many kids also die from AIDS.
- INTERVIEWER:** What are the missionaries doing to help with this situation?
- WINNIE:** Our missionaries are trying to teach the people how to keep from getting AIDS. They have also set up orphanages to help the kids who have no parents, and they are helping to care for those who are sick because of AIDS.
- INTERVIEWER:** Only the love of God can heal the hurts of the people and the kids. I'm so glad we have missionaries who are dedicated to telling the people of South Africa about Jesus. Thank you for coming today, Winnie. Good-bye.
- WINNIE:** Good-bye, everyone. When you see a quilt, think of the many colors of South Africa and remember to pray for the people 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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