

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 Fiji



- WINNIE:** *(She enters carrying a bag of sugar while 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. What are you doing with all that sugar? Are you getting ready to make something really, really sweet?
- WINNIE:** No, but the country I'm going to talk about today grows lots and lots of sugarcane. Sugar comes from sugarcane.
- INTERVIEWER:** What country is it, Winnie, and where is it located?
- WINNIE:** The country is Fiji. Fiji is an island nation with over 300 islands. Most people live on the three largest islands. Fiji is located in the Pacific Ocean above New Zealand and to the right of Australia.
- INTERVIEWER:** Lots of good things are made from sugar. How did Fiji get involved with making sugar?
- WINNIE:** Back in the 1800s, when the British ruled Fiji, they noticed the soil and weather were great for growing sugarcane. So they started planting lots of fields of sugarcane.
- INTERVIEWER:** Winnie, how is sugar made from sugarcane?
- WINNIE:** Sugarcane stalks are cut down and sent to a mill. Sugarcane is made up of lots of water. The liquid is pressed out. Some stays as liquid sugar, and the rest is dried out into sugar crystals. The sugar is sent all over the world.
- INTERVIEWER:** It sounds like sugarcane is an important crop for the people of Fiji. Are the people of Fiji religious?
- WINNIE:** In 1834, the chief of the headhunters became a Christian because of Methodist missionaries who had come to Fiji. He tore down all the temples and told the people to worship the true God, Jesus. Because of this, Christianity spread around the islands.

INTERVIEWER: I'm so glad those missionaries went to Fiji. Are there still a lot of Christians?

WINNIE: Yes, lots of Fijians are Christians. But when the Indians came from India to work in the sugarcane fields, they brought their own religions of Hinduism and Islam.

INTERVIEWER: Do we currently have missionaries in Fiji?

WINNIE: Yes, we do. Our missionaries are helping to start churches, teach in the Bible schools, and reach out to kids through Sunday School, Royal Rangers, and Girls Ministries.

INTERVIEWER: How has BGMC helped in Fiji?

WINNIE: BGMC has paid for the Royal Rangers, Girls Ministries, and Sunday School materials. BGMC is also a big help at the Bible school in Fiji, including putting in a water well.

INTERVIEWER: I'm so glad the kids here in America care about people around the world by giving to BGMC. Thank you for coming today, Winnie, and telling us about the country of Fiji. Good-bye.

WINNIE: Good-bye, everyone. Whenever you see some sugar, remember to pray for the people of Fiji and for our missionaries 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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