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Mission Moment

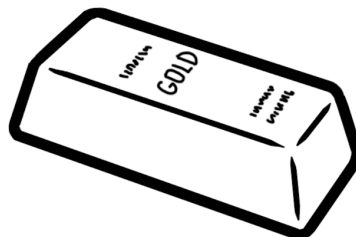
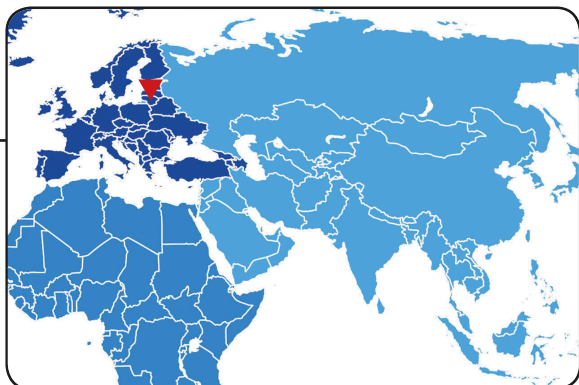
God cares very deeply about all people in the whole world. He cares that people have enough food to eat and drink. He also desires that all people come to know and believe in Jesus as their Savior from sin and death. He cares so much He sent Jesus to suffer and die for the sins of all people of all time. Through pastors and missionaries, God provides spiritual food and drink that all may come to believe in Jesus. First, through God's very Word, missionaries preach and teach about our sin and God's plan to save us. Second, our pastors share God's Sacraments as life-giving spiritual food. Through Baptism, we receive the gift of faith. Through the Lord's Supper, we receive forgiveness and assurance of our eternal life.

In Lithuania, our missionaries serve others through acts of mercy, caring for physical needs while at the same time caring for spiritual needs. Using Word and Sacrament, our missionaries hope to share the spiritual nourishment God has richly provided.

Lithuania



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Baltic Sea



Vilnius



- King Mindaugas founded this country and was king for only ten years, from AD 1253–1263. He was Lithuania's first and last king.
- Lithuania was the first republic to break free from the Soviet Union, declaring its independence in 1990.
- Lithuania has 758 rivers, more than 2,800 lakes, and 61 miles of the Baltic Sea coastline.
- Lithuania's most famous culinary export is perhaps cold beet soup, but potato pancakes are a local favorite.



RECIPE

Aguonu Sausainiukai (Lithuanian Poppy Seed Cookies)

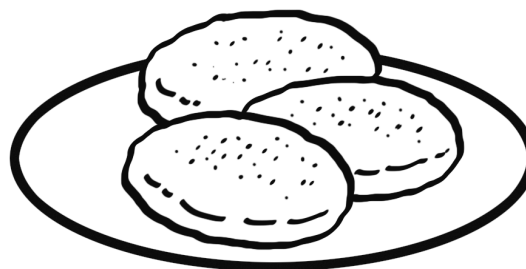
Yield: 2 dozen

Ingredients:

- 12½ ounces poppy seed filling
- 3 large eggs, beaten
- 2 tablespoons sour cream
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted and cooled
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Pinch salt
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- Confectioners' sugar

Directions:

- In a large bowl, combine poppy seed filling and eggs. Add all remaining ingredients except confectioners' sugar, mixing thoroughly.
- Heat oven to 350°F. Scoop cookie dough onto parchment-lined baking sheets.
- Bake until cookies are golden brown, 20–25 minutes.
- Cool cookies on pan. Dust with confectioners' sugar. Store in an airtight container.



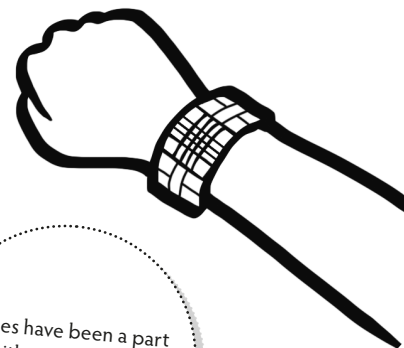
Lithuanian Juosta (sash)

Materials:

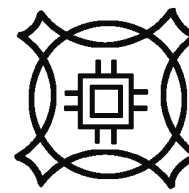
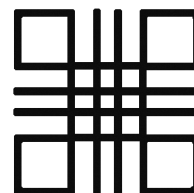
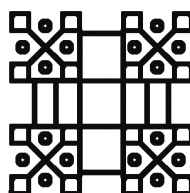
- 2 × 6-inch strips of white cotton fabric
- Markers: red, green, purple, and black
- Sample patterns of Lithuanian weaving
- Velcro with adhesive back

Instructions:

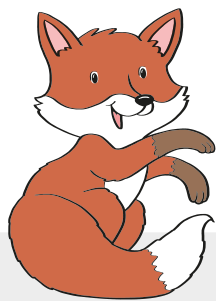
1. Instead of weaving, draw patterns similar to the Lithuanian patterns provided.
2. Use red, green, purple, or black markers for the pattern. Also consider adding Christian symbols and patterns that mean something to you.
3. When ink is dry, tie on your wrist or use Velcro to fasten. Tell the story of your colors and symbols.



Sashes have been a part of Lithuanian clothing tradition for centuries.



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Devotion and Prayers



Read John 6:1–14, 35–40.

Have you ever been at school or away from home and have just been so hungry you thought, "I could eat a horse"? That is a big, big hunger. In the Bible story, the crowd following Jesus had a big, big hunger and not much chance of getting food. Jesus had compassion on the hungry crowd and performed a great miracle. Jesus blessed five barley loaves and two fish and with these few items fed thousands of people. How did He do this? He did this through divine power because Jesus is God.

Jesus' concern for the people gathered was about more than their physical hunger. Jesus had great compassion for their spiritual hunger; He cares for our spiritual hunger too. Sin and Satan robbed us of spiritual nourishment. So much so that without Jesus we are spiritually dead. But Jesus says, "I am the bread of life." By believing in Jesus, we are made alive and our spiritual hunger is satisfied. Through the Holy Spirit, we are given faith to believe in Jesus, just like Jesus gave barley loaves and fish to the hungry.

MEALTIME PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank You for providing for all our needs and for the missionaries in Lithuania to help people there. Strengthen all of us to proclaim that You are the bread of life who satisfies spiritual hunger. In Your name we pray. Amen.

BEDTIME PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank You for dying for us and for all the people in Lithuania that our sins might be forgiven. Send Your Holy Spirit to grant the gift of faith to all who hear Your Word. In Your name we pray. Amen.



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