

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 Venezuela



- WINNIE:** *(She enters carrying a basketball 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. Are you getting ready to go play basketball?
- WINNIE:** No, but the missionaries in the country I'm going to talk about use basketball to reach the people and tell them about Jesus.
- INTERVIEWER:** Basketball? That's unusual. What country is it, Winnie?
- WINNIE:** The country is Venezuela. Venezuela is located at the top of South America.
- INTERVIEWER:** Tell us how the missionaries are using basketball to tell people about Jesus.
- WINNIE:** Since kids love basketball, we have a missionary who holds a basketball camp to teach kids basketball skills. He also teaches them about the love of Jesus.
- INTERVIEWER:** That's a great way to open the door to sharing the gospel.
- WINNIE:** This missionary is also the chaplain for the pro baseball team in Caracas, the capital city of Venezuela. A chaplain is like a pastor for that sports team. So sports is opening many doors for witnessing in this country.
- INTERVIEWER:** This is really exciting to hear about, Winnie. What are the other missionaries doing to reach the people of Venezuela?
- WINNIE:** Missionaries have started a Teen Challenge center to help drug addicts, they've opened a children's home for kids who have no parents, they help the homeless, work with college students, preach on radio and TV, and lots, lots more.

INTERVIEWER: The work that our missionaries do is so important. Missionaries dedicate their lives to reaching the people in other countries with the gospel message. Without missionaries, millions of people would never hear about Jesus.

WINNIE: That's why it's so important for kids to keep their hearts open to God. God may want to call them to be missionaries in other countries. There are still millions of people around the world who have never heard about Jesus.

INTERVIEWER: That's right, Winnie. Lots of missionaries were kids when God called them to be missionaries. Speaking of kids, what are the missionaries in Venezuela doing to reach the kids?

WINNIE: In the churches, missionaries have started Sunday School, Girls Ministries, and Royal Rangers. Kids are learning about Jesus and learning how to live for God. Kids from poor families go to schools run by Latin America ChildCare.

INTERVIEWER: When kids learn about Jesus, they can go home and tell their parents about Jesus.

WINNIE: Oh yes, and that is happening many times. Our missionaries also use puppets, clowns, and costume animals to tell kids about Jesus. Many of the supplies our missionaries use were purchased by BGMC.

INTERVIEWER: BGMC is such a big help for our missionaries. BGMC supplies them with whatever they need to tell the gospel message, including puppets and clown supplies.

WINNIE: That's right. Thank you, kids, for giving to BGMC so that kids and adults around the world can hear about Jesus. Lots of people will be in heaven because you gave to BGMC.

INTERVIEWER: Thank you for coming today, Winnie, and for reminding us about the importance of missions and giving to BGMC. Good-bye.

WINNIE: Good-bye, everyone. Whenever you see a basketball, remember to pray for the people in Venezuela and 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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