

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 Togo



- WINNIE:** *(She enters wearing a graduation 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. Are you getting ready to graduate from school?
- WINNIE:** No. I'm wearing this hat because it will help me with the country I'm going to talk about today.
- INTERVIEWER:** This sounds a little strange. What country are you going to tell us about?
- WINNIE:** The country is called Togo. It's located in the western hump of Africa. It's a long, skinny country. It's not very big. It's a little smaller than our state of West Virginia.
- INTERVIEWER:** Winnie, you still haven't explained about the graduation hat.
- WINNIE:** The Bible school, called the West Africa Advanced School of Theology, or WAAST, is located in Togo. This Bible school is very important in Africa. Lots of African pastors are trained at this school, and lots of them graduate.
- INTERVIEWER:** I get it. You're wearing the graduation hat because lots of African pastors graduate from WAAST. Is WAAST the only Bible school in Africa?
- WINNIE:** Oh no, but it's one of the biggest ones. This school also has a program so pastors can earn their master's degrees and their doctorate degrees. Bible schools like this are so important in Africa.
- INTERVIEWER:** Why is that, Winnie?
- WINNIE:** You see, great things are happening in Africa, and many, many people are becoming Christians. Because so many people are becoming Christians, lots of churches are being started. The problem is, there aren't enough pastors for these churches.
- INTERVIEWER:** It's important for every church to have its own pastor. The pastor is the one who teaches the people about God, helps them with their problems, and prays for the sick.

WINNIE: Right now in Africa, one pastor may be pastoring three or four churches because there aren't enough pastors.

INTERVIEWER: That has to be hard to do. It's also important for pastors to be properly trained concerning the teachings in the Bible. If a pastor is not trained, then he may not be teaching the people in his church the correct things.

WINNIE: The other problem is that most people in Africa who want to become pastors don't have the money to go to Bible school. Many of them have families, and they can't leave their jobs or their families to go off to Bible school.

INTERVIEWER: That would be a problem, Winnie. What is being done to help with these problems?

WINNIE: BGMC is a big help! BGMC is especially helping at WAAST by supplying schoolbooks, library books, computers, desks, and even the graduation hats and robes. In fact, the entire library at WAAST was provided by BGMC.

INTERVIEWER: Sounds like BGMC has been a big blessing to WAAST. I'm so glad the kids here in America are making an impact all over Africa every time they give to BGMC. These pastors could never afford to buy schoolbooks and library books, yet BGMC is providing these so they can study and learn God's Word.

WINNIE: Schoolbooks are so important. Without these books, pastors could not learn. BGMC is also helping many, many pastors go to Bible school by paying for their schooling. Thank you, kids, for giving to BGMC!

INTERVIEWER: It's so amazing to hear of all the things that BGMC does around the world. I never realized just how important Bible school is or how important schoolbooks and library books are. It's exciting to hear how God is really moving in Africa. Is WAAST the only Bible school that BGMC helps?

WINNIE: Oh no! BGMC helps Bible schools all over the world. Every country needs pastors who are trained so they can lead churches and teach the people about God. And BGMC helps at every single Bible school in the whole world!

INTERVIEWER: Now that really is amazing, Winnie! Thank you for coming today and telling us about Togo and the Bible school there. Good-bye.

WINNIE: Good-bye, everyone. Whenever you see a graduation hat, remember to pray for the pastors studying at the Bible school in Togo and at Bible schools all over the world. 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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