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## Mission Moment

There are so many wonderful ways to hear about Jesus: during Sunday School, through our pastor's sermon, through reading and listening to Bible readings and Bible stories, and through the liturgy that we say, chant, or sing during worship.

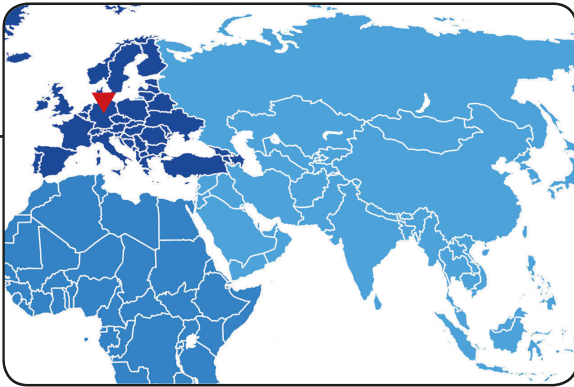
Learning to sing hymns about Jesus and listening to hymns about God bring both joy and comfort throughout our lives. We have wonderful hymns that teach about God and the great things He has done for us in Jesus. Our missionaries in Germany have the joyous work of teaching children and adults about the music and hymns of the Christian Church. Through their teaching (and singing!), many people have a chance to hear the sweet sound of the Gospel in their ears and to join in praise to our triune God!



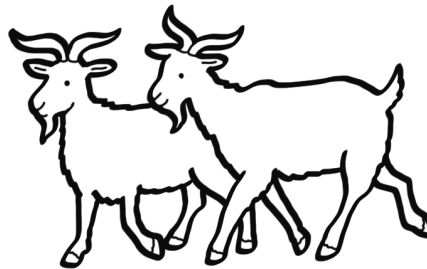
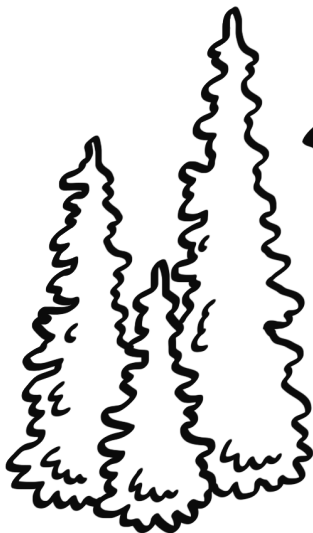
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# Germany



North Sea



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Berlin



- Germany has four major rivers: Rhine, Elbe, Main, and Danube.
- The Black Forest, near Germany's Swiss border, is also its largest nature reserve to help protect endangered animals.
- Germany has produced many classical music composers, including Bach, Brahms, Schumann, Wagner, and Beethoven.
- After World War II, Germany was divided into West and East, but was unified again in 1989 when the Cold War with the Soviet Union ended.



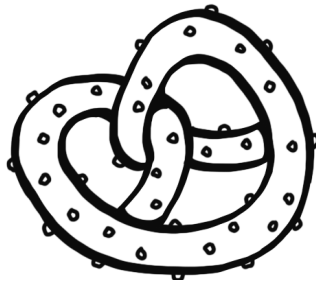
## RECIPE

## Bavarian Pretzels

Yield: 6 giant pretzels

### Ingredients:

- 3 cups all-purpose flour, divided
- 1 tablespoon active dry yeast
- 1 teaspoon white sugar
- 4 tablespoons butter, divided
- 4½ cups water, divided
- ¼ teaspoon table salt
- 3 tablespoons baking soda
- 1 tablespoon coarse sea salt



### Directions:

- Preheat the oven to 450°F. In a bowl, stir 1 cup of flour, yeast, sugar, 2 tablespoons softened butter, and 1½ cups water. Let mixture stand until bubbles begin to form (15 minutes). Stir in the table salt; gradually stir in remaining flour. Knead until smooth and elastic, about 8 minutes, adding more flour if needed.
- Divide into 6 pieces, and let rest a few minutes. Roll out one piece at a time into a rope about 15 inches long. Twist into a pretzel shape; place on a baking sheet.
- Bring 3 cups of water to a boil; add baking soda. Remove from heat. Dip pretzels into the water bath for about 45 seconds, flipping over once. Place pretzels on a greased baking sheet; brush with 2 tablespoons melted butter, and sprinkle with coarse salt.
- Bake in the preheated oven until golden brown, 8 to 10 minutes.

## German Hat

### Materials:

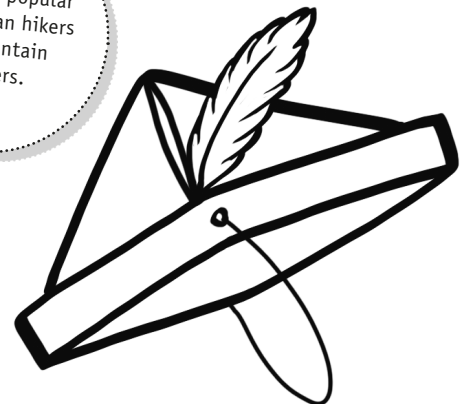
- 12 × 18-inch construction paper or newspaper, brown or green
- Glue
- Hole punch
- 18-inch elastic band
- Flower, feather, or both

### Instructions:

1. Fold the construction paper in half lengthwise so you have a 9 × 12 rectangle.
2. Place the rectangle so the folded edge is on top.
3. Fold down both top corners of the rectangle at an angle, meeting the tips in the middle.
4. Fold up the bottom base on each side to make the brim of the hat.

5. Glue all the folds in place; let your hat dry.
6. Punch holes on either side of the hat brim.
7. Thread the elastic through the holes, and tie a knot in each end to make a chin strap.
8. Decorate your hat with a flower, a feather, or one of each.

*This hat is popular with German hikers and mountain climbers.*



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### Devotion and Prayers



Read Psalm 96:1–6.

God is holy. This means He is pure, perfect, and without any sin or evil. It also means that His name is holy. The Second Commandment tells us we should not misuse God's holy name. Because we are sinners, we fail to do this. We may use phrases such as "OMG" or "Oh my god." Whenever we use God's name and it is not to give worship and praise to Him, we are indeed misusing God's holy name. Thanks be to Jesus who lived a perfectly holy life in our place and who suffered and died for our sins. Because of Jesus, our sin of breaking the Second Commandment is forgiven. In this forgiveness we are given a new life in Jesus. By faith, we can sing and praise God with sincerity and truth, thanking Him for Jesus and for saving us from sin. We correctly use God's name when we pray to Him, worship and thank Him, and keep in our hearts a new song that sings to the Lord.

#### MEALTIME PRAYER

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love. Amen. (Psalm 136:1; 147:11)

#### BEDTIME PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, "in peace I will both lie down and sleep; for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety" (Psalm 4:8). Keep my family and all missionaries in Germany safe this night as we sleep in the peace You have given us through Jesus. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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