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Mission Moment

Jesus loves us so much, He died to pay for the sins of all people. This great news is like a bright light shining in the dark. Jesus wants all people to see that He is the light of the world and to believe in Him. In Puerto Rico, missionaries teach many people about Jesus and care for young children just like you. Through the water and Word of Baptism, Jesus makes us new, washing away our sin and giving us faith to believe in Him. Through this new life, we now show the light of Jesus to others, just like our missionaries in Puerto Rico. Through them, many people in Puerto Rico see Jesus' light, hear His Word, and are baptized. Come and see what Jesus is doing in Puerto Rico!

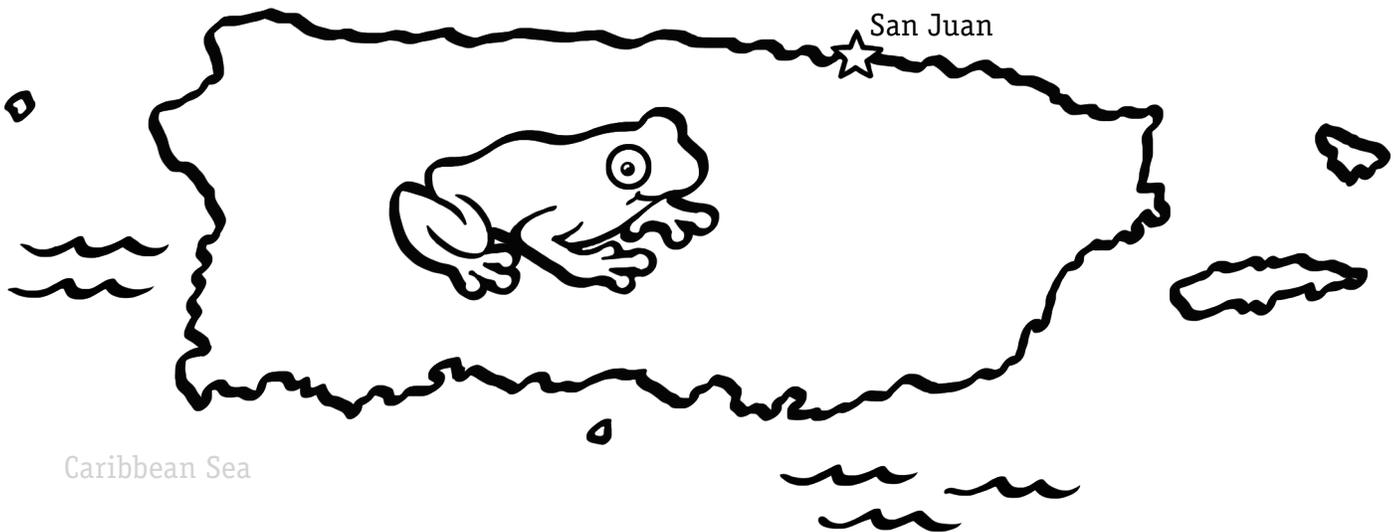
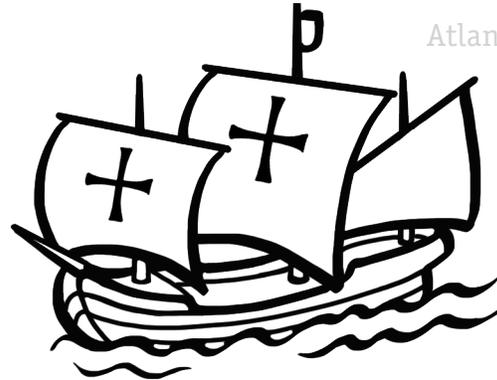
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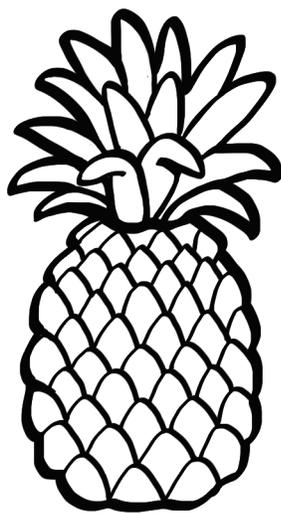
Puerto Rico



Atlantic Ocean



Caribbean Sea



- For centuries, Puerto Rico was populated by aboriginal peoples until the island was claimed by the Spanish Crown in 1493, following Christopher Columbus's second voyage to the Americas.
- Puerto Rico, located in the Caribbean, is a territory of the United States; Puerto Ricans are U.S. citizens.
- The most common animal of Puerto Rico is the coqui, a small tree frog.
- Puerto Rico's name in Spanish means *rich port*, and it exports many kinds of citrus fruits.



RECIPE

Templeque (Coconut pudding)

Yield: 4–6 servings

Ingredients:

- 7 ounces cream of coconut (or coconut milk) (approx. ½ can)
- 2½ cups milk
- ½ cup cornstarch
- 4 tablespoons sugar (or to taste)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla



Directions:

- In a saucepan, combine milk, cream of coconut, cornstarch, vanilla, and sugar. Stir constantly on medium high until mixture begins to boil and thicken.
- Let boil a couple more minutes while stirring; then, you can either pour into individual dessert cups or a mold. Let cool on tabletop, then refrigerate.
- Top with ground cinnamon or flaked coconut.



CRAFT

Coqui (frog) pouch

Materials:

- Two paper plates per child
- Hole punch or stapler
- Yarn or ribbon (optional)
- Green paint, crayon, or markers
- Red construction paper
- Green construction paper
- White paper for eyes (or wiggly eyes from local craft store)

The **coqui** (a small tree frog) is found throughout Puerto Rico and is their official mascot.

2. Paint the paper plates green.
3. Cut out two short frog legs and two long frog legs from green construction paper.
4. Glue short legs to bottom of plate. Glue long legs to top of pouch.
5. Cut out a long tongue from red construction paper; glue to the middle of the pouch.
6. Cut out circles of green and white for frog eyes (or use wiggly eyes from a local craft store). Glue to the top of the plate.



Children can hang their coqui pouch and leave messages for one another in the pouch.

Instructions:

1. Cut one of the plates in half, and staple it to the whole plate to form a pouch. Or use a hole punch to make holes in the two plates, and let the child “sew” the pouch together with yarn or ribbon.



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Devotion and Prayers

Read John 9:1–7.

In our lives, we get hurt; sometimes, we are very sad. The Bible tells us that suffering is a result of sin. Adam and Eve, our very first parents, sinned against God by disobeying Him. We now inherit that original sin, and it hurts us. We also live in a world broken by sin, where people hurt one another and bad things happen. The great news is that Jesus came to earth to save us from sin. God uses our suffering to remind us to look to Jesus for help. Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.” In the Bible story, Jesus healed the blind man by making mud with His own spit, placing it on the man’s eyes, and commanding him to be washed. When the blind man did as Jesus commanded, He returned to Jesus and was able to see. Jesus is the light of the world, giving us eyes of faith in Baptism, where we are washed with water—not plain water, but water mixed with God’s Word.

MEALTIME PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank You for suffering for our sins. Help us to remember that when we suffer here on earth, we can look to You with joy, knowing that one day we will be with You, where there is no suffering. Please be with the missionaries in Puerto Rico, who preach Your Word and baptize in Your name. Help those who suffer in Puerto Rico, that they might receive forgiveness and eternal life in Your name. Amen.

BEDTIME PRAYER

Dear Jesus, we are sorry for the bad things we did today and for failing to help others. Thank You for dying on the cross for these sins. Keep us and all Christians in Puerto Rico safe tonight. When we wake, give us joy to be little lights that point to You in the world. In Your name we pray. Amen.



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